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SIP & DINE INDIGENOUS AT SPO7EZ TABLE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

For the 23rd Annual Cornucopia, Whistler's Celebration of Food & Drink, we invite diners to sip and savour at Spo7ez Table on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Our four-course luncheon features locally foraged foods from the shared, traditional, unceded territories of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation, of which Whistler resides. Considering seasonal produce availability, Executive Chef D'Arcy Demoe scripted a menu with his team that blends hunted, fished, foraged, farmed, and preserved foods.

The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre's In-house Catering Department designed the menu with modern dietary requirements in mind, without sacrificing the authenticity of the dining experience. "Our culinary team has been taking a good look into what it means to 'dine Indigenous'," shares Demoe, "We know that there's more to Indigenous cuisine than salmon and bannock, and this menu is our first step in sharing that with our guests. So, rather than serving traditional Indigenous cuisine, this menu will spotlight the process behind traditional ingredients and food preparation, and marry them into contemporary dishes."

Each course will be paired with wines from Fort Berens Winery and Indigenous World Wines.

Knowledge shared throughout the luncheon will include songs and storytelling from Cultural Ambassadors, as well as menu descriptions and inspiration from Chef Demoe.

The event namesake, Spo7ez Table, refers to the ancient village shared by the Skwxwú7mesh and Lil'wat7ul, Spo7ez, located where Rubble Creek and the Cheakamus River meet. Skwxwú7mesh, a Coast Salish People, and Lil'wat7ul, an Interior Salish People, resided on this site together. As this menu represents what can be harvested from Interior Salish and Coast Salish territories, and the story of Spo7ez reminds us of acceptance and belonging, we chose it to further pique interest amongst diners to engage further not only with our culinary, but also our cultural offerings.

Tickets to Spo7ez Table include access to the museum's exhibits, including the newest exhibit AMBASSADORS, and are available online at whistlercarnucopia.com/events.



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About Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (SLCC)

Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Society is a registered Canadian charity and the first centre of its kind in Canada. The Squamish and Lil'wat Nations came together to celebrate and share our cultures with the world while creating meaningful employment opportunities for members of both nations. By sharing where we are from and where we are going, our visitors acquire a greater understanding of our Nations and the shared territories that Whistler resides upon. www.slcc.ca



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