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## Colm Feore bowl up for auction for Empty Bowls charity

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University's Robert Langen Art Gallery will host its third Empty Bowls charity event, featuring a silent auction for a celebrity bowl created by American-Canadian actor Colm Feore. The event takes place on Laurier's Waterloo campus Thursday, May 16.

Empty Bowls is a long-running annual fundraiser for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region organized by the Waterloo Potters' Workshop and the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery. Laurier's involvement began in 2011 when it hosted a special parallel event to celebrate the university's 100th anniversary.

This year, members of the Waterloo Potters' Workshop will again create 100 bowls for the Laurier event. Participants will have the chance to pick their bowls, which will then be washed and readied for the five gourmet soups provided by Laurier's Food Services and ARAMARK Canada at the event in Laurier's Theatre Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while the Tim Louis Jazz Trio performs. This year's event also includes two door prizes of \$100 gift certificates donated by the Laurier Bookstore.

"This is the gallery's third year hosting Empty Bowls and I am thrilled that our Laurier community has shown such support and enthusiasm for this initiative," said Suzanne Luke, curator of the Robert Langen Art Gallery. "Not only do we annually raise more than \$4,000 for The Food Bank of Waterloo Region, but also through this event we give a voice to the issues surrounding hunger in our region."

Earlier this year Feore spent an afternoon at the Waterloo Potters' Workshop making his bowl for the auction, which begins online Wednesday, April 3 at <https://web.wlu.ca/emptybowls>. Feore was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but grew up in Windsor, Ontario. He has performed in more than 20 Stratford Festival productions and appeared in numerous film, theatre and television productions in Canada and abroad, including *Thor*, *Trudeau*, *The Sum of All Fears* and *24*.

The bowls will be on exhibition in the Robert Langen Art Gallery May 8-15, from noon to 5 p.m. (except Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12). Tickets for the event are \$40 and go on sale Wednesday, April 3. Tickets must be purchased in person at the gallery by cash or cheque (payable to Wilfrid Laurier University). For more information, contact Suzanne Luke at [sluke@wlu.ca](mailto:sluke@wlu.ca).

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