

Local restaurants preparing for 7th annual Taste of Orangeville



By Julia Lloyd

2019 marks the seventh annual Taste of Orangeville. A total of 16 businesses will be participating in this year's event, making it the biggest in its history.

"The restaurants don't make a lot of money and they know that. This event is all about getting their food tasted by food lovers in the community," said Alison Scheel, the general manager of Business Improvement Area (BIA)

The event will take place on Mill Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 17. Mill Street will be closed from Friday morning to Sunday morning at noon. On Friday night there will be the annual Great Taste Fashion Gala, promoting local stores and designers.

New this year, Soulyve will host an after party on Saturday night (Aug. 17). This will be the BIA's first time organizing an after-party for the Taste of Orangeville.

In true Soulyve tradition, Caribbean music will be a big part of the evening, as well as a cash bar with beer, cider and mixed drinks, including live entertainment. A \$5 cover charge will apply.

The first to play will be Errol Blackwood and InJah Band (Live Roots Reggae) between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. two more live entertainers will perform, DNA project ft. Carlos Morgan (Funk, Soul, RNB), and Big-Toes HiFi (DJ Dance Party: Reggae, AfroBeats and Latin Dance).

This year's Great Taste Fashion Gala will see great looks from the following businesses: Go Yoga, Off Broadway Boutique, Michele Taras Designs, Pear Home, Shoe Kat shoe and Seconds Count. Tickets for the gala will include delicious tasters and are \$25 or \$30 in advance, including tax.

The first 100 people to arrive will receive a free Great Taste Swag Bag. This event is licensed and space is limited, according to BIA. Tickets are available at particular retailers and at [DowntownOrangeville.ca](#).

The tickets for Saturday's event individually cost \$1.25, however, depending on how big each "tasting" portion is offered at each booth. The amount of tickets depends on the type of food and portion size.

This year is the biggest yet with 16 restaurants participating. All the restaurants are local and, while it used to feature only restaurants in the downtown core, the event has expanded this year to invite all independent restaurants from around Orangeville.

The participating restaurants will include: Barley Vine Rail Co. (BVR) Revival 1863, Black Wolf Smokehouse, Bluebird Café & Grill, Coriander Kitchen, The Edge Wine Bar, Fromage & Bistro, Rustik Local Bistro, Lavender Blue Catering, Mochaberry Coffee

Co., Mill Creek Pub, RJ's Taste of Asia, Steakhouse 63, Sul Irmaos Smokehouse, Trattoria Semplice and Wicked Shortbread.

?There is everything from Indian to Italian food and everything in-between,? said Scheel, general manager of BIA.

Come out and celebrate the best Orangeville has to offer; excellent shopping, delicious local food and great live music.