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APPETISING PROGRAM DROPS FOR MELBOURNE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

The Melbourne Food and Wine Festival returns from 24 March to 2 April with more than 150 events set to draw food-lovers into Melbourne and surrounds for a taste of uniquely Victorian experiences.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today joined Food and Drink Victoria CEO Anthea Loucas Boshia to unveil the program which highlights Melbourne's culinary strengths.

The festival's international guest program is back with an exciting line-up of chefs from New York, London, Chang Mai and Kyoto including Melbourne's own, Curtis Stone.

Visiting chefs will team up with some of the city's most-loved establishments including Vue de monde, Smith and Daughters, and Embla to offer exclusive dining experiences.

The festival will take up residence at Fed Square with a weekend of events on 1-2 April featuring a retail pop-up, food events, music and entertainment, and free cooking demonstrations.

The Fed Square program features a celebration of Melbourne's finest bakers and pâtissiers at the Baker's Dozen, a celeb-inspired sausage sizzle at Celebrity Sausage, and The Festival Bar.

Other program highlights include the popular progressive dining series, Crawl n Bite, and West Side Wanders.

More than 3,000 tickets have been snapped up already for the World's Longest Lunch on Friday 24 March and World's Longest Brunch on Saturday 25 March. Together, these sold-out events will host more than 3,000 guests for a sit-down feast in the heart of Melbourne at Treasury Gardens.

The Melbourne Food and Wine Festival has been a mainstay of Melbourne's major events calendar for three decades, helping to cement Melbourne and Victoria's reputation as Australia's premier food and wine destination.

For more information, visit melbournefoodandwine.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"Victoria is well known as a vibrant dining destination that offers some of the best culinary experiences in Australia and the world."

"Melbourne Food and Wine Festival showcases some of our best industry talent and diverse produce, while offering unique experiences that draw more visitors and back our hospitality industry."

Quotes attributable to Food and Drink Victoria CEO Anthea Loucas Boshia

"We are thrilled to be back after an incredible 30th anniversary year. Our 2023 program highlights the extraordinary food and drink experiences that make Melbourne so special."

"The World's Longest Lunch and Brunch both sold out in record time late last year, and we're celebrating Melbourne's bakers and pâtissiers at our festival home, Fed Square, as well as international chefs who are collaborating with some of our very best venues."

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