

## **The world's best chefs present an unforgettable journey with the 'Show Kitchen' at 2017 Abu Dhabi International Book Fair**

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 19 April 2017: The 27th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF), organised by Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority (TCA Abu Dhabi), will once again feature the 'Show Kitchen' corner, which aims to offer visitors a taste of the cultures of nations with particularly distinct flavours through live cooking shows performed by some of the world's best chefs.

The Show Kitchen corner offers a fantastic opportunity for culinary arts enthusiasts to observe the craft of preparing food, watch world-class chefs perform, learn some of the best modern culinary techniques and secrets from experts in the field, and learn about many new and innovative ideas. Additionally, visitors will have a chance to meet people who have the passion to create feasts with the most delicious dishes.

Masterchef Pankaj, the inaugural winner of India's first televised reality cooking show, MasterChef India which aired on Star Plus, will be participating at this year's ADIBF culinary experience. Miss Pankaj is also the brand ambassador for Master Chef Travels and Cox & Kings Worldwide. Show Kitchen will also play host to Chef Pawel Kazanowski, the executive chef responsible for all the Zuma restaurants in the Middle East and Turkey. Although he specialises in Japanese food, his passion for Polish cuisine and culture is very much alive, and he is proud to represent Poland in the UAE.

In addition, the Show Kitchen corner will feature Chef Julius Mutava, who is currently the head culinary instructor at the Culinary Boutique Dubai, and Chef Irfana Waheed, who began her cooking journey at the age of eight with her mother and grandmother. Joining them will be Chef Khawla Aissane, who was the manager of the first cake exhibition of traditional cakes in all regions of Morocco, held in Rabat, and first festival of Moroccan gastronomy in Agadir.

Furthermore, Chef Khaldoun Ghraizi will display Lebanese culinary expertise to visitors of the Show Kitchen and Chef Ritu Chaturvedi will share her experiences as a food blogger and stylist. In addition, Chef Maimoona, from India, will showcase her special, innovative style in improvising dishes with the visitors of this year's ADIBF.

Italian cuisine will be represented by Chef Angelo, who began his career as a trainee in Italian restaurants of various ratings, and Chef Manzoor, who is currently the Head Chef at Zabeel Palace, will be presenting his expertise in Pakistani cuisine.

Adding a unique local flavour to the Show Kitchen will be Emirati Chef Nisreen Al Marzooqi, who specialises in creating a fusion global and Arabic dishes and cooking creative yet simple dishes. As a treat, Turkish Chef Sefda Dorsan will present visitors with her Turkish desserts and appetisers, showcasing her extensive knowledge of Turkish cuisine. As the face of Mughlai cuisine, Chef Mohammed Mazheruddin, who is originally from Hyderabad but now lives in Dubai, will also be a part of this year's diverse series of cuisines at ADIBF. He is an expert in all kinds of Hyderabadi (Mughlai) dishes, and his work is known for its innovative simplicity.

Visitors to ADIBF will also have the chance to meet Chef Assia Othman, who hails from Morocco and is

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currently living in the UAE. She founded the TV cooking show Assia Kitchen and is a cookbook author in both Arabic and English.

Visitors to the Book Fair will also get a glimpse into the experiences of culinary historian and expert Charles Perry, who studied Middle Eastern Languages at Princeton, the University of California at Berkeley and the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies, Shmolan, Lebanon. He also worked as a journalist for Rolling Stone and the Los Angeles Times. Perry began collecting medieval Arab cookery manuscripts in 1980 and translated a number of pre-modern texts, including al-Baghdadi's The Book of Dishes.

The 27th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair will be held from 26th April - 2nd May at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Centre. It will be open to the public on April 26 at 11am, and then daily from 9am - 10pm, except Fridays, on which it will open from 4pm - 10pm.

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