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78th National Folk Festival Food Vendors Please Every Palate

Salisbury, MD – **FOOD, FABULOUS FOOD!** The National Folk Festival will feature a variety of regional and ethnic foods, as well as classic festival fare, that will take diners on a culinary journey around Delmarva, America and the world, with choices to please every palate.

The 78th National Folk Festival will take place over the weekend of September 7- 9, 2018, in downtown Salisbury. Presented FREE to the public, the Festival is a national showcase for America's finest traditional artists, and will feature over 350 artists—musicians, dancers, craftspeople, storytellers, and other tradition bearers—with more than 35 different groups performing on the Festival's seven stages.

2018 Festival Food Vendors include:

Deep Fried - Corn harvested fresh and roasted on site – plus lemonade that is fresh-squeezed when ordered.

Eastern Shore Kettle Korn - This iconic Eastern Shore blends sweet and salty for a treat you just can't get across the bridge.

Espresso-A-Go-Go Catering - Espresso-A-Go-Go offers a wide variety of beverages, as well as vegan and vegetarian-friendly sweets.

Fresh Fruit Cup - Fresh fruit cups and whole fruit smoothies made with six seasonal fruits cut fresh on site.

Fruity Smoothies - A tasty assortment of freshly-prepared smoothies and fruit drinks, plus delicious deserts.

Goatocado - Fresh, healthy, delicious meals that incorporate a vibrant assortment of ingredients.

"HOP" Diggity Dogs - Salisbury's own "Hop" Diggity Dogs offers delicious beef and seafood dishes using local ingredients.

Island Noodles - Using locally-sourced ingredients and freshly-made Yaki Soba noodles, Island Noodles provides a taste of authentic Hawaiian cuisine.

La Milpa - With original Mexican recipes and organic, locally-sourced ingredients, La Milpa offers an authentic culinary experience.

MacBrand Foods - Family-owned MacBrands offers an array of delicious dishes from around the country, including seafood options.

Nader's Bistro - Esteemed chef Nader Hagez offers a variety Greek and Mediterranean options plus burgers, dogs and more.

Nader Enterprises #2 - Hearty American fare including burgers, dogs, seafood, chicken, Italian sausage, fries, baked potato and more prepared on site.

Nice Farms Creamery - TRUE cow to cup ice cream from a local, family-run operation that has been dairying for four generations.

Perdue - A proud hometown sponsor of the 78th National Folk Festival, the Perdue Farms Food Truck will serve their signature chicken dishes. All proceeds will be donated to the Maryland Food Bank-Eastern Shore.

Phat Boyz Catering - An assortment of iconic, freshly-prepared American dishes from crab cakes to cheesesteaks; vegetarian options as well.

Sherri's Crab Cakes - The specialty is fresh, always-delicious crab cakes, along with soups and beverages.

Smoothie Island - Fresh, real fruit smoothies served in their original wrapper. Perfect to pair with their creamy fried funnel cakes.

Sobo's - Fresh, local seafood and produce combined with unique seasonings create an award-winning take on New American cuisine, including crab cake sandwiches and tacos.

Strawberry Street Café - Crab cakes, soft shell crab, fried oysters and shrimp, Angus burgers, pulled pork BBQ, chicken tenders, foot-long dogs, fries, funnel cake and more.

The Stuffed Pup - Serving up gourmet hot dogs and delicious milkshakes.

Thai Master Grill - This family-owned operation offers authentic Thai cuisine, with Teriyaki and vegetarian options.

The Frozen Farmer - Delaware's richest, creamiest, made-from-scratch ice cream using farm-fresh ingredients – a family business.

The Milestone - Pit beef prepped days in advance, slow-cooked over charcoal, and sliced to order. Plus, crab cakes from a Milestone family recipe.

The Return of the Mac - A fresh take on mac-and-cheese, with iconic sauces and ingredients providing globally-inspired options.

The Tiki Hut - An assortment of authentic Hawaiian shaved ice flavors.

Vittles - Local "Vittles" features a diverse and delicious menu, with Grilled Cheese as a specialty.

In addition to delicious food the festival offers a selection of national beer brands as well as Maryland brews and wines.

Exclusive beer provider: Eastern Shore Distributing

Exclusive wine provider: Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery

For more information about the Festival Food Courts visit:

<https://www.nationalfolkfestival.com/food>

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About the 78th National Folk Festival in Salisbury, 2018

Produced by the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) and the City of Salisbury, with a host of local, state and national partners and supporters, the National Folk Festival begins its three-year residency in downtown Salisbury this year, its 78th year, from September 7 – 9, 2018. The FREE, three-day event is America’s longest-running festival of traditional arts; celebrating the best of nation and best of Maryland, it will set the stage for a continuing festival in 2021, after the “National” moves on.

About the National Folk Festival

Since it was first presented in St. Louis in 1934, the National Folk Festival, the NCTA’s flagship event, has celebrated the roots, richness, and variety of American culture. Championed in its early years by Eleanor Roosevelt, it was the first event of national stature to present the arts of many nations, races, and languages on equal footing. It was also the first to present to the public musical forms such as the blues, Cajun music, polka, Tex-Mex *conjunto*, Peking Opera, and many others. Today, the National is an exuberant traveling festival, produced by the NCTA in partnership with communities around the country, that embraces the diverse cultural expressions that define us as a people in the 21st century. www.nationalfolkfestival.com

About the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA)

A leading non-profit in the field, the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) is dedicated to the presentation and documentation of folk and traditional arts in the U.S. Stressing excellence and authenticity, the NCTA presents the nation’s finest traditional artists in major festivals, tours, concerts, workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions, media productions, school programs, cross-cultural exchanges, and other activities. It works in partnership with American communities to establish new, sustainable traditional arts events that deliver lasting social, cultural, and economic benefits. Over 7,000 hours of the NCTA’s archival audio recordings dating from the 1930s are permanently housed at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The NCTA champions the interests of folk and traditional artists and organizations in the arena of public policy. www.ncta-usa.org

About the City of Salisbury, Maryland

Founded in 1732, Salisbury is the county seat of Wicomico County, a place where John Smith touched land in 1608 during his exploration of the Chesapeake Bay. Situated on Maryland’s historic Eastern Shore at the crossroads of the Delmarva Peninsula, Salisbury is now one of the region’s largest cities, and serves as the capital of the Eastern Shore, a rural area defined by its agricultural and maritime traditions, landscapes, and industries. The Chesapeake Bay is central to this distinctive identity. Though a relatively small city, Salisbury is the geographic and economic hub of one of the nation’s fastest-growing Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Led by a dynamic mayor, the City of Salisbury is working to build its reputation as an arts and culture destination, and is aligning its downtown development and revitalization efforts with the arts. Salisbury believes hosting the National Folk Festival is the perfect catalyst to further a cultural renaissance and urban renewal. www.salisbury.md