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## **THE YUKON CULINARY FESTIVAL IS ONE WEEK AWAY**

**Whitehorse, Y.T.** – The countdown is on! The Yukon Culinary Festival, proudly hosted by the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon (TIAY) returns next week. Established by TIAY in 2013, the festival showcases the Yukon’s culture, local food, and culinary experts. Shaped by Yukon chefs, farmers, businesses and organizations, the festival continues to be fueled by their vision and support. Major sponsors such as the Yukon Government and Air North, Yukon’s Airline have been crucial to the ongoing success of the festival.

With events taking place over the span of August 22-26, 2018, this festival highlights the freshest ingredients and culinary talent found here in the North. With ingredients sourced from local farms and producers these experiences are not to be missed. Tickets are nearly sold out, we are gearing up for an incredible culinary journey.

Eric Pateman, founder and president of Edible Canada has been involved with the Yukon Culinary Festival for many years. He is actively involved with planning the events and is excited to help showcase Northern cuisine. “For years we have worked to produce events in the Yukon that generate a strong sense of Northern food culture and put the spotlight on local ingredients” said Pateman. “Currently Northern food is underrepresented, yet it’s an important part of our culinary landscape. We hope that by showcasing these ingredients and products in new and exciting ways people will connect with their food, raising the profile of Northern cuisine in the national and international food scene.”

“We’re excited to host the Yukon Culinary Festival again this year and build on our past efforts to provide greater exposure to the exceptional culinary scene in the Yukon,” said TIAY Executive Director, Blake Rogers. “We couldn’t do it without the support of our sponsors and partners who are integral to the success of this festival, and critical to the growth of the larger Yukon Culinary brand.”

### **Signature Events**

#### Thursday, August 23 - Culinary Festival Kick Off Party At Woodcutters Blanket

Back for another year the Culinary Festival is excited to get the party going. Celebrate with us at Woodcutters Blanket at our official kick off party. Cocktails featuring Yukon Spirits, Yukon Brewing Beers, a special menu for the evening, music and more.

#### Friday, August 24 - Cooking with Fire: Wild Canadian Seafood & Game at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

Inspired by sensational Patagonian fire cooking techniques, this event will embrace the open pit fire cooking methods of Argentina but showcase our local Yukon meat and produce, Alaskan seafood, and the cooking skills of guest chef Jason Pleyrn of Two Rivers Meat’s in Vancouver (one of the driving forces behind Brewery and the Beast – one of the top fire cooking events in the country.) Joining Jason will be guest chef and festival organizer, Eric Pateman from Edible Canada as well as many of the Yukon’s top culinary talent who will be creating an incredible feast before your eyes. Think local Elk, Rabbit, Pork and Bison, Pemberton Meadows Beef from Jason’s own farm, Icy Waters Arctic char, Dungeness crab, Alaskan Salmon and more all complimented with an assortment of salads and Canadian inspired desserts.

#### Saturday, August 25 - Cocktails and Canapés on the S.S. Klondike, a Parks Canada National Historic Site

Back by popular demand – Join us aboard the historical sternwheeler, the S.S. *Klondike*, a Parks Canada National Historic Site, as we “set sail” for another culinary adventure curated by celebrated local chefs Carson Schiffkorn and Troy King from Inn on the Lake. Music, interpretive culinary programming by Parks Canada, tasty bites, cash bar cocktails and beers by Yukon Spirits



& Yukon Brewing – this event is one for the history books! This is your chance to get dressed up “Klondike Style” and celebrate like they would have back in the day. There is not a better way to spend a Saturday evening in Whitehorse.

#### Sunday, August 26 - End of the Festival Farm Lunch at Circle D Ranch

Join us out at Circle D Ranch for a not-so-traditional” Sunday lunch on the farm where Chefs Eric Pateman and Jason Pleym will craft a lunch over open fire showcasing products from the farm and local suppliers including local Elk and haskap berries, Icy Waters Arctic char, as well as other traditional Yukon products. The lunch will be served in the barn on the property with stories from the chefs and Circle D’s own *Farmer Bill*. A cash bar with Okanagan Wine, Yukon Brewing beer and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

#### **Spin Off Events**

#### Wednesday, August 22 - Chocolate, Cocktails & More at The Claim

Come and join acclaimed chocolate maker, Glenys Baltimore and Yukon Brewing’s own Heather Gillespie, for an intimate night of sweet and savory treats while you sip on classic cocktails, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. What better way to kick off the Yukon Culinary Festival with this delectable evening showcasing two of the city’s most creative businesses! Dishes served will include: Local Elk Brochettes with a Mexican Chocolate Sauce, Yukon Micro Greens in a Cocoa Nib Vinaigrette, The Claim’s Award Winning Chocolate Cake, Yukon Whisky Chocolate Truffles, Chocolate Martinis and more.

#### **Free Events**

#### Thursday, August 23 - Chef Cooking Demos Using Yukon Veggies at the Fireweed Market

Using all local vegetables and products from the Fireweed Market, the Yukon Culinary Festival will host cooking demonstrations by chefs including Edible Canada’s Eric Pateman, Two River Meat’s Jason Pleym, celebrity cookbook Author Miche Genest and The Claim’s legendary chocolatier Glenys Baltimore. Come and learn some easy and fun dishes and ask the experts all your burning questions on how to best prepare our stunning Yukon ingredients. Demos will be from 3pm to 5pm every half hour.

#### **About the Yukon Culinary Festival**

First launched in 2013, the Yukon Culinary Festival is set in the Yukon Territory, with a series of hyper-local food related events. The festival showcases ingredients, culinary experts and culture found in this special region of North America.

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