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**Midwest's Largest Food Truck Festival Returns in New location!**  
***Celebrate the End of Summer with Food, Music and Family Fun.***

Columbus, OH-The Midwest's largest food truck festival is back for year 7, Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 and serving up a weekend of foodie, family fun for everyone at its new location along the banks of the Scioto River. The move enables an enhanced layout and a fresh footprint. According to festival organizers Mike Gallicchio and Chas Kaplan, "We are looking forward to our new location. The festival will literally take-over the Scioto Mile encompassing Bicentennial Park, the Rich Street Bridge, Washington Boulevard as well as Genoa Park that sits directly behind COSI."

The two-day event features over 50 of the best food mobile food vendors in Central Ohio including new additions and returning favorites: Momma Can Cook, A Taste of Nawlins, The Meatball Mafia, Loco Sweets, Johnson's Real Ice Cream, Pizza Cottage, Hai Poke, Chicky Chicky Waffle, Pizza Cottage, Put it in your Face Sandwich Cart as well as many, many more!

Although indulging in some of the best local fare is the focus of the event, it is truly a weekend for all. Guests will experience and take-in almost 20 of the best local musicians and up and coming artists on two stages. Acts include everything from Backyard BBQ Indie Soul to Mountain Rockers, Garage Soul and everything in between. Headlining Friday evening starting at 8:30pm on the Bicentennial Park main stage is Doc Robinson whose recently released single *Golden Daze* is becoming a Spotify playlist favorite, exceeding over 100 listens.

An eclectic selection of arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, featuring special treats from the Columbus BlueJackets and Columbus Crew Soccer Club as well as a new charitable partnership with the Great Duck Race benefiting Nationwide Children's Hospital round out the weekend activities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADMISSION**

The Columbus Food Truck Festival runs Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 from 11am-11pm and is located along the Scioto Mile in Downtown Columbus.

Admission to the festival is free of charge. Admission includes music on both stages, children's activities, entertainment 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 en-

joy. 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).

For directions, complete list of participating Food Truck/Cart Vendors as well as schedule of activities and musicians, please visit [www.ColumbusFoodTruckFestival.com](http://www.ColumbusFoodTruckFestival.com) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ColumbusFoodTruckandCartFest.com](http://www.facebook.com/ColumbusFoodTruckandCartFest.com).

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### **About the Columbus Food Truck Festival**

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.

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, River & Rich, The City of Columbus, Blue Banana Digital, The Columbus Blue-Jackets, Gateway Film Center, Columbus Crew Soccer Club, Tito's Handmade Vodka, G&J Pepsi, COTA, Experience Columbus, Run614, Columbus Underground, Donatos Pizza and CD102.5.