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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## The Toronto Food Film Fest announces full lineup including highly anticipated food program

**TORONTO** – With one month till the event, the **Toronto Food Film Fest** is proud to announce its full lineup of events and screenings for its first ever October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> festival.

The upcoming, annual 2-day festival will include 21 films, 5 features and 16 shorts, and 12 events bringing new and unique food experiences to Toronto.

At each film screening patrons can purchase delicious paired snacks curated by **Chez Dine** and featuring a rotation of dishes from esteemed chefs including **Chef Jackie Lin** of **Shoushin**, **Chef Ramon Simarro** of **Madrina Bar y Tapas** and **Chef Dustin Gallagher** of **416 Snack Bar**.

The Toronto Food Film Fest is proud to showcase its food events including a **Handmade Pasta Workshop & Supper Club** led by **Chef Nicole Di Nardo**, the **Rooted in North American Harvest Supper Club** with **Chef Taylor Parker** and a **Lunch & Learn Workshop** with **Chef Daniel Holloway**, all happening at **The Depanneur**, where these chefs will share their stories of food beyond the plate.

The events also include a highly anticipated intimate interview with recent Order of Canada Appointee **Nick Saul** of **Community Food Centres Canada**. He will be in conversation with TV host and foodie **Pay Chen** at the **Super Wonder Gallery**.

The festival will also highlight talented Canadian filmmakers like Abby Ainsworth and Lindsey Kunter with their film **STAGE: The Culinary Internship** screening as the Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> closing featured presentation and Toronto Premiere. Ainsworth will also be featured along with directors JR Reid, Lynn Hamrick and more in the **Directing for Documentary Round Table** Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.



Feature films also include the James Beard nominated, **Funke**, internationally acclaimed **Hiro's Table**, the Canadian drama **Nose to Tail** and the Friday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> feature presentation and North American Premiere of Spanish film, **A God in Each Lentil**.

In support of independent filmmaking, **Rolling Pictures** and **Sim International** have each announced they will be giving a \$5,000 certificate award. **Grande Camera** (formerly Dazmo) has also announced that they will be allotting a \$1,000 certificate award to one lucky film. Prizes will be announced on Saturday Oct 5th during the **Closing Awards Party** at the **Super Wonder Gallery**. The festival aims to promote the local neighbourhood by holding events at venues in walking distance within Little Italy.

The festival aims to become the lowest waste film festival by committing to diverting waste from the landfill by using compostable food service containers and managing waste with partner **Rethink Resource**. Surplus food will be collected and donated.

In its first 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. The festival will run for two days at the **Royal Cinema** on College Street, in the heart of downtown Toronto.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **FULL LIST OF FILMS**

**Advances** Tyler J. Seguin | Canada  
World Premiere

**A God in Each Lentil** Miguel Ángel Jiménez | Spain  
North American Premiere

**A Visual Ode to a Hare in the Woods** Andrea Marini | Italy

**Donut Shop** Rob Riutta | United States  
Canadian Premiere

**Fishnet and the Fish** Ali Nikfar | Iran  
World Premiere

**Food Play** Alon Isocianu | Canada  
North American Premiere

**For Here or To Go** Ryan Nguyen | United States  
Canadian Premiere

**Fridge Door** Kevin Walker | Canada

**Funke** Gabriel Taraboulsy | United States

**Hiro's Table** Lynn Hamrick | United States  
Canadian Premiere

**Hunger** Michel Wild, Rob Schneider | Switzerland  
Canadian Premiere

**Kitchen Vignettes: Karen Washington's Swiss Chard and Beans** Aube Giroux | Canada

**Nose to Tail** Jesse Zigelstein | Canada

**Plant Some Trees and Go From There** Thomas Regnault | France



**Proud** Jackie Dallas | United States  
Canadian Premiere

**Red Chef Revival: Prince Rupert** Danny Berish | Canada

**Stage: The Culinary Internship** Abigail Ainsworth | Canada  
Toronto Premiere

**Stir** Niara Modi | Canada

**Sweet and Bitter** Showsuke Doe | Japan  
North American Premiere

**The Refugee Restauranteurs** Michael Steves | United States  
Canadian Premiere

**Two Down** Rolfin Nyhus | United Kingdom  
Canadian Premiere

## FULL LIST OF EVENTS

**Lunch & Learn with Chef Daniel Holloway of Urban Acorn** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 1:00pm  
The Depanneur, 1033 College St, Toronto, ON

**Directing for Documentary** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 3:10pm – 4:40pm  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**Beer Tasting (ft. Peat Brothers)** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
The Emmet Ray, 924 College St, Toronto, ON

