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BALLARD SEAFOODFEST RETURNS FOR ITS 47th YEAR

Seattle, WA - Ballard SeafoodFest, the premier seafood festival in Seattle, is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated return on **July 14-16, 2023**. This three-day extravaganza will once again bring together seafood enthusiasts, local vendors, live entertainment, and community spirit to celebrate the rich maritime heritage of Ballard.

Set against the picturesque backdrop of Ballard's historic district, Ballard SeafoodFest has been a beloved tradition for more than four decades, drawing tens of thousands of visitors from near and far. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, offering an unparalleled experience for seafood lovers, families, and individuals seeking a vibrant summer celebration.

Attendees can look forward to an impressive lineup of mouthwatering seafood dishes crafted by the region's most renowned chefs and local food artisans. From succulent mussels to sizzling scallops and delectable fish tacos to the famous Trident Seafoods Applewood Smoked Salmon BBQ plate, attendees can expect options to satisfy every palate.

In addition to the gastronomic delights, Ballard SeafoodFest will feature engaging activities and attractions. Visitors can explore the lively marketplace showcasing a diverse selection of local arts, crafts, and unique souvenirs. Live music performances on the Gravity Payments MainStage from talented artists will fill the air, creating a festive atmosphere that captures the essence of Seattle's vibrant music scene. Kids can enjoy exciting games, face painting, and interactive activities designed especially for them in the Illumination Learning Studio Kids Deck. And the Festi-Bowl is back this year, featuring a Sonic Boom 360 contest, a "No Push" race, and a women's event.

New to this year's festival is our partnership with <u>r.Cup</u>, which is a groundbreaking initiative that eliminates single-use plastics. This year, every refreshing sip in the beer garden will be served in reusable r.Cups, reducing waste and leaving a lasting positive impact on our planet.

"We are thrilled to bring back Ballard SeafoodFest for another incredible year," said Mike Stewart, Executive Director of the Ballard Alliance. "This festival is not just about indulging in delicious seafood; it's a celebration of our community, maritime heritage, and Seattle's talented music scene.

We can't wait to welcome everyone and provide an unforgettable experience that embodies the spirit of Ballard."

Festival Hours:

Friday, July 14: 5:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m. (beer garden, food trucks, and music only)

Saturday, July 15: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Sunday, July 16**: 11:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

About the Ballard SeafoodFest

Since 1974, the Ballard SeafoodFest has been organized by the <u>Ballard Alliance</u> (formerly known as the Ballard Chamber of Commerce) with the support of our generous sponsors and committed volunteers. If you wish to cover this event, please contact Colton Davis at 206-784-9705 ext. 4. or email colton@ballardalliance.com.

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