



Filipino Food Takes Center Stage in *Ulam: Main Dish* at the 22nd Annual Vancouver Asian Film Festival

VAFF 22 Runs November 1-4 at the Cineplex Odeon International Village

VANCOUVER, BC – OCTOBER 22, 2018 – The 22nd Annual Vancouver Asian Film Festival (VAFF) is proud to showcase **ULAM: MAIN DISH** as their centerpiece presentation. The festival is set to run from November 1-4, 2018, at the Cineplex Odeon International Village Cinemas, 88 West Pender St., in Vancouver’s historic Chinatown. A “MASARAP” after party will follow in theme with the delicious documentary at Bao Down Gastropub + Raw Bar, 115 West 2nd Avenue.

Filipino-American filmmaker Alexandra Cuerdo follows the rise of Filipino food via the award-winning chefs crossing over to the center to the American table. **ULAM: MAIN DISH** stages this new culinary movement as not only a remarkable achievement for American restaurateurs, but also as a validation of Filipino culture.

The Pixar animated short-film **BAO** precedes the feature presentation. An aging Chinese mom suffering from empty nest syndrome gets another chance at motherhood when one of her dumplings springs to life as a lively, giggly dumpling boy.

Keeping with the theme of the night, a **Masarap After Party** at **Bao Down** closes off the evening. Filipino food will once again take center stage at one of Vancouver’s most loved Filipino fusion restaurants.

The theme for this year’s festival is **INFUSIAN**. Through this theme, **INFUSIAN** shines a spotlight upon the diverse artists, agitators, thinkers, and innovators who shape the living experience of contemporary Canadians. **INFUSIAN** tells the stories of individuals and communities blending together old and new, East and West, classic and cutting-edge, myriad ways of living and thinking that draw out the strengths and unique flavours from many different ingredients. It also reflects the undeniable hybridity of modern Canada, with multiple heritages, histories, and cultures both within and outside of the Asian diaspora coming together in countless combinations.

The 22nd Annual Vancouver Asian Film Festival will take place on November 1-4, 2018, at the Cineplex Odeon International Village Cinemas at 88 West Pender Street, in Vancouver’s historic Chinatown. There will be 13 programs during the festival, including projects from international and local filmmakers. The festival is set to showcase 10

feature length films, 21 short films, as well as a special presentation of 4 shorts in partnership with We Heart Canada + Japan 90, and an Industry Panel Series.

Tickets are now available online at www.vaff.org. Tickets may also be purchased during the festival on November 2-4 at the door. VIP passes, which gives guests priority access to all film screenings and special events, may also be purchased before or during the festival. More information about tickets, passes, and ticket bundles can be found at <http://festival.vaff.org/2018/tickets-passes/>. Media can request screeners, film stills, and more detailed information by contacting media@vaff.org.

About the Vancouver Asian Film Festival

The Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society (VAFF) is a not-for-profit organization that celebrates diversity in film. The longest-running Canadian film festival of its kind, VAFF was founded by independent filmmaker and writer Barbara K. Lee in 1995 and debuted in September 1997. VAFF is entirely organized and produced by a group of dedicated volunteers, and is made possible by generous financial support from corporate sponsors, public funders and private donors. Organizers are expecting close to 4,000 audience members over the four-day festival. Now on its 22nd year, this four day festival incorporates the theme of **INFUSIAN**, which shines a spotlight on individuals and communities who create new art and culture by blending together old and new, East and West, classic and cutting-edge, myriad ways of living and thinking. It also reflects the undeniable hybridity of modern Canada, with varied heritages, histories, and cultures coming together in endless combinations to create a vibrant cross-cultural landscape.

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