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THE TORONTO FOOD FILM FEST ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE INCLUDING HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SCREENINGS, TALKS, FOOD PAIRINGS AND DINNER

TORONTO - The Toronto Food Film Fest has released its full lineup of screenings and talks for its third annual event, taking place October 1-4, 2021.

Hosted at **Spadina Museum's Historic House & Gardens**, the in-person portion of the festival will include a selection of movies, food, and talks. An exclusive screening of **Peace by Chocolate** by Jonathan Keijser (Canada / Syria) will be shown on Friday, October 1st paired with food from **Syrian Sisters (Newcomer Kitchen)**. Saturday will showcase a screening of the highly acclaimed **Come Back Anytime** by John Daschbach and Wataru Yamamoto paired with ramen from **Crafty Ramen** as well as a Gyoza-making demonstration. Saturday's additional screening was made possible thanks to the generous support of the **Japan Foundation**.

Sunday, October 3rd will be dedicated to **Talks in the Orchard**, informal talks where expert panelists and the audience can discuss key issues about food and film in the Orchard section of the gardens. The food-focused panel **Everyone's at the Table - Fighting Food Insecurity in the GTA and Canada** will include a panel of experts including two-time TEDx speaker and activist, Joshna Maharaj.

Chef Bashir Munye will be demonstrating how to never waste food with his demo: **From Scraps to the Table: A New Way of Looking at Food**. It will be followed by **Appropriation or Appreciation? Honouring Where Our Food Comes From**, moderated by Chef and TV host Bianca Osbourne including Shawn Adler (Chef at Pow Wow Café) amongst others.

Film panels such as **That's a Wrap on Waste - The Importance of Eco-conscious Filmmaking** will discuss ways to help create a more eco-friendly industry that promotes sustainable food practices, and will include leading expert on waste Shane Harker from Rethink Resources. **Increased Visibility - Casting More Meaningful BIPOC Roles** will examine how BIPOC actors and characters can be placed front and centre in film and what it means to write with BIPOC characters in mind. Speakers include Casting Director Ron Leach.

Quell will be hosting a dinner at **6:00 p.m. October 4, 2021**, at **Ahma**, an exciting new location on Queen Street for an evening of immersive discussion and sharing stories along with a full sensory food and drink experience born from Chinese home kitchens passed down through generations into most Canadian households. The dinner will be a curated experience from Chef **Eva Chin** and beverage expert **Evelyn Chick**. Industry day will also host other virtual talk on food identity.

The Toronto Food Film Fest continues to be grateful for the support of **Telefilm Canada**. Christa Dickenson, Executive Director of Telefilm Canada says: "I want to thank and congratulate Toronto Food Film Fest for continuing its work of uplifting a diversity of voices through films and celebrating the brilliance of Canadian content at home and around the world. A celebration of artistry in film, festivals provide an important venue to showcase Canadian creativity across the country and beyond. That is why we are proud to support Toronto Food Film Fest!"

General admission passes are sold at \$60.00 and include one seat to the in-person screenings and talks as well as an all-access pass to the virtual platform. **VIP passes** are sold for \$150.00 and include guaranteed seating for two at all in-person events, full access to the online platform and all movies, 20% discount on workshops and special events, and a snack box with local Toronto goodies, curated by Phancy Bodega. A selection of À La Carte tickets are now also available.

The health and safety of TFFF attendees is a top priority. The Toronto Food Film Fest will be implementing all necessary COVID-19 safety measures to help ensure a safe and fun festival for all those participating, and will be monitoring any ongoing developments which may occur during these uncertain times.

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About the Toronto Food Film Fest

Toronto Food Film Fest is a not for profit organization. Our mission is to create an inclusive community in order to celebrate and support independent film and local food, while using equitable & environmentally sustainable practises.

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Notes to Editors

In-Person Schedule

Friday, October 1, 2021

- 18:00: Reception
- 18:30: Red Tape Brewery Beer Tasting
- 19:00: Outdoor Screening - "Peace by Chocolate" with "Kimchi"

Saturday, October 2, 2021

- 18:00: Sip and Chat
- 18:30: Gyoza Demonstration and food by Crafty Ramen
- 19:00: Outdoor Screening - "Come Back Anytime" with "Fugetsu-Do"

Sunday, October 3, 2021

- 12:00: That's a Wrap on Waste - The Importance of Eco-conscious Filmmaking (Talks in the Orchard)
- 13:00: From Scraps to the Table: A New Way of Looking at Food (Food Demo on Terrace)
- 13:15: Increased Visibility - Casting More Meaningful BIPOC Roles (Talks in the Orchard)
- 14:45: Appropriation or Appreciation? Honouring Where Our Food Comes From (Talks in the Orchard)
- 16:00: Everyone's at the Table - Fighting Food Insecurity in the GTA and Canada (Talks in the Orchard)

Monday October 4, 2021

18:00: *Quell Special Event* Meet me at Ahma's - Stories & Dinner
Chinese food in Canadian Kitchens (Pop up Dinner)

Friday, October 1-15, 2021

Virtual Festival - Two weeks of flexible viewing virtually across Ontario

Full List of Features (Alphabetical)

Peace by Chocolate Jonathan Keijser | Canada (Live, in person / "bike in" screening only)

The Club of Angels Angelo Defanti | Brazil

Canadian Premiere (exclusively available online till Oct 4th)

First We Eat Suzanne Crocker | Canada

Food for the Rest of Us Caroline Cox | Canada

Come Back Anytime John Daschbach | Japan (Live, in-person bike-in screening)

The Recipe for Balance Óscar Bernàcer | Spain

Wine and War Mark Johnston, Mark Ryan | United States
Canadian Premiere

List of Shorts

Pulled Strings Vicki Van Chau | Canada
Toronto Premiere

Kimchi Phil Cha | Canada
World Premiere

Red Wine Santiago Menghini | Canada

Beyond Culinary - Newfoundland Giulia Frisina | Canada

Beyond Culinary - Ontario Farms Giulia Frisina|Canada

Meet and Eat at Lee's Gardens Day's Lee | Canada

Eat, Ate... Shidokht Dezhm Shahabi | Iran

The Soul of a Farmer Roger Sherman | United States

There's Cake Clàudia Vernis | Spain
Canadian Premiere

Joseba Cruz Aleix Vilardebó | Spain

It's All in the Sauce Marcus A Olsson | Sweden
International Premiere

No Place Like Kasama Kerri Pang | United States
Canadian Premiere

Bloodline Santhosh Daniel | United States

Canadian Premiere

Fugetsu-Do Kaia Rose | United States

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