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Flatirons Food Film Festival announces a Sunday afternoon of ramen fun on March 12

Boulder, Colo. (March 21, 2017) – Tickets are now on sale for “Ramen! Ramen! Ramen!: 30th Anniversary Screening of *Tampopo*” from the Flatirons Food Film Festival.

Inspired by the current 30th anniversary re-release of the classic spaghetti western ramen comedy, *Tampopo*, the Flatirons Food Film Festival will screen a new digital restoration of the film on Sunday, March 12th in conjunction with the [International Film Series](#) at the University of Colorado at Boulder. A sampling of ramen by [Black Cat Bistro](#) and [Rama Ramen](#) will occur prior to the screening at Muenzinger Auditorium. After *Tampopo*, the action will move to [My Ramen & Izakaya](#) to give movie-goers the chance to enjoy a bowl of ramen and discuss the film.

Said festival director Julia Joun, “*Tampopo* is not only a comic masterpiece, it is also one of the greatest food films made. While we normally only screen films at our fall festival, this is a must-see film for all food and food film lovers. It is important for us to make films like *Tampopo* available on the big screen and celebrate *Tampopo* with a ramen-filled afternoon. We hope to hold other non-festival screenings and events during the year.”

One of Alice Waters’ and Chef Eric Skokan’s favorite food films, *Tampopo* is primarily the tale of a house wife’s relentless quest to learn to make perfect ramen for her inherited ramen restaurant, guided by a truck driver and a motley band of other helpers. It also includes surreal comedic sketches and the ongoing erotic exploits of a gastronomic gangster. Chefs like internationally known ramen restaurateur Chef Ivan Orkin, who watched *Tampopo* for the first time as a CU student, are on record as saying that *Tampopo* inspired them to cook professionally.

Along with the ramen sampling will be a Japanese knives showcase by Chef Elan Wenzel of [Chefs Custom Cutlery](#). Chef Wenzel is a chef at Sushi Sasa and member of the 2017 Denver FIVE roster. Chef James Van Dyk, who became obsessed with ramen in his four years working as a chef in Japan, will introduce the film.

The *Tampopo* screening will take place on Sunday, March 12th, 2-4:15pm at Muenzinger Auditorium on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus. Tickets are \$10. They are available at <http://www.tinyurl.com/FFFramen> and at the door. The ramen gathering at My Ramen & Izakaya in Boulder will follow the movie and take place from 4:30-6:30pm. Tickets are free and available at <http://www.tinyurl.com/FFFramenParty>.

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About Flatirons Food Film Festival

The 2016 Flatirons Food Film Festival is the fourth annual multi-day feast celebrating exceptional culinary cinema from various nations. It screens a diverse representation of films in format, both dramatic and

documentary, and subject matter, from political issues to the pleasure of cooking, eating, and drinking. Expert speakers and related events accompany the films. For more information, please visit www.flatironsfoodfilmfest.org. For interviews with Julia Joun, Director of the Flatirons Food Film Festival, contact Kuvy Ax at ROOT PR: kuvy@rootpr.com or 720.329.7327.