

FUFURE FOOD SALON. Voyage to Anthropocene 2025

In Voyage to Anthropocene (V2A), the third series of the Future Food Salon, passengers are invited to board a space-time craft bound for Earth in the epoch known as the Anthropocene, the period of the planet's evolution in which the greatest impact on the planet's very substance comes from humans. Onboard, lounge entertainment, an intrigue involving a stowaway, and refreshments amuse passengers until they reach their destination. There they disembark and sample earthly concoctions, from the Third Kingdom of Life: Fungi. While sipping exotic fungi cocktails and nibbling on mycelium meat canapés, visitors explore exhibits of the work of Earthling inventors, artists, farmers, architects and more, all of which detail planetary initiatives to mitigate (or hasten) the planet's climate crisis. Building on the previous two series, V2A introduces immersive theatre in this salon to foster an outerspace perspective on earth in the Anthropocene. This production is a black satire with the fun and verve of "Don't Look Up" and the macabre entertainment pulses and cabarets of the Weimar Republic as it recovered from one war only to descend into the Nazi era. Development of the script was supported by the Ontario Arts Council. Chefs, inventors, mixologists, artists, farmers, musicians, scientists, entrepreneurs, and authors from Canada, the US, and beyond populate the Salon engaging guests in collaborations on lasting ways to protect and enjoy Earth, to create new foods with fantastic fungi, and to exceed the highest culinary standards, managing feats we didn't even know how to dream about. The Salon is not about doom and gloom: emphatically it champions the promise of human ingenuity wed to the untapped possibilities of fungi and the will to get us out of this mess.

In the first two series, the Salon toured Toronto, Montreal, Austin and New York City (twice), garnering worldwide press attention, spawning new collaborations and products and trading on the Salon's most prized currency: imagination. Please visit: futurefoodsalon.com

This third series is entertaining invitations to cities across North America, as well as interest from Europe.

Won't you join us?



Year of First Future Food Salon: 2011 Number of Future Food Salons and associated events to date: 11 Number of Future Food Salons: 6 Number of Future Food Salon Banquets: 2 Number of Science Museum Co-sponsorships: 2 Number of guests to the Salons (not including banquets and tastings): 1200 Average age (estimate) of guests: 32 Number of cities in which the first Future Food Salon took place? 1 Number of cities in which the second series of Future Food Salon has taken place: 4 Number of music ensembles which have performed at the Salon: 4 Number of chefs who have cooked for the Salon: 12 Number of national and international television broadcast articles: 6 Number of national and international print media articles: 16 Number of continents with media coverage: 4 Number of countries of media coverage: 6 Number of first page coverage article in national newspaper: 1 Number of first page banner photos on national newspapers linking to article: 3 Number of national magazines: 3 Number of local news print and broadcast articles: 16 Number of business news articles in national newspapers: 6 Number of insect as food companies in Canada and US in 2011: 1 (Hotlix Candy) Number of insect as food companies in Canada and US in 2019: 50+ Estimated reach of ideas transmitted through broadcast and print media: 2,000,000+