

**THE FOOD FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
OFFICIAL SELECTIONS FOR 2018**

*World Premiere of Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown / Lower East Side
presented by CNN Original Series to Kick Off Festival on October 24th*

Festival to Celebrate 12 Years in New York City

Guests will Taste What They See on the Screen...Right in Their Seats

America's Burger Expert George Motz to Host

Food Film Events to Take Place October 24-28, 2018

Limited Quantity of Early Bird VIP Festival-Wide Passes On-Sale Today

NEW YORK CITY--The Food Film Festival™ returns to New York City for its 12th straight year! The five-day Festival will feature a series of events where food and film lovers get to ***Taste What They See on the Screen...right in their seats!*** At each event, guests will be served the food from the films while they watch. Chefs and restaurants from New York City and beyond will present dishes from around the world as guests watch and eat a menu of independent food films in the Festival Theatre, followed by an official Festival After Party with more food, drink and fun each night.

This year, the Festival kicks off with the World Premiere of ***Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown / Lower East Side*** presented by CNN Original Series. The episode follows Bourdain on a personal journey through this formerly bohemian New York City neighborhood, as he meets, shares meals and reflects with music, film and art trailblazers including Richard Hell, Deborah Harry and Chris Stein, Lydia Lunch, Fab 5 Freddy, Danny Fields, Amos Poe, Jim Jarmusch, Kembra Pfahler, John Lurie, Clayton Patterson and Harley Flanagan, whose collective cultural impact in the 1970's and '80's has sustained through the decades.

The Festival dives deep into the primordial side of cooking: **Barbecue**. Meet a Texas Pitmaster behind one of the top Barbecue joints in an unlikely place in ***Melt: A Smoking Story***, and the Hasidic Jewish pitmaster who can never taste what he is trying to perfect in ***Holy Smoked***. Experience the beauty of coal-fired lamb and eggplant with Chef **Freddy Bird** in ***Fire***.

Award-Winning Director **Liza de Guia** of Food Curated once again brings a chef focused food film to the Festival in ***Chikarashi:Sustainable, Chef-Driven Poke Bowl***.

Rising stars **David Ma, Joseph Herschel** and **Anna Tsukanova-Kott**, and their creative twists will premiere at the Festival for the first time. In **Justin Bolois** (First We Feast) ***Why the Jamaican Beef Patty is a New York City Icon***, homegrown heroes and local celebrities explain their favorite New York City culinary transplant.

Have an intimate love affair with bread and Dir. Marie C. in *My Life in Sourdough*. Let Food Film Festival rookie Virginia Chiang entertain your taste buds in *A New York Bagel*. There's so much to see and taste at the 2018 Food Film Festival in New York City.

A limited number of Early Bird Festival-Wide VIP Passes are on-sale today on the Festival website: TheFoodFilmFest.com

Full Event Details and Ticket Information to be released on August 29, 2018.

"Without fail, every year the quality of food filmmaking goes up. Our audiences are in for quite a treat this year!" -George Motz, Festival Director

OFFICIAL SELECTIONS OF THE 2018 FOOD FILM FESTIVAL™

A New York Bagel

Dir. Virginia Chiang, 5:15

A bagel's trip to New York City goes awry and is rescued by a friend with evil intentions.

Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown / Lower East Side

Dir. Michael Steed, World Premiere

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Chikarashi: Sustainable, Chef-Driven Poke Bowl

Dir. Liza de Guia, 9:45

Sustainable, chef-driven poke with absolutely no customization allowed.

D'Abruzzo: The Meat, Fat, Meat, Fat, Meat, Fat Lamb Skewers of Abruzzo

Dir. Liza de Guia, 9:45

At D'Abruzzo in Smorgasburg you'll find Tommaso happily tending his grill, turning over and twisting thousands of his handmade "arrosticini" lamb skewers, all while welcoming customers with wide eyed encouragement.

Eat Art

Dir. Anna Tsukanova-Kott, 4:00

Eat Art are short videos, which present cooking recipes in an unusual art form.

Fire

Dirs. Michelle Crowley & Richard Hill, 1:06, US Premiere
Where Fire is its own flavour in English woodland cooking.

Food Films

Dir. David Ma, 4:45

Recipe videos re-imagined in the styles of iconic directors.

