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# UBUD FOOD FESTIVAL 2020 PRESENTED BY ABC POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Ubud, Indonesia-

Due to the current worldwide concern of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Yayasan Mudra Swari Saraswati as the organizer of Ubud Food Festival 2020 Presented by ABC (UFF20) has decided to postpone the Festival until 26–28 June 2020. The safety and health of Festival-goers, speakers, vendors, staff, volunteers and people of Ubud is our top priority.

As an important part of the Ubud community and Indonesia's overall culinary scene, UFF has a responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the community stays healthy and safe. With a large Festival gathering, the Foundation does not have the capacity to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. With travelers now being advised not to travel to Bali, this is also jeopardizing the Festival's sustainability.

UFF20 is now scheduled for 26-28 June 2020. The team is optimistic that by then, government and community efforts will have effectively prevented the spread of COVID-19. UFF20 can then present the long-awaited culinary Festival in a safe, comfortable and healthy way.

"We are overwhelmed by the support from participating chefs and speakers over our decision and we are grateful for the kind offers to assist with this change," said UFF Founder and Director Janet DeNeefe. "We would never do anything that could potentially cause harm to our community. We'll continue to follow the news surrounding this topic to ensure we present a safe and fun Festival."

The Foundation trusts that given the current situation, which is continuously evolving, everyone involved will understand the decision. The new program and full lineup will be announced as soon as possible. All ticket buyers have the opportunity to refund their ticket or keep the amount as a deposit for UFF20 in June.



# **More Information**

- Visit <u>ubudfoodfestival.com/faqs</u> for more information about the Ubud Food Festival 2020 postponement.
- For latest updates, follow **@ubudfoodfest** on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Please use the hashtags #UFF20 and #ABCUFF20

## **Testimonial**

- "One of Southeast Asia's most popular gourmet gatherings" - *Travel + Leisure* 

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