



## *Phet Schwader*

Born in a small village outside the capital of Laos, “Thangone”, Soulayphet Schwader immigrated to the U.S. at a very young age.

Schwader began his formal education at the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont. After completing an externship at Dundee Bistro in Oregon where he was exposed to the nuances of wine and its relationship to food, Schwader came to New York to work under Patricia Yeo at AZ. Working with an award-winning team that counted Chef Pino Maffeo among its members.

When Chef Maffeo headed to Boston to open Restaurant L, he recruited Schwader as his Chef de Cuisine, who was able to explore his Asian roots, playing with flavors and ingredients that lent an eclectic distinction to the acclaimed restaurant. After two years under the tutelage of the famously creative chef, Schwader returned to New York where he would take on his first post under his trusted mentor, Laurent Tourondel, at BLT Prime in New York. He was later tapped to open one of BLT’s first outposts outside of Manhattan in Washington D.C. As Chef de Cuisine for BLT Steak, Washington D.C Schwader’s influence was felt in the kitchen and on the menu, leading BLT Steak to become a popular destination for many Washingtonians.

Schwader returned to New York in 2008 to work with colleague and friend King Phojanakong. Together they headed uptown to open Talay in West Harlem bringing with them an eclectic menu of Latin and Asian influenced dishes. After a year at Talay, Schwader and King were ready for a new opportunity and this time headed to the Clinton Hill neighborhood in Brooklyn to open their highly anticipated restaurant Umi Nom.

Chef Phet opened Khe-Yo in 2013 in Tribeca with his partner Nick Bradley to rave reviews. At Khe-Yo, Chef Phet combines all of his experience working with some of the best chefs in New York City with his love for laotian cuisine and a focus on seasonally driven and sustainable ingredients.

In 2022, Chef Phet and Nick opened their second restaurant, Dhom, in the East Village. Dhom is a unique dining experience that accentuates the brightness and vibrancy of Southeast Asian food & drinks.

### *Restaurants*

Khe-Yo

Dhom