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The Washington Beer Commission Presents
BELGIANFEST

Saturday, February 2, 2013 • Bell Harbor International Conference Center

Seattle, WA - On February 2nd, 2013, The Washington Beer Commission will celebrate its 4th Annual Belgianfest beer tasting event. The festival will be held on Seattle's waterfront at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center (Pier 66) and will feature 34 Washington breweries showcasing more than 80 unique varieties of Belgian style beer.

Belgian beer has an interesting history, with clear origins in the Belgian abbeys of the Middle Ages. First brewed by monks, it was a way to remain industrious and earn income for the abbey. Little did they know they were crafting beer unlike anywhere else in the world, with distinct, recognizable tastes such as citrus, vanilla and cloves to name a few.

Popular Belgian beer styles include Lambics, Witbiers, Dubbels, Tripels and Saisons. The key thing that differentiates Belgian beer is its yeast. Though many of the other ingredients remain the same, Belgian yeast creates flavors and aromas that no other strain can. The 34 Washington brewers participating in Belgianfest will be using Belgian yeast, along with their creativity to craft delicious Belgian style beers.

Belgianfest will host two sessions: Noon-4pm and 5:30-9:30pm. Admission is \$35 advance or \$40 at the door and includes a tasting glass and ten 4oz samples. Separate tickets are required for each session. Tickets are available online at www.washingtonbeer.com and at select ticket outlets. There will be food for sale from Dante's Inferno Dogs and Sweet Iron Waffles. This is a 21+ only event.

Washington Breweries participating in 2013 Belgianfest:

American Brewing, Edmonds
Anacortes Brewery, Anacortes
Big Al Brewing, Seattle
Big Time Brewery, Seattle
Black Raven Brewing, Redmond
Boundary Bay Brewery, Bellingham
Diamond Knot Brewing, Mukilteo

Dicks Brewing, Centralia
Duvall Springs Brewing, Duvall
Elliott Bay Brewing, Seattle/Burien
Elysian Brewing, Seattle
Engine House #9, Tacoma
Flyers Brewery, Oak Harbor
Fremont Brewing, Seattle
Georgetown Brewing, Seattle
Hale's Ales, Seattle
Hilliard's Beer, Seattle
Issaquah Brewhouse, Issaquah
Justice Brewing, Everett
Lazy Boy Brewing, Everett
McMenamins, Seattle
Naked City Brewery, Seattle
Paradise Creek Brewery, Pullman
Pike Brewery, Seattle
Ram Brewery, Seattle
Ramblin' Road Brewery, Spokane
Redhook Brewery, Woodinville
Reuben's Brews, Seattle
Silver City Brewery, Silverdale
Snipes Mountain Brewing, Sunnyside
Snoqualmie Falls Brewing
Sound Brewery, Poulsbo
Wingman Brewers, Tacoma
Yakima Craft Brewing, Yakima

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Fact Sheet

DATE & HOURS:

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Session 1: Noon-4pm

Session 2: 5:30-9:30pm

LOCATION:

Bell Harbor International Conference Center

2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66

Seattle, WA 98121

ADMISSION:

\$35 advance tickets or \$40 at the door

Admission includes a commemorative tasting glass and ten 4oz tastes

Designated driver admission is \$5 and available at the door only (includes free water/soda)

Must be 21+ years old and have a valid ID

BEERS:

The event will put a spotlight on the fascinating beer culture of Belgium by showcasing more than 80 Belgian style beers by Washington breweries. Featured beer styles include Tripels, Dubbles, Saisons, Wits, Abbeys and Lambics. All the beers will be brewed with Belgian yeast. A complete list of beers and their descriptions will be available Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

PROCEEDS:

Belgianfest is a fundraiser for the Washington Beer Commission, the first and only commission of its kind in the nation. Established in July 2007 the Commission represents all 150+ breweries in Washington State. The Commission's mission is to promote Washington Beer, benefit the state's breweries, and increase awareness and demand.

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