

Meet Chef Amy Sins

A bland press kit bio cannot prepare you for the contagious joy, southern charm, and barefoot shenanigans of Chef Amy Sins. She's a mischievous host and fanatical food explorer in constant motion. Chasing down rogue chickens, spinning stories about Louisiana food traditions to eager diners, fishing for supper, traveling to far-off places, dreaming up dishes with Cajun and Creole flair – all part of Amy's unpredictable, almost unbelievable day-to-day adventures bouncing around South Louisiana (and the globe).

Born and raised in nearby Gonzales, Louisiana (the Jambalaya

Capital of the World and home of the best damn brown jambalaya around), Amy didn't follow the typical path of a New Orleans chef. No years in culinary school or humble kitchen stints at marquee restaurants. She was wired for cooking and entertaining as a kid, watching her parents' elaborate southern dinner parties unfold. After *the event we will not name* happened, Amy did some deep-down soul-searching that ended in walking away from a 20-year career in sales and bootstrapping her way into building Langlois from scratch in 2012 — first as an interactive dining/open kitchen restaurant in the Marigny, and as the traveling culinary entertainment group it is today. Langlois is a tribute to her roots, combining Amy's pure love of dinner party style entertaining and Louisiana culture with authentic New Orleans culinary experiences.

Chef Amy lives with her husband and a rotating cast of cats and chickens in the French Quarter, which provides a never-ending source of inspiration and absurdity. When she's not entertaining (and feeding) hungry audiences, you'll find Amy pouncing into new adventures, working on her next cookbook, traveling, or getting dirty at Crossroads Farm. Amy also hosts "New Orleans by Mouth," a weekly radio program on WRBH 88.3 FM.

Langlois named one of the "Best Cooking Schools Around the World" by Travel + Leisure Winner of the GSN reality show cooking

competition, "Beat the Chefs"

Honoree in the prestigious American Culinary Federation's "The Best Chefs of Louisiana: Up and Coming Chefs (2014)"

> Selected in Gambit Weekly's "40 Under 40" honorees in 2015