

## NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION'S

38th Annual

# Great Chefs of the West

FEATURING THE TOP CHEFS IN DENVER

## 2021 CHEF CO-CHAIR LINDA HAMPSTEN FOX

*Chef & Owner of The Bindery*



Linda Hampsten Fox is the creative force and mind behind The Bindery—an all-day bakery, market and eatery in the Lower Highlands neighborhood of Denver. The Colorado Restaurant Association named her Chef of the Year in 2018.

She has over twenty-five years of professional cooking experience and an impressive portfolio of references including Dr. Jane Goodall, Michael York, Nancy Pelosi, Dave Matthews, Melissa Etheridge, Tom Shadyac, Nic & Helen Foster of Boulder-based E-Town, former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. She remains involved in institutions such as Mila's Miracle Foundation, The National Kidney Foundation, the Jane Goodall Institute, National Lymphedema Network, No Child Hungry, Blue Sky Bridge, the Excelsior Foundation, the Colorado Music Festival, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, Chefs' Collaborative, Slow Foods Nations, and Highlands United Neighborhood Inc. Linda has been cooking professionally for most of her life. She perfected her craft while apprenticing with chefs in Switzerland, Italy and France from the hotel kitchens on the Cote d'Azur to precious vineyards in Tuscany and mountain chalets in Switzerland. While her culinary passion is Mediterranean cuisine, her extensive travels have given her an intimate knowledge of food trends and cultures from all over the world.

Through all this, the simple beauty and importance of gathering around the table has become undeniable. Linda's charisma in the kitchen made her a sought-out asset by a cooking school in Todos Santos, Baja Mexico and also a menu developer for a string of restaurants in Denver.

Meanwhile, she has developed a long list of recurrent clients whose friends, families, and coworkers eagerly await the next event.

The Bindery opened in October of 2017 and is Linda's first restaurant. In 2018, The Bindery received numerous accolades including Great Chefs of the West's "Best Dish" award, 5280 Top of the Town Readers' Choice Best New Restaurant, Eater Denver 2018 Eater Awards Readers' Choice Restaurant of the Year, Eater Denver 2018 Eater Awards Readers' Choice Chef of the Year, Eater Denver's "Denver's Most Beautiful New Restaurants," 303 Magazine's "Badass Colorado Women to Watch in the Food Industry," Zagat's "Hottest New Brunches in 15 American Cities" and "10 Best New Brunches to Try in Denver." Most recently, was noted by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the "22 Best Restaurants in Denver." She launched her first cookbook "The Bindery: A Collection of Recipes" in Spring 2019.



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