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Jon Shook in "Fish," a New Short Film By R.J. Cutler

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USA Network

Jon Shook at work.

[R.J. Cutler](#) is a documentary film director who on another blog would be introduced as the guy who made "[The September Issue](#)," about Anna Wintour and Vogue. Here at Diner's Journal, however, Mr. Cutler is known as a food maniac — a restaurant enthusiast and scratch cook who is always game for a late dinner reservation in whatever city he visits, and who at home in Los Angeles has a wood-burning pizza oven in his outdoor kitchen high in the hills.

Vocation, avocation — the two have crashed into one another often for Mr. Cutler, most recently in his new documentary short, "[Fish](#)," about the Los Angeles chef Jon Shook, of [Animal](#) and [Son of a Gun](#). The film was released recently as part of the USA Network's "[Character Project](#)."

No one on the Diner's Journal team is a film or television critic. That is not our brief. But we can say that "Fish" is around 20 minutes long and makes us wish we'd grown up in Florida speaking in the laconic cadences of Mr. Shook, then moved to Los Angeles to find fame and wealth, and cooked good food and gone fishing. Take a look and see what you think.

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