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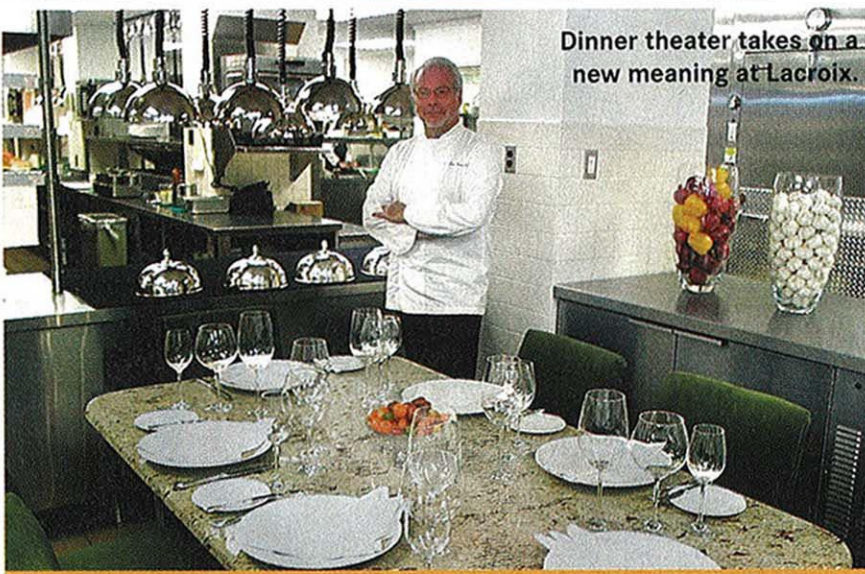
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Dinner theater takes on a new meaning at Lacroix.

## The Best Seat in the House

It is likely that even the most knowledgeable of gourmets is not familiar with the term *garde manger*. And they've probably never watched the kitchen's symphony from sous chef to sommelier that orchestrates each course of the meal. Now diners have the chance to go behind the scenes with Lacroix Live, which brings diners into the kitchen to meet the chefs before having their dinners prepared at Lacroix at the Rittenhouse.

During Act I from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, guests can mill about the kitchen and find out exactly what a chef de cuisine does (he plans the menu), what happens in the *garde manger* (foods that don't require cooking are prepared and plated there) and exactly where they hid the cheese and cabernet caves (next to the chef's table). A playbill that includes a layout of the kitchen and short biographies of the chefs guides diners through the kitchen. During Act II in the dining room, guests select their meals from four tasting menus. Chef Jean-Marie Lacroix often sends out a surprise course, and dinner always includes dessert. In the end, diners receive a printed copy of their menu as a keepsake. *Lacroix at the Rittenhouse, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, 215-790-2533. —S.M.S.*

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