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EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ENCOURAGES NEW YORKERS TO SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFT BREWERS THIS WEEKEND AT THE ANNUAL CRAFT NEW YORK BREWERS FESTIVAL

Festival Supported By 218 Percent Increase in New York Micro-Breweries Since 2011

Empire State Development (ESD) today encouraged New Yorkers to support local craft brewers at the Third Annual Craft New York Brewers Festival this Saturday, November 7 at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse. The festival features over 50 New York craft breweries offering more than 125 award-winning beers. This is the fifth New York State Brewers Association festival to receive support from New York State in 2015.

“ESD is committed to growing New York’s craft beverage industry by supporting new businesses and helping established businesses expand. Governor Cuomo recently announced investments to continue to support industry growth, including a commitment of \$5 million to help New York State businesses enter international markets with zero percent interest loans,” said Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky. “ESD is excited to connect beverage companies to global business opportunities and support festivals like the Third Annual Craft New York Brewers Festival that do a great job connecting craft brewers with their customers.”

The third annual Festival will run from 5 - 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 7 at the Landmark Theatre, 362 S Salina Street in Syracuse. Doors open at 5 p.m. for General Admission ticket holders and VIP ticket holders will be able to enter the Festival at 4 p.m. VIP ticket holders will enjoy a variety of food from local restaurants, food trucks, and farms, and a number of beers not available to holders of General Admission tickets. Both General Admission and VIP tickets are available for purchased ahead of time and the day of the event.

Designated Drivers are also encouraged to enjoy the event. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

To help promote the Festival, Empire State Development provided a grant of \$36,129 to the New York State Brewer's Association through its Craft Beverage Industry Tourism Promotion Grant Program. The program, launched last year as a result of the Governor's second Wine, Beer, Spirits and Cider Summit, promotes special destinations specifically related to the craft beverage industry in coordination with the I LOVE NEW YORK campaign.

Participating breweries at the Craft New York Brewers Festival include:

- 42 North Brewing Company
- A Taste of Long Island Craft Brewery
- Adirondack Pub & Brewery
- Bacchus Brewing Company
- Barkeater Craft Brewery
- Binghamton Brewing Company
- Brewery Ommegang
- Brooklyn Brewery
- Browns Brewing Co.
- Cave Mountain Brewing Company
- Climbing Bines Craft Ale Company
- Community Beer Works
- Coney Island Brewing
- Cortland Beer Company
- Crafty Ales & Lagers
- Custom BrewCrafters
- Davidson Brothers Brewing Company
- Empire Brewing Company
- Four Mile Brewing
- GAEL Brewing Company
- Galaxy Brewing Company
- Good Nature Farm Brewery & Tap Room
- Great Adirondack Brewing Company

- Great South Bay Brewery
- Greenport Harbor Brewing Co.
- Hopshire Farm & Brewery
- Ithaca Beer Co.
- Keegan Ales
- Keuka Brewing Co., LLC
- Lake Placid Pub & Brewery
- Lyonsmith Brewing
- Middle Ages Brewing
- Mill House Brewing Company
- Moustache Brewing Company
- Nedloh Brewing Company
- Prison City Pub & Brewery
- Rohrbach Brewing Company
- Roscoe Beer Company
- Rushing Duck Brewing Company
- Saranac – FX Matt Brewing Company
- Shmaltz Brewing Company
- Singlecut Beersmiths
- Skewed Brewing
- Southern Tier Brewing Company
- St. Lawrence Brewing Co.
- The Farmhouse Brewery
- The Lost Borough Brewing LLC
- Three Heads Brewing
- Upstate Brewing Company
- WT Brews
- Yonkers Brewing Company

Special beers available to VIP ticket holders include:

