

## Angie Bastian

Founder, BoomChickaPop

Angie Bastian, entrepreneur, co-founder and namesake of Angie's BOOMCHICKAPOP, took a kernel of an idea and popped it into one of the fastest growing brands of natural popcorn. She and husband Dan founded their snack company in their Mankato, MN garage in 2001 as a means of creating a college fund for their children. Their gluten free, non-GMO, whole grain popcorn is proudly sold in natural food, grocery, club and mass retail outlets nationwide with a product presence in Canada, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico and Peru. Angie's BOOMCHICKAPOP is loved by fans as an empowered, spirited brand that represents authentic, real food that delivers on the attributes of clean, transparent labeling and great taste experience. The company attracted investment from two private equity firms and was acquired by Conagra Brands October of 2017. It is one of the fastest growing and most successful popcorn brands in the market today. Bastian is exclusively represented for lectures by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#).

The company has twice won Star Tribune's Top workplace honors. Angie's Boomchickapop is the 2015 ACG BOLD Award for corporate growth. She and Dan share *Connect Business Magazine's* "2012 Person of the Year". Girl Scouts honored her as a Pioneering Trailblazer and she is a 2015 Inductee to the Minnesota Women's Business Owner's Hall of Fame. In 2017, she was awarded Pioneer in Food of Women's Entrepreneurship Day #WEDO2017 at the United Nations. She has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, quoted in *Forbes* magazine and appeared on the *Martha Stewart Show*. Her products have been recognized and awarded by numerous national publications and media. The business attracted significant investment as Dan and Angie built the company and was recently purchased by Conagra Brands.