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MEDIA RELEASE

The Toronto Food Film Fest announces ticket, pass sales and highly anticipated talks and workshops.

TORONTO –Toronto Food Film Fest is proud to announce its event lineup for the second annual festival running virtually, from October 16th to the 25th.

The upcoming festival will include 20 events bringing the virtual event space distinctive food and film experiences accessible to patrons across Ontario.

General admission and VIP pass sales open Friday, September 18th, 9:00am. General admission passes allow guests access to all films and talks, plus meditation sessions. VIP passes include general admission along with a special 'Launch Box' filled with delicious local goodies (+\$70 value). The 'Launch Box' is only available for pickup or delivery within Toronto. Workshop and A La Carte program tickets can be purchased starting Wednesday, September 23rd, 9:00am.

The Toronto Food Film Fest is proud to showcase its food events including a **Kombucha Workshop featuring Blink Tea** led by **Hema Ramsingh**, a **Russian Fall Harvest Cooking Workshop** with **Chef Doris Fin** and a series of workshops for teens and families with **Rooks to Cooks**.

The events also include an insightful panel on **Pandemic Pivots**, featuring **Martine Bauer** of the newly opened **Pompette**, **Meagan Bowden** of **Phancy Food & Catering**, **Shane Harker** of **Rethink Resource** and is moderated by **Roberto Sarjoo** of **Restaurants Canada**. The group will discuss the impacts of COVID in Canada on the hospitality industry and their innovations to keep attracting business.

Toronto Food Film Fest has also partnered with **Toronto South African Film Festival** for a special presentation of **Rooibos Restitution** by filmmaker **Sylvia Vollenhoven**.



In support of the local food and beverage industry, patrons are encouraged to order selected paired meals while watching this year's official film selections. The festival will present a recommended vendor with each film program.

In support of independent filmmaking, **Rolling Pictures** has announced they will be giving a \$5,000 certificate award to the best feature. The prize will be announced on Sunday Oct 25th during the **Closing Statements**.

In its second year, the festival has already garnered a huge amount of international interest with submissions from 21 countries globally - emphasizing the demand for a food-themed film festival in Canada's largest, and most multicultural city in the world.

The festival recommits to their low waste model, all recommended paired restaurants and vendors are encouraged to serve meals in compostable materials. **Rethink Resource** will work with vendors to achieve this goal.

Film and Food lovers can access films and events through to the Toronto Food Film Fest website www.torontofoodfilmfest.com. The festival will run for 10 days virtually.

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Notes to Editors

FULL LIST OF FILMS

541: A Place for Community Amanda Wright, Gabriel Dinardo | Canada
Toronto Premiere

Baristas Rock Baijnauth | United States

Champagne Elizabeth Schiffler | United States
Canadian Premiere

Cheat Meal Jacqueline Godbout | Canada
Toronto Premiere

Egg on Your Face Joshua Parkhill | United States
Canadian Premiere

Fish & Men Darby Duffin, Adam Jones | United States
Toronto Premiere

Make Love: Horton Ridge JR Reid | Canada

Melted Nikki Chapman | United States

Nourishing Japan Alexis Agliano Sanborn | United States
Canadian Premiere

Pie Michael Jones | Australia
Worldwide Premiere

Porridge Ryan Wibowo, Darik Maurice | Canada
Worldwide Premiere

Raw Milk Ronan Nanning-Watson | Canada
Toronto Premiere

Rooibos Restitution Sylvia Vollenhoven | South Africa

Sockeye Salmon. Red Fish Dmitriy Shpilenok, Vladislav Grishin | Russia

The Bee Farmers Steve Utaski | United States
Canadian Premiere



The Chop Lewis Rose| United Kingdom

The Golden Harvest Alia Yunis| United States
Canadian Premiere

The Lunchroom Ezequiel Radusky| Argentina
Canadian Premiere

The Taste of Pho Mariko Bobrik| Poland
Toronto Premiere

When Tomatoes Met Wagner Marianna Economou | Greece
Toronto Premiere

FULL LIST OF EVENTS

Welcome| Friday, Oct 16th 7:00pm – 7:15pm

Q&A: Baristas | Friday, Oct 16th 8:00pm – 8:45pm

Meditation: Managing Anxiety with Mindfulness | Saturday, Oct 17th 11:00am – 11:45am

Kombucha Workshop: Part 1 | Saturday, Oct 17th 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Rooks to Cooks' Signature Maple Dijon Glazed Salmon | Saturday, Oct 17th
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Q&A: Fish & Men | Saturday, Oct 17th 8:00pm – 8:45pm

Poverty Reduction & Food | Sunday, Oct 18th 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Book Reading: Chop Suey Nation with Ann Hui | Sunday, Oct 18th 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Russian Fall Harvest Cooking with Chef Doris Fin | Sunday, Oct 18th 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Rooks to Cooks' Signature Maple Dijon Glazed Salmon | Sunday, Oct 18th
5:00pm – 6:30pm



Q&A: The Golden Harvest | Sunday, Oct 18th 8:00pm – 8:45pm

Meditation: Boosting Mental Health with Mindfulness | Saturday, Oct 24th 11:00am – 11:45am

Kombucha Workshop: Part 2 | Saturday, Oct 24th 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Book Reading: Lost Feast: Culinary Extinction and the Future with Lenore Newman | Saturday, Oct 24th 2:30pm – 3:10pm

Rooks to Cooks' Signature Vegetarian Pho from scratch with all the fixings | Saturday, Oct 24th 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Rooibos Restitution | Saturday, Oct 24th 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Sustainability, Media & Me Workshop | Sunday, Oct 25th 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Pandemic Pivots | Sunday, Oct 25th 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Rooks to Cooks' Signature Vegetarian Pho from scratch with all the fixings | Sunday, Oct 25th 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Closing Statements | Sunday, Oct 25th 7:00pm – 7:15pm

THE LOCATIONS & DATES

The festival will take place Oct 16th and 25th, 2020 virtually.

For film synopses, images, and more information on events, see www.torontofoodfilmfest.com

TICKETING INFORMATION

Event tickets and pass details are online at www.torontofoodfilmfest.com/2020access

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ABOUT THE TORONTO FOOD FILM FEST

Toronto Food Film Fest is Toronto's only multi-day food film festival. Don't miss your chance to screen mouth-watering, thought-provoking, conversation-starting independent films about food from around the world. Curated meal paired with every screening, workshops, panels and exclusive access make this event your best excuse to stay in your sweatpants this October.

Toronto Food Film Fest is truly a celebration of independent filmmaking, food and culture!

Watch. Learn. Eat.