



Celebrity Chef Lynn Crawford returns to put a little oompah-pah on your plate at Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest's Stein & Dine Event

(Waterloo Region, Ontario – July 15, 2016) - Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, in partnership with Molson Coors Canada, is thrilled to welcome the return of Food Network Celebrity **Chef Lynn Crawford** to our incredibly popular Stein & Dine Culinary Experience. Stein & Dine will take place Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the newly re-opened Inn of Waterloo.

"We couldn't be happier to welcome Chef Lynn Crawford back to our Stein and Dine event again this year. Last year she cooked up an incredible menu and brought her wonderful approach to food to our Bavarian table. Chef Lynn Crawford's return marks a continued standard of having distinguished Canadian Chefs participate in the is one-of-a-kind event," says Dave MacNeil, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Executive Director.



Chef Lynn Crawford will prepare a multi-course Bavarian-inspired meal, in front of a crowd of over 250 guests at this unique Oktoberfest culinary experience. Each course will highlight traditional Bavarian foods, and a specially selected Molson Coors Canada beer will be paired with each course, by Canadian Beer Cicerone **Justin Lamontagne**.

Canada's homegrown **Chef Lynn Crawford** boasts a very impressive resume; which includes, regular television appearances on **Chopped Canada**, **Top Chef Canada**, **Restaurant Makeover**, and she was the first female Canadian Chef to participate in **Iron Chef America**. She also stars in her own show **Pitchin' In**, which is one of the highest rated cooking shows on TV and garnered her three Gemini Award nominations. She has also published two bestselling cookbooks.

Chef Lynn Crawford is the Chef and Owner of **Ruby Watchco**, a market inspired comfort food restaurant in Toronto's East End. She also has recently opened a new restaurant at Pearson International Airport, called **The Hearth**.

A complete bio for **Chef Crawford** can be found at www.cheflynn Crawford.com.

Tickets for this fine dining event are now available! Contact Laurie Davison (lauried@oktoberfest.ca) for more information on tickets and corporate tables.

To schedule an interview with **Chef Lynn Crawford** prior to the event, please contact Laurie Davison (lauried@oktoberfest.ca).

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About Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is a not-for-profit Bavarian festival founded in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to contributing to the social and economic vitality of Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada twin cities with German heritage. Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival celebrates German heritage, food, music and festivities and is supported by more than 40 not-for-profit organizations. The festival is operated by eight year-round full-time staff, over 450 volunteers and 1,300 community and service club volunteers that stage the nine-day festival each October promoting a unique German cultural experience. As well as the economic boost the festival gives the local economy during the international festival, over \$1.5 million is raised each year by the not-for-profit organizations associated with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, one of the top three most recognized event brands in Canada.

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