

Taste of BETHESDA

 **Saturday, October 6
11am – 4pm**

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SAVOR THE DAY: TASTE OF BETHESDA

29th Annual Food and Music Festival Set for Saturday, October 6, 2018

September 21, 2018 (Bethesda, MD) - Taste of Bethesda returns on **Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 11am-4pm** and will bring nearly 50 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, downtown Bethesda's famous food and music festival celebrates 29 years of diverse and delectable cuisine offered by Bethesda's local restaurant community.

Taste of Bethesda is located on Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray and Auburn Avenues in the heart of Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Five stages showcase musical and cultural performances, and a children's area featuring art and craft activities, balloons and face painting will provide additional entertainment for young visitors.

As downtown Bethesda continues to grow, several new restaurants will debut at Taste of Bethesda this year: The Big Greek Café, CherCher Ethiopian Cuisine, Dog Haus Biergarten, Lucy Ethiopian Restaurant, The Red Bandana Bakery and True Food Kitchen among others. Returning favorites such as Duck Duck Goose, Georgetown Cupcake, Jaleo, Mussel Bar, Olazzo, Ruth's Chris and many more will also be in attendance this year.

Live entertainment will complement the annual Taste of Bethesda and will feature the following bands on five stages: 19th Street Band, Aztec Sun, Elikeh, Jay Byrd & The Musical Trust, Joker's Wild, Rochelle Rice (2018 Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards winner), Sara Jones and Sweet Saludos will fill Woodmont Triangle during Taste of Bethesda. The cultural music and dance stage will present Ancient Rhythms Dance Company, Coyaba Dance Theater, The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, Urban Artistry and Wong Chinese Lion Dancers.

Admission to Taste of Bethesda is free. Tickets will be sold on-site to "taste" different foods; tickets are \$5 for four tickets and a serving costs one to four tickets. The event is located three blocks from the Bethesda Metro station. Free parking is also available in downtown Bethesda's public garages. The free Bethesda Circulator will transport visitors to and from the Bethesda Metro station and public garages.

Teaming up and serving as sponsors for the festivities will be Suburban Hospital, BGE Home, Brightview Bethesda Woodmont, Gallery Bethesda II, Marriott, MobileNOW!, Olde Towne Pet Resort,

PM Pediatrics, TD Bank, Washington Episcopal School, Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, *Bethesda Magazine*, Metro, mix 107.3, *Washington Parent* and 105.9FM/AM630WMAL.

Participating Restaurants

Alatri Bros.	Medium Rare
Benihana of Tokyo	MoMo Chicken & Grill
BGR The Burger Joint	Morton's The Steakhouse
The Big Greek Café	Mussel Bar & Grille
Brickside Food & Drink	Olazzo
Chef Tony's Seafood	The Original Pancake House
CherCher Ethiopian Cuisine	Paisano's Pizza
Delina Eritrean Urban Kitchen	Passage to India
Dog Haus Biergarten	Peet's Coffee
Duck Duck Goose	Quartermaine Coffee Roasters
Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle	The Red Bandana Bakery
George's Chophouse	Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
Georgetown Cupcake	Ruth's Chris Steak House
Guapo's Restaurant	Shangri-La
Häagen-Dazs	Silver: New American Brasserie
The Halal Guys	Smoke BBQ
Hanaro Sushi	Smoothie King
Henry's Sweet Retreat	Tandoori Nights
Jaleo	Tapp'd Bethesda
Kadhai Boutique Indian Cuisine	Tout de Sweet Pastry Shop
Lucy Ethiopian Restaurant	Tropical Smoothie Café
Mamma Lucia	True Food Kitchen

Entertainment Schedule

St. Elmo Stage

11:15am – Rochelle Rice (*Jazz/Soul*)
1:45pm – Elikeh (*Afropop*)

Cordell Avenue Stage

11:30am – Joker's Wild (*Swing*)
2pm – 19th Street Band (*Bluegrass*)

Norfolk Avenue Stage

11:15am – Sweet Saludos (*Latin*)
1:45pm – Aztec Sun (*Funk*)

Auburn Stage

11am – Coyaba Dance Theater (*West African*)
12pm – Urban Artistry (*Hip-Hop*)
1pm – Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance (*Irish*)
2pm – Ancient Rhythms Dance Company (*Middle Eastern*)
3pm – Wong Chinese Lion Dancers (*Chinese*)

Veterans Park

11am – Sara Jones (*Jazz*)
1:30pm – Jay Byrd & The Musical Trust (*Alt-County*)

For more information, please call 301/215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Established by Montgomery County in 1994, the **Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc. (BUP)** has grown from two full-time staff members to more than 35 employees working in maintenance, marketing, transportation management and administration. In its 20-year operation, BUP created Bethesda Transportation Solutions (BTS) in 2000, established the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District in 2002, took over management of the Bethesda Circulator in 2006, and opened Gallery B in 2011 and Studio B in 2014. For a closer look, please visit www.bethesda.org.