French Meadow Bakery & Café opens in St. Paul near Macalester

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St. Paul, Minn. — French Meadow Bakery & Café has opened on Grand Ave. in St. Paul. The bakery and café reside at 1662 Grand Ave., former home to Coat of Many Colors and Coffee News Café.



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The new space is 3,000 square feet with an 80-seat restaurant and a quaint outdoor patio. It features all the French

Meadow's signature dishes including a full-service restaurant and bakery, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with full table service after 5 p.m., a wine and beer bar with biodynamic, organic and sustainable wines, and 20 artisan draft beers.

"We welcome French Meadow Bakery & Café to the Macalester community," said Macalester President Brian Rosenberg. "It's preceded by its well-known and respected reputation for good, healthy food and brings its own distinctive style to Grand Avenue."

French Meadow Bakery & Café, which began in 1985 as an organic and yeast-free wholesale bread bakery serving the local Twin Cities co-ops and natural food markets coast-to-coast, is the oldest continuously certified organic bakery in the United States. It has become an award-winning Twin Cities institution that pioneered the movement to promote organic, slow food and locally grown ingredients as the core of its menu and philosophy.

"I am a St. Paul girl and have always wanted to bring French Meadow Bakery & Café across the river, sharing our seasonal, organic and non-GMO (genetically modified organisms) menu with a neighborhood that appreciates this philosophy," said Lynn Gordon, founder and co-owner of French Meadow. "It has taken 23 years to find the perfect building in the perfect neighborhood, and we already feel at home! Macalester College has been a true partner in fulfilling this vision."

The building, which houses French Meadow Bakery & Café, was built in 1917 and is owned by Macalester College.

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