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SLOW FOOD RETURNS TO DENVER FOR THIRD ANNUAL SLOW FOOD NATIONS FOOD FESTIVAL, JULY 19-21, 2019

Leader Summit Tickets are On Sale Today at Early Bird Price

New York, NY/Denver, CO (February 6, 2019) — Today, [Slow Food USA](#) announced the schedule and registration for the 3rd annual **Slow Food Nations Leader Summit**. [Slow Food Nations](#) is a three-day international food festival that attracts 25,000 people to downtown Denver around the idea of clean, fair and good food for all. The weekend will feature seminars, tastings, talks and parties around the theme of “Where Tradition Meets Innovation.”

The **Slow Food Nations Leader Summit** is an intimate track of programming targeted at empowering, educating and training food movement leaders, Slow Food chapter leaders, farmers, students, chefs, educators and ambassadors. The Summit invites them to come together to learn new leadership skills, explore crucial issues in the food system and find ways to reinvigorate the Slow Food movement.

“The Leader Summit is a vital part of the Slow Food Nations weekend, creating new relationships and inspiring people to make great change in our food system,” says SFN Event Director Krista Roberts. “Every year we seek to make it more thought-provoking and give people real tools to make change in their communities.”

Highlights to the Leader Summit programming include a keynote on tradition and innovation, a training session on equity, inclusion and justice, and breakout sessions on individual passions.

This year, Slow Food will be offering Early Bird pricing: tickets are only \$150 for Slow Food members and \$250 for non-members until March 15th. After March 15, tickets are \$200 for Slow Food members and \$300 for non-members. There are a limited number of scholarships available. People can apply here by March 15.

The Leader Summit ticket includes a Thursday evening reception, Leader Summit registration and access to limited university housing and discounted hotel rooms with our partner, Kimpton hotels. After the official Leader Summit wraps, the public festival goes into full swing with the Taste Marketplace,

workshops, talks, and lots of free programming. This year, there will be spaces for Leader Summit participants to continue both focused meetings and informal meet ups throughout the weekend.

The Slow Food Nations weekend will bring together culinary luminaries and environmental thought-leaders for a mix of hands-on workshops and insightful panel discussions on important topics impacting the food system. Tickets for the rest of the weekend will go on sale starting May 1st. The weekend will feature more than 50 different free and ticketed food tastings, dinners, workshops, and family-friendly events devoted to sustainably-sourced food and drink, including the Taste Marketplace, a free open-air tasting pavilion and market.

About Slow Food:

Slow Food is a global, grassroots organization, founded in 1989 to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from and how our food choices affect the world around us. Since its beginnings, Slow Food has grown into a global movement involving millions of people in over 160 countries, working to ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food. There are over 150 chapters in the USA.

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