



# THE <u>SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL'S</u> <u>"beats: Music to Your Mouth After Party"</u> Presented by House of blues carries the celebration from Day to Night

Taking place just after the Festival's Grand Tasting presented by BMW on Saturday, November 11th, this year's official After Party offers guests a variety of themed culinary experiences, curated cocktail pairings, and live music

(San Diego / October 7, 2023) – As the host of the official After Party for the 19th Annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival, House of Blues is transforming its downtown San Diego venue into a multi-dimensional culinary showcase on Saturday, November 11th beginning at 8 p.m.

With four different waypoints throughout the venue for indulging in craft beverages and elevated small plates, and set to an enthusiastic soundtrack of live performances by San Diego's venerated kings of yacht rock, Band Overboard, the event offers Festival-goers the opportunity to carry their enthusiasm from that afternoon's Grand Tasting straight into yet another dynamic downtown gastronomic adventure.

In addition to bites from several of the acclaimed chefs participating in this year's Festival, event sponsors Westward Whiskey, Mount Gay Rum, Danza Del Sol Winery, and Tequila Cazadores are presenting cocktails and pairings throughout the party. The beverages are designed to complement the themed 'zones' the Festival team has curated, each featuring its own unique experience:

## CALI VIBIN'

Attendees can savor an assortment of sushi and sashimi crafted by Sushi On A Roll's Owner and Chef Jeffrey Roberto, alongside Private Chef Jessica DeOcampo's JR Organic Vegetable Bouquets with Champagne Pistou Sauce and Herb and Onion Focaccia drizzled with Graza Olive Oil. Tequila Cazadores Cristalino cocktails and wine selections from Danza Del Sol pair perfectly with these fresh California bites.

#### **SWEET SENSATIONS**

Revelers are invited to step into the Tequila Cazadores Café, where the tequila-based coffee liqueur of the same name lends itself artfully to the Espresso Martinis that will keep them moving all night. To complement, a selection of pastries and desserts by Chef Kevin Diaz of Arely's French Bakery will be on hand. From sausage croissants to luscious chocolate mousse bites, brownie squares, and cinnamon 'snail' rolls with raisins and walnuts, this stop ensures a sweet interlude for every craving.

## ON THE BAYOU

Southern charm at its most delicious! Chef Quinnton Austin, Culinary Director of Grind & Prosper Hospitality Group, and Chef Phil Humphrey of North Park's celebrated Louisiana Purchase will transport guests straight to the Bayou with Alligator Andouille Cheesecake Bites and Fried Oysters with Crystal Demi. Mount Gay Rum will be pouring with a lively opportunity to explore the flavors of the islands, offering a series of specialty quaffs to round out the experience.

### WEST COAST WHISKEY LOUNGE

The After Party immersion wouldn't be complete without a venture into the lounge, where Festival sponsor Westward Whiskey will be crafting signature cocktails for whiskey lovers and beyond to enjoy as they sample innovative culinary creations from Avant restaurant's Chef Sergio Jimenez, Chef Chris Sayre of House of Blues, and Chef James Montejeño.

For ticket information and the full festival schedule, please visit the festival <u>website</u> and follow along on Instagram: @sdbayfest.

### **HOUSE OF BLUES SAN DIEGO**

The House of Blues San Diego opened its doors in late 2005 in a historic building that was originally constructed in 1929 as the home of the famous Woolworth's department store. Located in the iconic Gaslamp Quarter district of downtown San Diego, our stunning 12,198 square foot building is comprised of four distinctive environments including a rocking Restaurant & Bar featuring traditional American-Folk Art paired with contemporary gastro-pub cuisine, a small elegantly designed VIP Delta room, a quaint but intimate compact venue named The Voodoo Room, and a large multi-story spectacular Music Hall. Each area features state-of-the-art staging, lighting, and sound with lively bars throughout the entire venue.

# SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL®

Travel to San Diego and Arrive at Awesome®. The 19th Annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival® is an international showcase of the world's premier wine and spirits producers, chefs and culinary personalities, and gourmet foods. Held November 6-12, 2023, the award-winning festival raises funds for culinary, oenology and hospitality scholarships and grants, and has awarded over \$600,000 to individuals and nonprofits through previous events. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.sandiegowineclassic.com">www.sandiegowineclassic.com</a>. This festival is produced by World of Wine Events and Fast Forward Events.

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