



Pete Marczyk

**Founder and President
Marczyk Fine Foods**

Born October 21, 1966, Pete Marczyk is the Founder and President of Marczyk Fine Foods, Inc. Pete was born and raised in Massachusetts. He moved to Denver in 1990, following a favorite prep school teacher out to Colorado. He supported himself with house painting, plastering, and wall paper hanging. Later that year, he applied and was hired on at Merrill Lynch in Denver as a Financial Consultant. He worked at the downtown location, and in 1995 was transferred to the Boulder office to head a burgeoning debt management department. In 1998 he decided to focus on the mortgage business and was employed by Keycorp Mortgage in Denver.

However, his passion was for a stock of a different sort, and while working for Keycorp, he began to create the outline for Marczyk Fine Foods. His vision was for a scalable version of a small market, a World Class Neighborhood Market that would source the best ingredients from all over Colorado, the USA and Europe. In April 2002 Marczyk Fine Foods opened its doors, and Pete quickly became “Denver’s most eloquent grocer.” He is the resident expert on everything from American meat production to mushroom foraging. When the mad cow outbreak became news in December of 2003, local TV stations knew they would find a knowledgeable source of information if they came to Marczyk’s. The same went for the Chinese seafood scare of August 2007.

Pete has always been passionate about cooking with the best ingredients; he advocates and teaches simple preparation. He is an inveterate experimenter with a hell-of-a palate who creates many of Marczyk’s recipes. Marczyk Fine Foods, located at the corner of 17th and Clarkson, is a shopping oasis in a world of factory food and big box retail. Their specialties are Niman Ranch meats, cheeses from near and far, fresh local produce, and thoughtfully selected pantry items from around the world.

Pete’s community involvement includes board member of the Denver Athletic Club, treasurer of the Colorado Mycological Society and board member of the Colorado Organic Producers Association.

