



## Pádraic Óg Gallagher

Pádraic Óg Gallagher, chef and restaurateur is the face behind the newly rebranded Gallagher's Boxy House. The iconic eatery in the heart of Temple Bar is 25 years in business and thanks to Pádraic Óg's vision is going strong. So who is the man behind the Boxy House?

From Mohill, Co Leitrim Pádraic Óg developed a love of food through his parents pub and farm. He studied culinary arts in Cathal Brugha Street earning his BA (Hons) and wrote his thesis on the 'Origins and Peculiarities of Boxy'. He has written many published articles with Dr Mairtín Mac Con Iomaire including The Potato in Irish Cuisine and Culture in Journal of Culinary Science & Technology, Irish Corned Beef: A culinary history in Journal of Culinary Science & Technology to name but a few (\*see link to articles below). In recognition of Gallagher's Boxy House' commitment to Irish cuisine Pádraic Óg and Dr Mac Con Iomaire were invited to design and produce the highly successful Gala Irish Banquet at the prestigious Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery in 2010.

Gallagher's Boxy House opened its doors on February 20th 1989. Loved by tourists and Irish alike, Gallagher has a special relationship with artisan producers and has a deep understanding and passion for natural ingredients bringing the best of Irish to the table. Pádraic Óg is a potato enthusiast and is currently growing the lumper potato amongst other 18th century heritage potatoes close to his own heart in place of the flower boxes directly over his restaurant door!

President of the Restaurant Association of Ireland, a regular at food festivals through Ireland and internationally, nominated Failte Ireland Food Ambassador for Dublin & involved with the Urban Farm Rooftop market garden growing 160 varieties of potatoes Pádraic Óg is passionate about Irish culture and native home cooking, quite simply he is a well known master in his field.

\*<http://arrow.dit.ie/tfschafart/23/>

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