

## TIFF'S FOOD ON FILM FUSES CULINARY EXPERTS WITH BRILLIANT CINEMA Guests include Wylie Dufresne, Chad Robertson and Vikram Vij

March 11 to June 24 at TIFF Bell Lightbox

Back for its fourth season, TIFF's popular subscription series **Food on Film** brings together chefs, food experts and film lovers to enjoy the best of culinary cinema and conversation. Each month, series host **Matt Galloway** (CBC's *Metro Morning*) welcomes celebrated guests from the culinary world to discuss topical and timely food themes, and to explore the intersections of cinema, culture and gastronomy. Launching **March 11**, the series presents six events that each feature a screening followed by a fascinating and lively discussion. Food on Film screenings will take place **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** The first 150 subscribers receive a \$50 gift card to Momofuku Toronto and a one year print subscription to *Toronto Life* magazine.

**Food on Film guest lineup and film trailers below:**

### **March 11**

Indian-born chefs, cookbook authors and restaurateurs **Vikram Vij** and **Meeru Dhalwala** present the award-winning festival hit ***The Lunchbox***, exploring the art behind crafting Indian dishes and the popular rise of integrating homestyle cooking into restaurant cuisine.

Vij and Dhalwala are husband and wife co-owners of Vij's Restaurant and Rangoli Restaurant in Vancouver. Vij is a television personality on CBC's *Dragons' Den*, and Dhalwala has worked with various international non-profit organizations on human rights and economic development projects.

#### [The Lunchbox](#)

dir. Ritesh Batra | India/France/Germany 2013 | 104 min. | G

In Mumbai, a misdelivered lunchbox brings together two very different people — a neglected housewife (Nimrat Kaur) and a grumpy, solitary widower on the verge of retirement (Bollywood star Irrfan Khan) — in this funny and touching comedy-drama.

### **April 1**

James Beard Award-winning travel writer and culinary anthropologist **Naomi Duguid** discusses the beloved documentary ***The Gleaners & I***, and examines unique approaches to food gathering and agriculture — from the French countryside to Toronto's organic urban gardens.

Duguid's most recent book is *Burma: Rivers of Flavor*. She contributes to *Lucky Peach* and *Saveur* magazines and has co-authored six other award-winning food and travel books. Duguid leads food culture tours to Burma and intensive cultural-immersion-through-food sessions in northern Thailand each winter.

#### [The Gleaners & I](#)

dir. Agnès Varda | France 2000 | 82 min. | G

Varda's witty and intimate portrait of modern-day gleaners — those who scour fields, trash bins and junk heaps for food, curios, and other repurposable refuse — was recently voted one of the top 10 documentaries of all time in a *Sight & Sound* poll.

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### **April 22**

Momofuku's beverage director and Master Sommelier candidate **Jordan Salcito** presents the documentary **Somm**, sharing her expertise in wine curation and providing her personal insight into the hallowed halls of the competitive Court of Master Sommeliers.

Salcito oversees the beverage programs for all of Momofuku's New York City locations, is the founder of Bellus Wines and was recognized as a *Wine & Spirits* Best New Sommelier in 2013. A Master Sommelier candidate, she has worked in wineries around the globe and restaurants including wd~50, Daniel, Eleven, and Madison Park.

#### [Somm](#)

dir. Jason Wise | France/Germany/Italy/USA 2012 | 103 min. | G

This intoxicating documentary delves into one of the world's most prestigious, exclusive and secretive organizations: the Court of Master Sommeliers, where global wine experts put their reputations on the line to earn the coveted title of Master Sommelier.

### **May 13**

**Wylie Dufresne**, James Beard Award-winning chef and the leading American proponent of molecular gastronomy, introduces the post-apocalyptic comedy **Delicatessen** and discusses his playfully artful and boldly experimental approach to cooking.

Trained at the French Culinary Institute in New York City, Dufresne is the chef and owner of Manhattan restaurants wd~50 and Alder. In 2013, he was honoured with the James Beard Foundation award for Best Chef New York City.

#### [Delicatessen](#)

dirs. Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro | France 1991 | 99 min. | 14A

In a post-apocalyptic Paris, a former circus clown discovers the gruesome secret of his landlord's popular butcher shop, in this dazzlingly designed black comedy.

### **June 3**

**Chad Robertson**, James Beard Award-winning baker and co-owner of San Francisco's legendary Tartine Bakery, presents the intriguing new documentary **The Grain Divide**. He'll delve into the topical gluten debate and discuss the health impact of over-processed grain consumption.

Robertson is a breadmaster and the author of three cookbooks: *Tartine* (co-authored with partner and wife Elisabeth Prueitt), *Tartine Bread* and *Tartine No. 3*. He and Prueitt are co-recipients of the 2008 James Beard Foundation Award for Outstanding Pastry Chef.

#### [The Grain Divide](#)

dir. JD McLelland | USA 2015 | 120 min. | G

Featuring interviews with the world's top bakers, chefs, researchers and scientists, this new documentary on the history and future of grains takes audiences into the fields, kitchens and labs that are attempting to address the critical issues facing the foundation of food.

### **June 24**

California cuisine pioneer **Jonathan Waxman** pays tribute to Ivan Reitman (his partner in the Toronto restaurant Montecito) with a screening of the comedy kingpin's classic **Meatballs**, and will discuss the art and business behind successful collaborations.

A chef, restaurateur and author, Waxman has brought a fusion of French cooking techniques and the sourcing of local ingredients to Montecito and his Manhattan restaurant Barbuto. *Esquire* magazine put him on its list of most influential Americans, and he's appeared on Bravo TV's *Top Chef Masters*.

#### [Meatballs](#)

dir. Ivan Reitman | Canada 1979 | 99 min. | PG

Ivan Reitman's prototypical summer-camp comedy propelled Bill Murray from *Saturday Night Live* fame to big-screen stardom.

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**About Matt Galloway:**

Matt Galloway is the host of *Metro Morning* on CBC Radio One, 99.1 FM, the top rated morning radio program in Toronto. For the last four consecutive years, he was voted Top Radio Personality in Toronto by the readers and editors of *NOW Magazine*. In 2013, he received the award for Diversity and Social Inclusion by the Tagore Anniversary Celebrations Committee of Toronto, and in 2014 *Toronto Life* magazine named him one of Toronto's 50 most influential people. He has anchored CBC Radio's coverage of the 2008 Summer Olympics live from Beijing, the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, the 2014 Winter Olympics live from Sochi, and the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Matt is a keen cyclist, burgeoning runner, voracious reader, proud Torontonian and messy cook. He currently sits on the boards of the Stop Community Food Centre and the Toronto Arts Council, and lives in the west end of Toronto with his wife and their two daughters. Galloway returns for his second year as series host for TIFF's Food on Film.

Series subscriptions to Food on Film include all six events and are on sale now: \$153 for TIFF Members or \$180 for non-members. Single tickets available starting March 4: \$28 for TIFF Members or \$35 for non-members. Purchase tickets online at [tiff.net/food](http://tiff.net/food), by phone from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET daily at **416.599.TIFF** or **1.888.599.8433**, or visit the box office in person from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET daily at TIFF Bell Lightbox, Reitman Square, 350 King Street West.

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