

## Feast for the Senses 7 Celebrates Culinary Creativity at KWAG

**6 February 2018, Kitchener ON** – 2016 Chopped Canada winner Chef Matt Kershaw comes to Kitchener on **Thursday 15 February from 7-10pm** to offer up culinary masterpieces inspired by works of art at [Feast for the Senses 7](#), the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery's popular evening of art, food and drink. Accompanied by drink pairings selected by Sommelier Erin Dunham, the menu will feature elegant dishes inspired by our Permanent Collection exhibition, *Halcyon Days*, which is currently on view until 4 March 2018.

Guests at Feast for the Senses 7 will be treated to a guided tour of *Halcyon Days*, which includes works by notable artists Ray Mead, Shuvinai Ashoona and Tom Thomson, whose sole work in KWAG's Permanent Collection is being shown for the first time following its recent conservation. Matt Kershaw and Erin Dunham were inspired by this exhibition when creating their five course tasting menu that elevates comfort food through bold, inventive flavour.

"At Feast for the Senses, we aim to draw a link between great contemporary art and the idea of food as art as imagined by some of the best chefs in this region," explains Shirley Madill, KWAG's Executive Director. "Chef Matt Kershaw was open to the challenge of interpreting our winter exhibition theme centering on hospitality. We believe that chefs and sommeliers are artists and what they do an art form, and I look forward to what Matt Kershaw and Erin Dunham have in store for another great evening at KWAG."

"It was a challenge to find pairings that would mirror the specific elements in the artwork," says Matt Kershaw, "so we reached into our history and focused on what we know, how we felt and how we see the art coming to life during the evening."



Matt Kershaw is the executive chef for [The Other Bird](#), owners of Rapscaillon Rogue Eatery, The Mule, and the Arlington Hotel in Paris, ON. Matt's background is steeped in Michelin stars and haute cuisine, but he hates fine dining pretentiousness. Instead, he serves up interesting culinary experiences in relaxed settings, under the theme of "big flavour." Erin Dunham, CEO of The Other Bird, is the other half of the creative team behind this growing family of restaurants. She likes painting, drinking big fat red wines and smoking cigars.



Limited tickets to Feast for the Senses 7 remain on sale for \$60 plus HST and are available online at [www.kwag.ca/feast](http://www.kwag.ca/feast) or by phone at 519-579-5860x100. Please note that guests must be age 19 or older to attend.

Feast for the Senses 2018 is sponsored by  **GOWLING WLG**

## ABOUT THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

Established in 1956, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) is Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery with an emphasis on contemporary art, offering creative and accessible experiences for all ages and segments of society. KWAG connects people and ideas through art, drawing the community into a shared experience of art that moves from sight to insight. The Gallery and its Permanent Collection of more than 4000 works is located within Centre In The Square.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral Confederacy), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples.

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## HOURS AND ADMISSION

T-W 9:30 am-5 pm, Thu 9:30 am-9 pm, Fri 9:30 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm

Open before most Centre In The Square performances

Admission to KWAG's exhibitions is free, courtesy of

