

CHEF KAREN SMALL



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After stints in several restaurants in the Cleveland area, Karen Small opened The Flying Fig in Ohio City in 1999. A self-taught chef and staunch supporter of local farms, she culled a vision to open a restaurant with a neighborhood vibe that furthered her commitment to local farms, artisanal food producers and the growth of the downtown area.

The Fig, as it is affectionately called by its customers, is in its 19th year and has long been at the forefront of the farm-to-table movement. The restaurant continues to garner praise both nationally as well as locally for its farm-to-table cuisine. It has been featured in Food and Wine, Gourmet, and the New York Times.

Small has received a 2018 James Beard nomination for the Great Lakes Region.

