



**2009
Washington State
Women In Business Champion of the Year**

**Leslie Mackie, Founder
Macrina Bakery & Café, Seattle WA
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Leslie Mackie took the love of her mother's creations in the kitchen and turned it into a lifelong passion for baking. She is the Founder and Head Baker of Macrina Bakery & Café in Seattle and is touted as one of the most esteemed figures on the national artisan baking scene. In 1993 Macrina Bakery & Café was formed bringing artisan breads and tantalizing treats to Seattle. Today, the company celebrates 15 years of giving Seattleites a place to break bread and savor time together.

Leslie was schooled at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She has worked with *'the greats'* in Boston, Los Angeles and was mentored by artisans from Italy and France. She was one of the first American bakers to experiment with recipes of European masters. Macrina began in a small 850 square foot in Belltown and has expanded to Queen Anne and the SODO districts. The company has grown from 8 to 110 employees.

"Her generosity in giving back to the community that has so generously supported her make her among the *'greats'*," says Nancy Porzio, SBA Seattle District Director. Macrina Bakery & Café continually gives back to the Seattle community through several philanthropic directions. They contribute a portion of their budget to the Seattle Public School system, Seattle Children's Home, Puget Sound Blood Bank and the Dorothy Day House. As a member of Les Dames D'Escoffier, Leslie dedicates her time to annual fundraisers that fund three endowments to offer scholarships for women. She continues to participate in events with Fred Hutch Breast Cancer Research Fund, the All American Bake Off, as well as international organizations.

Over the years Leslie has grown to become a renowned Baker, being recognized nationally for her craft. She made several appearances alongside the great Julia Child. Numerous national magazines revered Leslie's creations while local newspapers honored their hometown great with accolades. "We put a lot of care into each and every recipe, texture, balance of flavor and ingredient origins. Our desire is for each culinary creation to rise above traditional products and reach the people of Seattle", says Leslie Mackie.