

# French is just the base for their Global flavor

*Bernard and Shannon Brunet have got the bon appétit buzz going*

**BALLANTYNE** I love the way Bernard and Shannon Brunet describe the essence of their new restaurant, bar and lounge on Toringdon Way.

**Global**, Bernard Brunet says in an accent rich enough to transport me to his native Nice, offers "fusion concepts prepared with a French spirit."

The Brunets met on a cruise ship, where he was a chef and she was a singer/dancer a long way from her native Boone. Now they are married and welcoming us to

their bistro offering fine-dining offerings from all over the world.

Among their recommendations: Lamb tenderloin, which he loves with

spiced, baked eggplant. When I mentioned that we go to a little place in Greenwich Village for paella, that luscious Spanish medley of rice, sausage, shrimp, mussels and more, Bernard Brunet said, "Now you don't have to go to Manhattan for paella."

Global opened in June and has begun carving a warm and intimate place for itself in our growing variety of restaurants.

Lawyer Jack Steele of Weddington brought it to my attention, saying it ranks with Barrington's, Noble's, Upstream and other places he considers top of the line around town.

Shannon Brunet said she hopes to start singing Broadway show tunes and standards in the lounge on weekends - another nice touch in a suburban bistro rich with nice touches.

Global is at 3520 Toringdon Way. Call 704-248-0866.

**Kicking back in Ballantyne**



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**Bernard and Shannon Brunet offer "fusion concepts prepared with a French spirit" at Global restaurant, bar and lounge near Earth Fare.**

## DINING OUT



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