

6 Stinkin' Years

TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL

NEW THIS YEAR: 360 ° VR Farm Tour

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Artscape Wychwood Barns

601 Christie Street, 10-minute walk west from St. Clair West Subway station

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Street and metered parking nearby

Wheelchair accessible

Admission \$5.00 per adult | Children 12 and under free

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(Toronto – August 11, 2016) Virtual Reality meets Ontario garlic at the 6th Annual Toronto Garlic Festival! Festival visitors will don VR goggles and experience a three minute 360 degree virtual reality tour of farmer Simon De Boer's garlic farm in Teeswater, Ontario. Created by media production company Capture Scratch and filmed using panoramic lenses, the VR demo will have garlic lovers in awe by stepping into a virtual world to get an up close and personal glimpse of what it's like to harvest Ontario Garlic.

“The Virtual Reality Farm Tour is an innovative way to educate festival visitors on Ontario garlic production and share a better understanding of how Ontario garlic travels from farm to table”, says Festival founder Peter McClusky. “With this VR farm tour we intend to give festival goers a taste of an Ontario harvest and hopefully inspire garlic lovers to buy more Ontario garlic, or even grow their own.”

In addition to the 360 degree VR Farm Tour which runs throughout the festival day - 9am-5pm, Sunday Sept., 18 – Ontario garlic farmers will be present IRL (In Real Life) offering dozens of varieties of Ontario garlic along with some of the city’s best chefs, craft brewers, grillers, woodworkers, bee keepers, chocolatiers, butchers, bakers, and yes, even candlestick makers, with their garlic specialties for sale. Garlic ribs, garlic fries, fish, and garlic mac n cheese are just a few of the delicious savoury dishes being prepared. Garlic jellies and pesto, and jams, relish and dips, fresh herbs and specialty items, garlic arts and crafts and paraphernalia, like garlic presses, roasters and designer aprons are also for sale by local artisans.

At the Speakers Corner, UofG Professor Michael A. Dixon will give a fascinating talk on the future of growing food in space titled Ontario Garlic is Outta This World, just one of the five talks programmed this year, with guests like comedian/chef Ben Miner, lifestyle guru Marni Wasserman and others. In the Festival Theatre, animated short, The Story of Food, and the documentary on food waste, Just Eat It, featuring a dumpster-diving couple from British Columbia, will run all day as will the Garlic Breath Contest located next to the famous and daring Free Raw Garlic Shot Station.

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