**Handmade Pasta Workshop & Supper Club with Nicole Di Nardo** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm  
– 7:00pm, 8:00pm – 10:00  
The Depanneur, 1033 College St, Toronto, ON

**#WasteNot: Sustainability in the Food Industry** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 5:10pm – 6:40pm  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**Cheers for Beers** | Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30pm – 1:00am  
The Emmet Ray, 924 College St, Toronto, ON



**Building a Community for Good Food: A Conversation with Nick Saul led by Pay Chen**

| Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 12:00pm  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**Opening Soon: Myths of Opening Your Own Restaurant** | Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 12:45pm – 2:15pm  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**Better Popcorn: The Future of Film** | Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm – 4:15pm  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**Scotch Tasting (with food pairings by Chef John Higgins)** | Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
The Emmet Ray, 924 College St, Toronto, ON

**Rooted in North American Harvest Supper Club with Taylor Parker & Guest Chef**  
| Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – 10:00pm  
The Depanneur, 1033 College St, Toronto, ON

**Closing Awards Party** | Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30pm – 1:00am  
Super Wonder Gallery, 584 College St, Toronto, ON

**FULL LIST OF PARTICIPATING CHEFS**

**Chef Anna Chen** | Alma

Opening Soon: Myths of Starting your own Restaurant Panel on Oct 5th

**Chef Ariel Coplan** | Grand Cru Deli

Snacks at "Nose to Tail" with "Hunger" Screening, Oct 4th

**Ben Root** | Rousseau House

Snacks at "Funke" with "Stir" Screening, Oct 5th

**Chef Daniel Holloway** | Urban Acorn

Lunch & Learn Workshop on Oct 4th

**Chef Dero Rebel**

Snacks at "Funke" with "Stir" Screening, Oct 5th



**Chef Meagan Bowden** | Phancy Foods  
Snacks at "Shorts Program" Screening, Oct 5th

**Chef John Higgins** | George Brown College  
Scotch Tasting on Oct 5th

**Executive Chef John Morris** | 360 The Restaurant at the CN Tower  
#Wastenot: Sustainability in the Food Industry Panel on Oct 4th

**Mary Oliveira** | Mary's Brigadeiro  
Opening Soon: Myths of Starting your own Restaurant Panel on Oct 5th

**Megan Stasiewich** | The Great Canadian Baking Show  
Cake at closing party on Oct 5th

**Chef Nicole Di Nardo** | Nicole Nutrition  
Handmade Pasta Workshop and Supper Club on Oct 4th

**Chef Ramon Simarro** | Madrina Bar y Tapas  
Snacks at "A God in Each Lentil" with "A Visual Ode to a Hare in the Woods" Screening, Oct 4th

**Chef Rich Francis** | Aboriginal Culinary Concepts  
Snacks at "Hiro's Table" with "Red Chef Revival: Prince Rupert" Screening, Oct 5th

**Chef Ryan Crawford** | backhouse  
#Wastenot: Sustainability in the Food Industry Panel on Oct 4th

**Chef Taylor Parker** | MT Hospitality Services  
Rooted in North American Harvest Supper Club on Oct 5th

**Chefs Yoshi+Taka** | Ancaster Mill  
Snacks at "Hiro's Table" with "Red Chef Revival: Prince Rupert" Screening, Oct 5th

**The Toronto Food Film Fest is pleased to announce its 2019 Partners:** Rethink Resource, Chez Dine, Community Food Centres Canada, Rolling Pictures, Sim International, Grande Camera, Ontario Culinary, 100km Foods, Foodism Toronto, Restaurants Canada, Longslice, D'Ont Poke The Bear, Blink Tea, Rufino Espresso, FilmFreeway, The Royal Cinema, Super Wonder Gallery, The Emmet Ray and The Depanneur



### THE LOCATIONS & DATES

The festival will take place on Oct 4th and 5th, 2019 in the Little Italy neighbourhood of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Screenings will be held at the historical **Royal Cinema** in Little Italy (608 College St.)  
Food themed workshops and dining experiences will be served at **The Depanneur** (1033 College St.), beer and scotch tastings will be served at **The Emmet Ray** (924 College St.) and our panels and the closing party will be presented at **Super Wonder Gallery** (584 College St.).

For film synopses, images, and more information on events, see [www.torontofoodfilmfest.com/2019schedule](http://www.torontofoodfilmfest.com/2019schedule).

### TICKETING INFORMATION

Event tickets are on sale now online at <https://www.torontofoodfilmfest.com/tickets> or in person at a box office on the days of the event.  
Discounted tickets for seniors, students and children.

See box office is located at the Royal Cinema, 608 College St. Toronto, ON.

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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 snacks paired with every screening, workshops, panels and meals make this event your best excuse to wear sweatpants - two days in a row.

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

***Watch. Learn. Eat.***