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Yukon government invests in local fare and culinary expertise

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government and Yukon's tourism industry are pleased to celebrate another successful culinary festival, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor announced today.

Presented in partnership by the Tourism Industry Association of the (TIA) Yukon and Air North, Yukon's Airline, the Yukon Culinary Festival took place August 19-21. First launched in 2013, this year's event showcased the art of food preparation, cooking and presentation in idyllic Yukon settings.

"The Government of Yukon was pleased to invest \$15,000 in support of the one and only multi-day, culinary festival held in the Canadian territories," Taylor said. "Culinary tourism is a sector with excellent potential for growth. We are pleased to support the industry's efforts to take advantage of these opportunities."

Four food events, where local chefs collaborated with guest chefs from across Canada, took place over three days. This year's thematic culinary occasions included: the Ultimate Seafood Fest at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Center; the S.S. Klondike Heritage Dinner; and Yukon Opulence, an intimate evening at an award winning inn.

"For the fourth year in a row, the Yukon Culinary Festival is proud to have celebrated local ingredients, culinary experts and culture indigenous to this special region of the North", TIA Yukon executive director Blake Rogers said. "This year, our collaboration with Edible Canada and Air North created an exclusive package for visitors from Vancouver that includes return flights to Yukon on Air North, accommodation for three nights in Whitehorse, transportation to the events and a full-weekend pass to Yukon Culinary Festival."

This year's festival featured amazing talent and some of Yukon's finest culinary experts: Inn on the Lake's chef Carson Schiffkorn; The Boreal Gourmet's chef Miche Genest; as well as The Wayfarer Oyster House's Andrew Gilbutowicz and Eddie Rideout. Guest chefs included Eric Pateman, founder and CEO of Edible Canada in Vancouver; and Marco Desmond of Starfire in Skagway.

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Yukon Culinary Festival

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