PUMPKIN BISQUE

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Ingredients:
- 2 cups pumpkin, butternut squash or sweet potato
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 ½ cup diced shallots
- 3 ½ cups vegetable stock
- 5 cloves garlic
- 5 aji dulce peppers, chopped
- 1 ½ teaspoon maple syrup
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- Cracked black pepper, to taste

* Ingredients available seasonally at your neighborhood Greenmarket

Instructions:

1. Roast pumpkin at 375 for 30 minutes until tender.

2. Sauté onions and garlic over medium heat in olive oil until translucent.

3. Using a high-speed or immersion blender, combine pumpkin, onions and garlic, stock, maple syrup and spices and blend until smooth.

4. Warm soup in saucepan. Serve hot, garnish with pumpkin seeds and drizzle of pumpkin seed oil, if desired.