

## **Norman Love named inaugural inductee of Dessert Professional Magazine's Chocolatier Hall of Fame**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Jan. 14, 2016) – Norman Love of Norman Love Confections will be the first chef chocolatier to be inducted into Dessert Professional Magazine's Chocolatier Hall of Fame. Love will be inducted on Jan. 27 during a celebration and awards ceremony event that will also honor Dessert Professional Magazine's 2015 Top Ten Chocolatiers in North America. Presented by Cacao Barry and Kerekes, the event will be held at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York, and will feature the chocolate creations of the Top Ten Chocolatiers in North America honorees.

"It is truly an honor to be the first chef inducted into the Dessert Professional Magazine's Chocolatier Hall of Fame." Love said. "At Norman Love Confections, we are constantly challenging ourselves to not only create the finest quality confections every day, but to develop new and innovative products that exceed the expectations of our clients as well as raise visibility for the confection industry."

Dessert Professional Magazine is a leading food service publication for the chocolate, pastry, cake, artisan bread and frozen desserts industries. For more information, visit [www.dessertprofessional.com](http://www.dessertprofessional.com).

Founded in 2001 by Norman and Mary Love, Norman Love Confections creates and distributes handcrafted artisanal chocolates from its corporate headquarters at 11380 Lindbergh Blvd. in Fort Myers. The award-winning Fort Myers-based chocolatier has been lauded more than a dozen times by a leading consumer ratings magazine, including recognition six times for producing the best ultra-premium chocolates in the nation. Forbes.com included Norman Love Confections BLACK line on its list of the nation's top 10 truffles; The Huffington Post listed it among the six best U.S. destinations in its Chocolate Lover's Travel Guide; and USA Today named Love as one of its top 10 entrepreneurs for 2014.

Norman Love Confections has Chocolate Salons in Fort Myers, Estero and Naples, and Artisan Gelato by Norman Love is next door to the Fort Myers salon, off Daniels Parkway east of I-75. Chocolates, gift baskets, sipping chocolate and Love's book, "Artistry in Chocolate, A Story of Love," also can be ordered online at [www.normanloveconfections.com](http://www.normanloveconfections.com). In addition, Norman Love Confections chocolates and desserts are offered on 18 Princess Cruises' ships through the "Chocolate Journeys" partnership and at independent retail locations throughout the U.S. For more information visit [www.normanloveconfections.com](http://www.normanloveconfections.com) or call 239-561-7215.

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