

## Ohio's Premiere Food Truck Festival is Back

Columbus, OH-The much anticipated summer foodie event, THE Columbus Food Truck Festival, is back for year 8 and is serving up delicious fun for all ages on the Scioto Mile. According to festival organizers Mike Gallicchio and Chas Kaplan, "The move to the Scioto Mile in 2017 enabled us to enhance the layout of the festival. The feedback received from both guests and vendors validated our decision. People loved the move and we are happy to be back!"

The festival will literally take-over the river banks encompassing Bicentennial Park, the Rich Street Bridge, Washington Boulevard as well as Genoa Park that sits directly behind COSI. In addition, the festival will once again be partnering with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Great Duck Race charitable event.

The two-day event, named Best Foodie Event in the state by Ohio Magazine, will feature over 60 of the best food mobile food vendors from throughout the region, arts and crafts vendors, family activities and dozens of bands on two stages. There will also be a Kids area on Saturday in conjunction with the Great Duck Race.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADMISSION**

**When:** August 17 and Saturday, August 18 from 11am-11pm both days

**Where:** Along the Scioto Mile in Downtown Columbus. [SciotoMile.com](http://SciotoMile.com)

**Admission:** Free for Everyone

**Features of the Festival:** Music on Two stages with 18 Band, children's activities, and access to the best food truck operators and arts and crafts vendors. Food trucks and carts have a variety of offerings at a variety of price points so all can enjoy. In addition, guests interested in participating and supporting the Great Duck Race (which will take place on Saturday) can do so by visiting [www.give.nationwidechildrens.org](http://www.give.nationwidechildrens.org)

**Vendor/Sponsor inquires:** [www.columbusfoodtruckfest.com](http://www.columbusfoodtruckfest.com)

**Festival Mission:** While the festival's mission is to support food tourism in the vibrant downtown area and support small business, another very essential component to the festival is to help build awareness and support local non-profit organizations that serve the Central Ohio community.

**Non-Profit Partnership:** This year, the festival's charitable partners include Music Loves Ohio, a local non-profit that offers music education to children and the Development Board of Nationwide Children's

Hospital. “Both of these organizations give so much to the community and we want to support their efforts,” said Chas Kaplan co-organizer of the event.

### **Festival Partners and Sponsors**

The Columbus Food Truck Festival would like to thank its partners and sponsors including 614 Magazine, Heidelberg Brewing Company, Music Loves Ohio, The Great Duck Race, Telhio Credit Union, The City of Columbus, Rossiter Marketing and Public Relations, G&J Pepsi, Experience Columbus, Columbus Underground and Donatos Pizza