- **Great South Bay** – Hog Cabin – Bacon Maple Porter (2015 Great American Beer Festival Gold Medalist)
- **Brooklyn Brewery** – “Ghost” Bottles
- **CB Craft Brewers** – CB Caged Alpha Monkey IPA Firkin
- **Community Beer Works** – Yuz Not That IPA with yuzu
- **Southern Tier** – CHOKLAT Imperial Chocolate Stout 10.0% ABV
- **Greenport Harbor** – 4 Year Aged Russian Imperial Stout
- **Moustache Brewing** – NoFoRoCo Coffee Porter
- **42 North** – Limited Edition Aged Barleywine
- **Browns Brewing** – Barrel Aged Whiskey Porter
- **Roscoe Beer Co.** – Two Rivers Rye
- **WT Brews** – Apple Ale made with apples from their own orchard
- **Nedloh** – Anniversary One- Rum Barrel Aged Belgian Dark Ale w/cacao, figs, and cardamom 9.5%
- **BarkEater Craft Brewery** – “Sinzibuckwud” Belgian Dark Strong style using 100% Pure Lewis Co. NY Maple Syrup
- **Three Heads Brewing** – Buffalo Soul Jah
- **Four Mile Brewing** – South Pacific IPA
- **Shmaltz** – Barrel Aged Chanukah in Kentucky
- **Great Adirondack Brewing** – Adirondack Abbey Ale
- **Good Nature Brewing** – Fare Thee Ale – A Barrel Aged Flanders Red
- **Prison City Brewing** – Laser-Brain, a Berliner Weisse dry hopped on Mosaic & Chinook
- **Davidson Brothers** – Winter Ale
- **Rushing Duck** – Cuvee de Orange County , a Saison/ Apple juice blend that was fermented and aged in an apple brandy barrel
- **Lake Placid Pub and Brewery** – Equinox IPA
- **Crafty Ales and Lagers** – Poltergeist a Milk Stout aged on coffee liqueur soaked oak chips
- **42 North Brewing** – Limited Edition Barley Wine
- **Singlecut Beersmiths** – White Coffee Bean Dark Lyric Lager
- **GAEL Brewing** – Rye Bread Ale
- **Keuka Brewing** – FAT Stack Porter, Maple Pecan Porter
- **Middle Ages** – Grapefruit Late Knight Imperial IPA
- **Great Adirondack Brewing** – Adirondack Abbey Ale
- **Prison City Pub and Brewery** – Laser Brain (mosaic & chinook dry hopped sour)
- **Ithaca Beer** – Creeker
- **Climbing Bines** – Imperial Stout
- **Keegan Ales** – Bourbon Aged Mother’s Milk
- **Keuka Brewing**– Maple Pecan Porter
- **Binghamton Brewing** – Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Pumpkin Stout

- **Adirondack Brewing** – Barrel Aged Dunkelweizen
- **The Farmhouse Brewery** – Smokey Jack smoked pumpkin porter
- **Abandon Brewing** – Belgian Tripel

“Our New York State Brewers Association sponsored beer festivals are critical to our success on so many levels. They not only help us raise money as a nonprofit, but they really are the best way to market NYS craft beer to the consumers,” said New York State Brewers Association Executive Director Paul Leone. “Our events feature only NYS beer with the brewers and owners pouring the samples, which allows them to educate the attendees not only about the beer they are sampling, but also to let them know where they are from, which enhances the overall experience and promotes tourism throughout the state. Without the generous support from the state, it would be very difficult to produce these events, and we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to market some of the best beer in the country in this very unique festival format.”

Since 2011, the number of micro-breweries in New York State has grown by 218 percent, from 40 in 2011 to 127 today. In addition, restaurant breweries have increased from 10 in 2011 to 40 today, a 300 percent increase. There are already 93 Farm Breweries operating across the state, a license that went into effect on January 1, 2013. In addition, eight Farm Breweries have opened branch office locations, made possible by the Governor's Farm Brewery legislation, where they can sell their products and other New York State labeled beer, wine, and liquor, in addition to having tasting rooms and retail shops.

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development (ESD) is New York’s chief economic development agency (www.esd.ny.gov). The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing Governor Cuomo’s Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of “I Love NY,” the State’s iconic tourism brand. For more information on Regional Councils and Empire State Development, visit www.nyworks.ny.gov and www.esd.ny.gov.

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