



Olav Peterson

Denver native Olav Peterson is the chef and co-owner of Denver's Bittersweet, running the restaurant with his wife, Melissa. From slingin' hamburgers, pancakes and eggs at a truckstop to working as Executive Chef at top restaurants like 1515, Euro and Bistro One, Peterson has always known his calling was in the kitchen.

In 1997, Peterson spent six months living in a tent outside Fiesole, Italy, on the grounds of an old castle. He would wake up to vineyards on one side and olive gardens on the other, with views of chateaus in the background. There he absorbed the tradition of artisanal cuisine and culture. The omnipresence of food and art affected Peterson deeply; he refers to this experience as his *terroir*.

Bittersweet, the chef says, represents the culmination of his education, experience and readiness to step out on his own. bittersweetdenver.com

If I weren't a chef, I'd probably be... a professional skier or sales rep for a ski manufacturer.

The best thing about living and working in Colorado is... the changing of the seasons. I love how we can grow a wide variety of produce and have four distinct seasons.

When I'm not cooking, you'll find me... with my family.

The three things I can't live without are... my son, my wife and my bulldog.

Ann Benson Reidy

Art consultant Ann Benson Reidy has been passionately involved in the Denver art community for nearly twenty years. She was founding curator of the Le Jeune Salon (2001-2006) and the Denver Designer Show House (2011), as well as a founding member of the Denver Art Museum's CultureHaus and the previous chair of major fundraising events for the DAM. Reidy currently sits on several boards, including the DAM's Friends of Painting and Sculpture, the Denver Art Museum Associates Group, the Art Advisory Board for the Children's Hospital and the University of Colorado Depression Center, and she is a member of the committee for the Coors Western Art Exhibit and Sale. annbensoyreidy.com

If I weren't an art consultant, I'd probably be... a full-time mother, traveling the world with my husband and four children and stopping at every museum along the way!

The best thing about living and working in Colorado is... being able to ski or fish in the high country on a Saturday, enjoy our cultural facilities in Denver on Sunday, and then work with kind and engaging clients during the week. It doesn't get better than that.

When I'm not working, you'll find me... watching Colorado sporting events, coaching lacrosse and sneaking away to look at new art openings or exhibits. My husband would add, "rearranging our art and furniture for hours during the evening."

The three things I can't live without are... my beloved husband, Kevin, my four children, and all the email updates that come from art galleries, museums and auction houses and keep me current in the art world.

