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Chef Michael Smith to Help Make this Holiday Season the Merriest Ever

Deerhurst Resort Welcomes the Popular Chef for its "Merry in Muskoka Weekend"

September 14, 2016 – Huntsville, ON. Chef Michael Smith has a thing for fresh, simple food, relaxed entertaining and sharing great times with friends - especially during the festive season. This November 11 - 13, he's inviting food fans to join him for all three for the "Merry in Muskoka" weekend at Deerhurst Resort on Peninsula Lake near Huntsville.

The two-night holiday-inspired getaway will showcase dishes from Chef Michael's newest cookbook, *Real Food, Real Good* and offer guests multiple opportunities to meet, mingle and learn from one of Canada's best known chefs. From start to finish, guests can expect to be treated to the East Coast chef's signature high-energy style, story-telling and creative culinary tips.

The weekend kicks off with a "Holiday Open House" reception on Friday evening, where guests can sample wine, craft beer and appetizers at a variety of food stations, including one hosted by Chef Michael himself. On Saturday, guests will enjoy a bountiful breakfast, browsing the onsite Holiday Marketplace for unique gifts, a cook-book signing session, and a "Let's Talk Turkey" workshop sponsored by the Turkey Farmers of Ontario.

The highlight of the weekend will be Saturday night's "Merry in Muskoka" event where Chef Michael will lead the room in a fun-filled, interactive dinner party where everyone gets to join in the festivities.

"This will be Chef Michael Smith's fifth event at Deerhurst, and his style is a natural fit with the relaxed atmosphere of Muskoka," explains Jesse Hamilton, Deerhurst Resort's General Manager. "His easy going hospitality, humour and down-home yet upscale food make him a guest favourite year after year."

A passionate advocate for simple, sustainable home cooking and a healthy food lifestyle, Chef Michael Smith is an award-winning cookbook author and culinary activist best known as the host of numerous Food Network Canada shows including Chef Michael's Kitchen, Chef at Home and Chef Abroad. He's also a judge on Chopped Canada and has traveled the world for his innovative web series, Lentil Hunter.

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“Merry in Muskoka” packages start from \$399 per person, based on double occupancy, and include two nights’ accommodation, Friday evening reception, Saturday breakfast, turkey workshop, cookbook signing session (books not included) and Saturday interactive dinner. A nightly resort fee and taxes are extra. To book or learn more, visit deerhurstresort.com/michael-smith or call 1-855-243-7104.

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