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**Foxtel commissions new local production for LifeStyle FOOD**

## **Maggie in Japan**

**A one-hour special for 2017**

Foxtel announced today the commissioning of a new local production, ***Maggie in Japan***, a one-hour special featuring culinary icon and *The Great Australian Bake Off* judge, Maggie Beer.

To be screened on Foxtel's LifeStyle FOOD in 2017, ***Maggie in Japan*** will follow the much loved cook as she travels to Japan to explore and experience the essence of Japanese cuisine and some of the unique cooking techniques found across the country.

Maggie has a fascination for the culture and ingredients of Japan and so, with the help of both traditional chefs and the new wave, she'll immerse herself in the local food and lives of her culinary guides.

During the programme, we'll also get to know more about Maggie herself and why Japan has some rather unique food memories for her. For Maggie, this will be an unforgettable search for the heart of Japanese food and a passionate exploration of flavour.

General Manager of The LifeStyle Channels, **Hannah Barnes**, said: "Maggie has gained a whole new raft of fans following the huge success of *The Great Australian Bake Off* and we are thrilled to extend our relationship with her with this unique new one hour special.

***Maggie in Japan*** is a perfect addition to the LifeStyle FOOD programming line-up, and will give our loyal audience an insight into Maggie's passion for food."

Maggie Beer said: "I have had some of the greatest food experiences of my life in Japan. I am fascinated by every part of their food culture where there is such pride in every person in the cycle of food at every level. It's a truly passionate endeavour for me to discover even more and be able to share this excitement with everyone."

***Maggie in Japan*** joins a growing line-up of quality local productions on LifeStyle FOOD, including *The Great Australian Bake Off* and *Donna Hay: Basics to Brilliance*.

Maggie will travel to Japan to film the special later this year. Produced by Lingo Pictures exclusively for Foxtel, ***Maggie in Japan*** will air on LifeStyle FOOD in 2017.



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