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## "CONNECTICUT PIZZA & BREW FEST" RETURNS TO HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER CONNOISSEUR MEDIA PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW HAVEN PIZZA SCHOOL BRINGS TASTY FESTIVAL BACK TO BRIDGEPORT

BRIDGEPORT, CT – Following a spectacular debut last summer, the "Connecticut Pizza and Brewfest" returns to the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater this summer. Connoisseur Media and New Haven Pizza School join forces again to celebrate Connecticut's rich pizza culture and the shared passion for brews at this annual event. Scheduled for August 11, 2024, from 12pm to 4:30pm, pizza lovers and aficionados are



invited to indulge in a day filled with delicious pizza, craft brews, live music, and festive entertainment.

"Connecticut is all about pizza, especially the Charred kind! With the huge success we had last year, we are super excited to be coming up on our follow up event in three weeks at the Amp in Bridgeport, CT Pizza & Brew Fest 2024! Bigger, better, stronger and faster. We have doubled both pizza trucks and craft breweries from 2023, and even have 2 live bands and three pizza panels. It's the biggest stand-alone pizza fest in the state," said Frank Zabski of the New Haven Pizza School, one of the organizers of the event.

"We're thrilled to welcome back the CT Pizza & Brew Fest to the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater. The amp is the ideal venue for an event that combines pizza, brews, and live entertainment," stated Howard Saffan, President of Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater. "For us, it's also an opportunity to showcase our beautiful venue and offer a platform for local vendors and musicians to shine. We're looking forward to another successful event."

The Connecticut Pizza & Brew Fest celebrates all things pizza, craft beer, and desserts, with about fifty (50) vendors serving up flavors. The lineup of participating pizza vendors includes Alphonse's Italian Street Food, Bella Maria Apizza Truck, Big Green Truck Pizza, Cast Iron Chef Pizza, Dough Girls, East Coast Pizza, Frank Pepe Pizzeria, Grand Apizza, Little Italy Pizza Truck, Nautilus Milford, New Haven Pizza Truck, Red Planet Pizza & BBQ, Sabores de Leña, Silver Sands Pizza, Slice of New Haven, Smoking Mirrors Pizza, The Parlor: A Pizza Joint, Una Dolce Vita, Rolling Inferno Pizza Truck and Zuppardi's Apizza. For your sweet tooth visit Auntie Sheelah's, Michele's Pies, Valley Jim's Soft Serve, and Micalizzi's Brainfreeze Bar.

The beverage lineup features Alvarium Beer Company, Athletic Brewing Co., BADSONS Beer Co., Barn Brew Co., Berlinetta Brewing, Big Machine Distillery, City Steam Brewery, Counter Weight Brewing, CT Valley Brewing, Cutwater, Devil's Purse Brewing Co., Downeast Cider House, Elicit Brewing Company, Fifth State Distillery, Fisher Island Lemonade, Foolproof Brewing Company, HEDLUM, Heineken Silver, Other Half Brewing Co., Pirate Water, Reyes Agave, RIPE Bar Juice, Sixpoint Brewery, Velvet Llama, Waterbird Spirits, WeHa Brewing Company, and Whalers Brewing Company.

The Fest will also include panel discussions hosted by icons of New Haven Pizza featuring some of the most famous pizzerias with topics ranging from "How to make a New Haven Style Pizza" to making the perfect dough.

Connecticut Pizza & Brew Fest is sponsored by: Brown Roofing, New Haven Pizza School, Chevrolet of Milford, CT Window Film & Tint, Sacred Heart Brewing Science Program, The Haymond Law Firm, Dean's Stove & Spa, ELC Energy Solutions, and Connoisseur Media Connecticut. Special thanks to partners: Campus Customs, the City of Bridgeport and the Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater.

Tickets options include VIP hour with a limited number of tickets available from 12pm-1pm which allows guests allyou-can-eat pizza samples for \$65 per person; or General Admission from 1pm-4:30pm, for \$30 for adults, with \$3 cheese slices and many other options available. VIP tickets first come-first served and will not be available at the door. There will be a very limited GENERAL ADMISSION tickets available at the door. <u>Click here</u> for tickets and event information.

For more information about the event visit <u>www.ctpizzaandbrewfest.com</u> or follow Connecticut Pizza and Brew Fest on social media @ctpizzaandbrewfest.