Salt and Serenity

Winter Squash and Arugula Salad

Serves 4

1 small butternut squash, peeled and cut into ¼ inch thin slices

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup hazelnuts
- 1 small pomegranate, seeded
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- 1⁄2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1-5 ounce box of washed baby arugula
 - 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Toss cut squash with olive oil, maple syrup, brown sugar, salt and pepper and spread out in a single layer on baking sheet. Roast squash for 35-40 minutes until tender and caramelized to a golden brown colour. Remove from oven and set aside.
 - 2. While squash is roasting, place hazelnuts on a second baking sheet. Place in oven with squash and toast for about 10 minutes until they begin to smell fragrant and skins are blistered. Wrap nuts in a kitchen towel and let steam 1 minute. Rub nuts in towel to remove loose skins (don't worry about skins that don't come off) and cool completely. Coarsely chop hazelnuts and set aside.
 - 3. Whisk together lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, honey, salt and pepper.
 - 4. Spread out arugula on a large serving platter. Drizzle with about 3 tablespoons of dressing. Arrange roasted squash over arugula. Scatter chopped hazelnuts and pomegranate seeds over the squash. Drizzle with a bit more dressing. Serve.