

## Circus-themed Trapeze coffee shop coming to Public Market



Public Market Manager Stephen Trinkaus (left) is opening a new cafe called Trapeze, which will be managed by his longtime friend Mike Lane (right). Lane sold his restaurant Seven Loaves Pizzeria to Trinkaus and is now the Public Market's food services manager. Isaac Bonnell | BBJ

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With the change of season come a few changes to the Public Market, a grocery store and popular lunch spot on Cornwall Avenue.

To start, Stuart's at the Market closed its coffee shop at the end of September, leaving bare a prominent spot in the market's cafeteria. Sluggish sales and a pending increase in rent were the primary reasons for closing the business, owner Gary Fleming said in a news release.

But the Public Market won't be without a coffee shop for long. Public Market Manager Stephen Trinkaus is in the process of opening a new circus-themed cafe called Trapeze by the end of October. In doing so, Trinkaus is bringing in his longtime friend Mike Lane, owner of Seven Loaves Pizzeria, one of the restaurants in the market.

“Mike and I have known each other for over 17 years and we're both into food. Even back then, we talked about going into business together,” Trinkaus said. “What we've realized is we have different areas of expertise and we can combine parts of the businesses. So we decided to have Terra (Organica) buy Seven Loaves Pizzeria and Mike will run our new food services department. This is kind of a dream situation — I would never do this without Mike.”

The arrangement allows Lane to focus on what he enjoys most — making good food. In preparing to open Trapeze, he has resurrected some old pastry recipes from the days when he owned a restaurant out on the Mount Baker Highway. The restaurant closed in 2003 and Lane opened Seven Loaves in the Public Market in late 2005.

The cafe will feature two deli cases full of baked goods, with one designated for gluten-free items only. And to go along with the circus theme, a portion of profits from the cafe will go to the [Bellingham Circus Guild](#).

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