

## Waterstones celebrates food and drink authors at Blenheim Palace Food Festival

Waterstones Oxford will join Fantastic British Food Festivals at magnificent Blenheim Palace this late May bank holiday weekend, 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May 2016, from 10am-5pm.

Building on the success of 2015's festival which saw 20,000 visitors over 3 days, this year's Blenheim Palace Food Festival features an exciting programme of events which includes cookery demonstrations from Great British Bake Off 2015 finalist, Tamal Ray and MasterChef finalist 2105, Tony Rodd. Food and drink authors will join them in taking centre stage, with expert demonstrations and talks on culinary topics as diverse as the history of the British pudding and how to prepare sauerkraut, taken from their newly published books. Visitors will be able to meet the authors and buy signed copies from the Waterstones marquee, which will also sell a variety of other bestselling food, drink, lifestyle and children's titles.



Meet the authors:

**Regula Ysewijn – *Pride and Pudding***

**Katie and Giancarlo Caldesi - *Around the World in Salads***

**Nick Barnard - *Eat Right***

**Katharine Tate - *Heat Free and Healthy***

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 12.30 pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1.00 pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 3.00 pm &

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1.00 pm

Grainne Ashton, Group Marketing Manager for Fantastic British Food Festivals said *"We are delighted to be working with Waterstones Oxford this year and for books to become a bigger part of our visitors' festival experience. Our guest authors bring an exciting range of recipes and knowledge to the event and we're looking forward to being entertained and educated by their food and drink demonstrations. As well as being able to purchase fresh regional food and drink and edible gifts to take home, customers will now be able to buy beautiful new books, meet authors in person and secure exclusive signed copies"*

Zoe Greaves, Events Co-ordinator at Waterstones Oxford commented *"Blenheim Palace is a stunning location and we are really looking forward to being part of the food festival. We've selected the best new titles for visitors and can't wait to meet them, along with some wonderful food and drink authors, at our marquee over the May Bank Holiday weekend."*

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**Blenheim Palace** is the home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. This masterpiece of 18th century baroque architecture boasts over 300 years of history and is a World Heritage Site, surrounded by more than 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped Parkland and Formal Gardens. Not only an iconic part of history, Blenheim Palace is a living and changing experience with a wealth of events, themed tours and exhibitions throughout the year. [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

**Fantastic British Food Festivals** is part of the TCE Group. Now in its 4th year, Fantastic British Food Festivals create quality food and drink festivals at beautiful locations. They work with stunning venues, exciting food producers and talented chefs to produce outstanding food and drink events. [www.fantasticfoodfestivals.com](http://www.fantasticfoodfestivals.com)

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