

Todd Saunders in Residence at Fogo Island Inn

On Fogo Island, Newfoundland

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Fogo Island, NL., Thursday, March 8, 2018 — Returning just in time for Fogo Island Inn's 5th birthday month, Newfoundland-born, Norway-based architect Todd Saunders will be in residence at Fogo Island between Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 21, 2018. Besides completing work on the Inn at one of the four corners of the Earth, Saunders has gone on to lead architectural projects around the globe, with a practice that includes both private and public clients.

Now, he returns to his home province of Newfoundland and Labrador to reconnect with Fogo Island Inn's guests and staff, as well as the singular community that has been behind the Inn's success, from conceptualization through construction and half a decade's worth of successful operations. Guests at the Inn during Todd's time in residence will have ample opportunities to meet and speak with Todd about his work and his practice, hear talks from the architect in the Inn's cinema, join guided architecture walks, and uncover the deeper set of ideas and values that led to the seemingly improbable realization of these modern structures in rural Newfoundland.

Saunders Architecture is based in Bergen, Norway and is about to open offices in London, Toronto, and New York. Todd Saunders has completed projects in over 10 different countries and continues to be commissioned all over the world to make architecture in vast natural spaces. His first project in Ontario, Canada has

commenced on Lake Rosseau and several projects are currently under construction on the edge of Banff, Alberta.

Fogo Island is a place rich in traditional vernacular outport architecture, punctuated by the Saunders-designed contemporary structures that have garnered worldwide attention. The Fogo Island Inn and the four Fogo Island Arts artist studios that dot the remote Island's landscape have used the power of design to stir present-day relevance for centuries-old building techniques. According to Zita Cobb, Founder of Shorefast, the charity behind the Inn and the Fogo Island Arts program, "We've been building little wooden structures on Fogo Island for four hundred years. Few people noticed. Therein lies the power of contemporary architecture and design."

Guests of Fogo Island Inn staying during **The Architect: Todd Saunders in Residence** itinerary will witness that power first-hand. Through learning, conversation, and interaction, guests will discover much more than simply beautiful buildings: after all, Fogo Island Inn is a 100% social business that returns all profits to a charity, Shorefast, for reinvestment in community. Resolutely local, the Inn generates meaningful employment and "holds on" to Fogo Island's history and culture, while the Fogo Island Arts artist-in-residence program "reaches out" into the wider world to bring international artists to the Island.

The Architect: Todd Saunders in Residence weekend at Fogo island Inn

commences on Friday, May 18, 2018. For an off-island preview of Todd Saunders' reflections on the past ten years of his pioneering projects, the public is also invited to a talk at the Art Gallery of Ontario on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. More information on the event can be found here:

<https://ago.ca/events/todd-saunders-what-does-10-10-equal>

More information on Fogo Island Inn's **The Architect: Todd Saunders in Residence** itinerary can be found [here](#) or by calling toll-free at **1-855-268-9277** or direct at **709-658-3444**.

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers recently voted Fogo Island Inn Best Resort Hotel, Canada, and it was named 12th on T+L's Best List for 2017. Fogo Island Inn made the Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List 2016 and 2017—the editors' choice list spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US magazine comes on the heels of a place on the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, Condé Nast Traveller. Fogo Island Inn sits on an Island, off an Island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Built on the principles of sustainability and respect for nature and culture, the award-winning Inn was designed by architect Todd Saunders. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travelers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land- and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander. Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at: 855-268-9277.

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