## Brew, Food & Music Lineup Announced for 6th Annual "Brew in the Lou" at Francis Park - Oct. 13, 2018

(St. Louis, MO) September 20, 2018 - LESA's 6th Annual "Brew in the Lou" Festival, presented by Thrivent Financial, will offer one-stop tasting of St. Louis's best beer, wine, spirits and food favorites when it returns to Francis Park, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, from 1-5 p.m. More than 60 tasting stations will line the banks of The Lily Pond, including 40 local, regional and national craft breweries, distilleries and wineries.

New and returning favorites include:

- Boulevard Brewing Co.
- Beer Sauce Shop (NEW)
- <u>Brew Hub Taproom</u> (NEW)
- Brick River Cider (NEW)
- Cathedral Square Brewery
- Center Ice Brewery
- <u>Charleville Brewing</u> (NEW)
- Crown Valley Brewery
- <u>Deschutes Brewery</u> (NEW)
- Earthbound Brewery
- Ferguson Brewery
- Goose Island
- Heavy Riff Brewing Co.
- Hopskellar Brewing Co.
- Kirkwood Station Brewery
- Lieferbrau Brewing Co. (NEW)
- Main Street Brewing Co.
- Missouri Beer Company
- Modern Brewery
- Narwhal's Crafted Ice (NEW)
- Odell Brewing Co.
- O'Fallon Brewery
- Old Bakery Beer
- Peel Brewing Co.
- Public House Brewing Company
- Saint Louis Hop Shop
- Second Shift Brewery (NEW)
- Six Mile Bridge
- Square One Brewery & Distillery
- Steampunk Brewery
- Third Wheel Brewing Co.
- Urban Chestnut Brewing Co.

- Wellspent Brewing Co.
- Wellbeing Brewing Co. (NEW)
- Bubbly Sparkling Water (NEW)
- Wood Hat Spirits
- J.Rieger & Co.
- Mastermind Vodka (NEW)
- Stumpy's Spirits & Distillery
- St. James Winery
- Stone Hill Winery
- <u>Lindwedel Winery</u> (NEW)

New and returning food favorites include: Gioa's Deli (NEW), Grace, Meat + Three (NEW), The Stellar Hog, J. Smugs Gastro Pit, Red Top BBQ (NEW), Bootleggin' BBQ, The Wacked Out Weiner (NEW), Gallagher's Pizza, Dogtown Pizza, Swiss Meats, Old Vienna, Noodles & Co., Pretzel Boys (NEW), Salsa Rose Products, Double G Ham and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Brew Marketplace: <u>Craft Your Keg</u>, <u>Series Six</u>, <u>Gloria's Unique Boutique</u>, <u>Indigo Home</u>, <u>The Crafted Bone</u>, <u>Benton Park Prints</u>, <u>Paparrazi Accessories</u>, <u>The Spotted Pig</u>, <u>Timid Lion Caricatures</u>, <u>Bomber Jacket</u>, <u>Expedition Subsahara</u>, <u>Costco</u>, <u>Cierra Gardens Hot Sauce Sriracha Granda</u>, <u>CEAM</u>, <u>Renewal by Anderson</u>, <u>Universal Windows</u>, <u>Alenco Windows</u> and <u>Thrivent Financial</u>.

**Brew VIP Tent:** Fallon's Bar & Grill, Jameson Cask Mates and 4 Hands Brewing are the Official Sponsors of the VIP Tent.

**Brew Watering Hole:** We're excited to welcome <u>Purina</u> as our **2018 Brew Watering Hole Sponsor**, providing respite and refreshments for pets and their owners.

**Entertainment:** Enjoy live music from <u>Catfish and The Big Boss Blues Band</u>, the Lutheran South Jazz Band and <u>KEZK</u> & <u>Y98</u>. FOX 2's Jeff Bernthal will emcee and <u>KMOX</u> will be on-site. Fans can also vote for their favorite home brews and homemade chili in our ultra-competitive People's Choice competitions.

And new this year, we're excited to announce an additional "Brew in the Lou" homebrew competition sanctioned by the St. Louis Area Home Brewer's Guild to benefit our schools. Registration is open now and will be limited to 150 entries. There will be two judging sessions, on Mon., Oct. 8 at 6 p.m., and Wed., Oct. 11 at 6 p.m., both at Square One Brewery, 1727 Park Ave., in the Lafayette Square Neighborhood. Judges and stewards are also needed. Visit <a href="https://stlbrews.brewcompetition.com/">https://stlbrews.brewcompetition.com/</a> to register or apply.

**Wristbands** are \$40 advance/\$50 day-of-event and can be bought online at <a href="https://www.LESAstl.org">www.LESAstl.org</a>, or over the phone at (314) 200-0797. (Advanced ticket sales close Fri., Oct. 12 at noon.) Admission includes **unlimited tastings** and a keepsake **commemorative glass**. Children and pets welcome.

Proceeds benefit students and teachers served by the St. Louis-based <u>Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)</u>. Last year's "Brew in the Lou" sold out for the first time in the event's history, attracting **2,500 beer and food enthusiasts** and raising a record **\$91,000** for Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area.

More than **8,800 children of all faiths** attend LESA member Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area, making Lutheran schools the **second-largest private school system** in the Bi-State Region. A Recognized Service Organization of the <u>Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod</u>, LESA represents 30 elementary schools, four high schools and five related agencies. For more information and a list of member schools, visit <a href="https://www.lesastl.org">www.lesastl.org</a>.

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