Get Blown!

Dir. Tati Nguyen, 6:36, World Premiere

The memories of two great meals, one in Paris and another in Beijing, combined to create the perfect hybrid culinary masterpiece.

Holy Smoked

Dir. Jeffrey Jones, 11:00, World Premiere

Izzy runs the first kosher bbq restaurant in NYC, but he can never taste what he is trying to perfect.

How to Make Crispy Fish Fingers

Dir. Simon Wild, 1:00, US Premiere

Four year old, chef Dylan, shows how to make his favourite crispy fish fingers.

Magical Snack Time

Dirs. Liz and Jimmy Reed, 2:00, World Premiere

A hungry unicorn creates a wild desert through a series of happy accidents.

Melt: A Smoking Story

Dir. Jules Renault, 9:18

Melt. A Smoking Story describes the intimate stories behind the meeting of two Parisian dudes and a Texan Pitmaster, the mix between two cultures, the love and passion for Barbecue as an art, and the story behind the opening of one of the first and well known BBQ place in Paris.

My Life in Sourdough

Dir. Marie C., 5:00

Somewhere between a romantic comedy and a cooking show, *My Life in Sourdough* chronicles the culinary adventures of Jeanne, a French girl looking for a love as orgasmic as bread making.

The Lunch Feeder

Dir. Joseph Herscher, 1:50, World Premiere

How to be more productive during lunch.

The Science of Smoked Brisket

Dir. George Motz, 8:41, World Premiere

The science behind what makes us crave smoked brisket clearly explained by Chef Michael Ollier and Dr. Philip Bass at Certified Angus Beef Brand, Kent and Barrett Black at Black's Barbecue, and Texas barbecue critic Daniel Vaughn.

The Rest of Your Life

Dir. Rodolfo May, 8:59

The inspiring story of two women showing the difficulties faced by so many women that recently left the prison system and are trying to fit back into society with one goal: to not be only known by their past crimes.

Why the Jamaican Beef Patty is a New York Icon

Dir. Justin Bolois, 12:05, James Beard Nominee

An investigation into the Jamaican beef patty, the unsung food icon of NYC.

NON-PROFIT BENEFICIARY

The Food Film Festival is proud to announce the return of our non-profit beneficiary, the [Billion Oyster Project](#). The mission of **Billion Oyster Project** is to restore oyster reefs to the New York Harbor through public education initiatives. Working together with local communities, **Billion Oyster Project** aims to plant 1 billion oysters in New York Harbor by the year 2025.

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ABOUT THE FOOD FILM FESTIVAL

The Food Film Festival™, a multisensory food and film experience based in New York City, is the only festival in the world where guests get to *Taste What They See on the Screen...right in their seats!* Over the course of 12 years, the Festival has hosted more than 30,000 guests from New York City to Charleston to Copenhagen. Past events include a screening of ***The Mud and The Blood*** followed by an authentic Lowcountry Oyster Roast on a rooftop in Brooklyn with 15,000 South Carolina oysters, and the World Premiere of ***New York Cooks for Tohoku*** paired with dishes from Michelin Starred Chefs Boulud, Bouley, Romano, Telepan and Tadashi Ono. In 2012, the I [heart] Japan event featured ***Ramen Dreams*** star and Ramen Burger creator, Chef Keizo Shimamoto, who cooked and served his legendary ramen in the U.S. for the 1st time ever.

Created by America's Hamburger Expert, Author and Food Filmmaker George Motz, The Food Film Festival™ is a competitive film festival and Official Selections are reviewed by a judging panel comprised of esteemed members of the food and film communities. Awards are presented in 7 categories including: *Best Super-Short Film*, *Best Short Film*, *Best Feature Film*, *Best Food Porn Film*, *The Audience Choice Award*, *The Made in New York Award*, *The Food Filmmaker of the Year Award* and *The Film Foodmaker of the Year Award*.

The Food Film Festival™ hosts its flagship series of events in New York City every October and has curated and produced multiple events around the country. All Festival events benefit important non-profit organizations, such as the ***Food Bank For New York City***, ***The Billion Oyster Project***, ***The Good Food Project*** and ***GrowFood Carolina***.

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