

## **NY Chocolate Festival Makes Manhattan Debut**

NEW YORK (Business Wire) — Chocolate World Expo, the New York area's largest chocolate-themed event, will take place in Manhattan on Sunday, December 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the 69th Regiment Armory ("The Lexington Armory"), located at 68 Lexington Avenue, between 25th and 26th Streets.

As a special holiday treat, Chocolate World Expo NYC will host two 45-minute performances by the Beatles tribute band Ob-La-Di, at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., respectively.

With choices ranging from healthy and nutritious to decadent and delicious, attendees will get to sample, purchase and otherwise indulge in gourmet chocolates, baked goods, fudge, gelato, specialty foods, cheeses, wines, beers and much more from over 60 local and regional vendors.

Among the unique product offerings at Chocolate World Expo NYC are chocolate-covered bacon, alcohol-infused fudge, gourmet-flavored marshmallows and s'mores, chocolate balsamic vinegar, chocolate wine, chocolate cheese and even chocolate-covered pickles! For ready-to-eat treats, there will be authentic Belgian-style waffles dipped in white, dark or milk chocolate, as well as chocolate tamales.

Participating vendors include 5th Avenue Chocolatiere, Auntie El's, Bacon Bites, Chocolate Works, Dutch Desserts, Fretzels by Jill, Gnosis Chocolate, Isn't It Sweet, JD Gourmet, Magnolia Fudge, Rescue Chocolate, Rogue Confections, Screme Gelato, Scuteri's Cannoli, Sweet Muse and many others.

Wine tastings and sales will be presented by Americana Vineyards, Pazdar Winery and Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery. Chatham Brewing Company, winner of the Matthew Vassar Award for best brewery in the Hudson Valley at TAP New York, will offer tastings and sales of its great craft beers.

In recognition of Chocolate World Expo's significant emphasis on locally-produced products and ingredients, the show has received a "farmers market" designation from the State of New York. Besides the local wineries and vendors who use locally sourced ingredients whenever possible, participating farms include Breezie Maples Farm, East End Apiaries and Hudson Valley Fresh.

Admission to Chocolate World Expo NYC is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5 through 11. Children under 5 are free.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ChocolateWorldExpo.com](http://www.ChocolateWorldExpo.com) until 11:55 p.m. on Dec. 15, the day before the show, using credit and debit cards. After that, tickets can be purchased directly at the door on the day of the show with either cash or major credit/debit cards.

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