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T.W. Food becomes Self-Portrait, Freepoint opens, and other restaurant news



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Patrons at Spoke in 2013.

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Openings: Cambridge's T.W. Food is no more, but chef Tim Wiechmann plans to replace it with a new restaurant, **Self-Portrait**, by the end of April (377 Walden St. at Concord Avenue).

Wiechmann, who also runs Somerville German spot Bronwyn with his wife, also named Bronwyn, grew up in Switzerland and spent his childhood traveling to the French Alps.

He spent part of his 20s and 30s living and cooking in Paris, and he says that this reinvention is a return to his roots, hence the name.

“I went back to France recently and hit on this idea to make a really killer French bistro again. The city doesn’t have many of those old-school, chef-driven French bistros anymore,” Wiechmann says.

The 22-seat restaurant will serve whole duck for two, foie gras and pig jowl rillettes, charcuterie soup, and sockeye salmon quenelles, among other delicacies, drawing from various parts of the country.

“It’s really a French kaleidoscope,” Wiechmann says. He has a full liquor license to serve an extensive cognac menu; he’ll also offer a mostly French wine list.

It should open in late April.

Chef Matthew Gaudet, late of Kendall Square’s West Bridge, opens **Freepoint Kitchen & Cocktails** in West Cambridge (220 Alewife Brook Parkway at Concord Avenue) this week, located in the old Best Western space. He’ll serve global comfort food, from whiskey-cured salmon in sambal date sauce to chorizo-stewed eggs in tomatoes and sweet peppers.