



GRAZE TORONTO SERVES A FIRST-CLASS FOOD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE SEPTEMBER 22 - 24, 2023

Presented by Food Network Canada, the Festival's Initial Lineup of Revered Chefs Includes: Lynn Crawford, Mark McEwan, Nuit Regular, Roger Mooking, and more

The Three-Day Event Takes Place at Corus Quay and Sugar Beach, Hosted by Beloved Television Personality Noah Cappe



L to R: Chefs Andrea Nicholson, Tre Sanderson, Dale MacKay, Lynn Crawford, Mark McEwan, Christine Cushing, Nuit Regular, Roger Mooking, Massimo Capra, Steve Hodge, Suzanne Barr, Afrim Pristine, and host Noah Cappe. Image courtesy of: Food Network Canada.

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TORONTO, January 25, 2023 – Today, <u>GRAZE TORONTO</u> announced its festival dates and initial lineup of participating chefs. Presented by <u>Food Network Canada</u>, GRAZE will take place **Friday, September 22** to **Sunday, September 24, 2023** at Corus Quay and Sugar Beach. Hosted by television personality <u>Noah Cappe</u>, GRAZE will feature some of the biggest names in the Canadian food scene alongside best-in-class food and drink offerings. Festival-goers will be able to take in the brilliance of these celebrated chefs through immersive culinary experiences complimented by a wide array of activations, live music, local art, and more.

Providing the ultimate experience for lovers of extraordinary cuisine, attendees can take part in chef-led tastings, food demos, cooking classes and interactive exhibits. With pop-ups from some of the city's most celebrated restaurants, patrons can indulge in the latest gastronomical greatness. With Lake Ontario as its backdrop, GRAZE will also offer an exceptional array of engaging experiences and premium entertainment.

Dynamic television personality Noah Cappe will act as host, leading the festivities as he keeps audiences entertained with his signature humour and charm. Cappe is a familiar face to Canadians, most recently seen as the host of Food Network Canada's <u>Carnival Eats</u>, <u>Wall of Chefs</u> and <u>Wall of Bakers</u>.

GRAZE Toronto's 2023 initial lineup of esteemed chefs includes:

- <u>Afrim Pristine</u>, Maître Fromager Canada's premier cheese expert, owner of the Cheese Boutique, cookbook author and host of Food Network Canada's <u>Cheese: A Love Story</u>
- <u>Andrea Nicholson</u> Owner of Butchie's (Whitby, Ont.), judge on Food Network Canada's <u>Fire Masters</u> and <u>Top Chef Canada</u> alumni
- <u>Christine Cushing</u> Esteemed chef, cookbook author and award-winning television host. Longstanding Food Network Canada personality most recently seen as a judge on *Wall of Bakers* and *Wall of Chefs*.
- <u>Dale MacKay</u> Saskatoon-based chef and co-owner of Ayden Kitchen and Bar, Little Grouse on the Prairie, Sticks and Stones, Avenue Restaurant, and Dojo Ramen (Saskatoon, Sask.). Most recently seen as a judge on Food Network Canada's *Wall of Chefs* and *Fire Masters*, and guest judge on *Top Chef Canada*, Season 10.
- Lynn Crawford Acclaimed chef, cookbook author and owner of The Hearth (Mississauga, Ont.). Longstanding Food Network Canada personality, most recently seen as a judge on Junior Chef Showdown, Wall of Chefs, and Wall of Bakers.
- <u>Mark McEwan</u> Celebrated Canadian chef, cookbook author and owner of The McEwan Group which includes Bymark, Fabbrica, and McEwan Fine Foods (Toronto, Ont.), Diwan (North York, Ont.), and Fabbrica (Thorbury, Ont.). Longstanding Food Network Canada personality most recently seen as a judge on *Top Chef Canada* and *Wall of Chefs.*
- <u>Massimo Capra</u> Renowned chef, cookbook author and owner of Boccone (Mississauga, Ont.), Capra's Kitchen (Clarkson, Ont.), and lends his name to Massimo's Italian (Niagara Falls, Ont.). Longstanding Food Network Canada personality most recently seen as a judge on *Wall of Chefs*.
- <u>Nuit Regular</u> Eminent Toronto-based chef, cookbook author and restaurateur; executive chef and co-owner of PAI, Kiin, By Chef Nuit, and Sukhothai and executive chef of Selva. Judge on Food Network Canada's *Wall of Chefs*.
- <u>Roger Mooking</u> Trinidadian-born, Canadian-raised multi-faceted talent, celebrated chef, restaurateur (Twist by Roger Mooking – Mississauga, Ont.), television host, author, and award-winning recording artist. Longstanding Food Network Canada and Cooking Channel personality, most recently seen as a judge on *Wall of Chefs* and host of <u>Man Fire Food</u>.
- <u>Steve Hodge</u> Chocolatier and owner of Temper Chocolate & Pastry (Vancouver, Ont.), judge on Food Network Canada's <u>Great Chocolate Showdown</u> and Wall of Bakers, and host of <u>Project Bakeover</u>

- <u>Suzanne Barr</u> Respected chef, author and Food Network Canada personality most recently seen as a judge on *Wall of Chefs*
- <u>Tre Sanderson</u> Winner of *Top Chef Canada*, Season 10 and one of Toronto's most indemand chefs currently creating pop-up dining events to rave reviews

Additional participating chefs, from some of the GTA's best and most buzzed-about restaurants, will be announced at a later date.

"We're excited to unveil GRAZE Toronto's initial lineup of chefs who represent the crème de la crème of Canada's food scene," said **Dervla Kelly, SVP Marketing & so.da, Corus Entertainment**. "GRAZE will be a one-of-a-kind, premium food event with a high-intent audience ready to engage with the festival's offerings and sponsors. GRAZE is offering sponsors with custom activations and opportunities with the renowned chefs, all supported by the power of Corus and its marketing megaphone."

Sponsorships are available across six different levels of participation. To learn more, please contact your Corus Sales Representative or email at <u>info@grazetoronto.ca</u>. Additional details for the festival's ticketing, activations, partnerships, and more will be shared at a later date.

GRAZE Toronto is developed by a talented team of event, festival and media experts, presented by Food Network Canada and produced by Corus in partnership with <u>Eatertainment</u> <u>Events & Catering</u>. Judy Merry, an industry veteran with over 20 years of experience planning and executing some of North America's most successful festivals and tradeshows, serves as Executive Producer of GRAZE.

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