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COME SAVOR THE FINEST MICROBREWS AT TELLURIDE BLUES & BREWS!

Grand Tasting Held Saturday, September 13, 2008

Telluride, CO – Beer connoisseurs rejoice! It's time for the 15th Annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival and Grand Tasting. The festival, which takes place September 12-14, will host the Grand Tasting on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from Noon - 3:00 pm on festival grounds. Featuring more than 150 beers from 53 of the finest microbreweries in the country, the Grand Tasting is quickly becoming a favorite tasting event for beer lovers.

During the Grand Tasting, all of the microbreweries compete in the Best of Fest competition, sponsored by *Draft Magazine*. Last year's Best of Fest winner, Sweetwater Brewing Company has had its share of wins in major beer competitions. In addition to Best of Fest trophies in 2005 and 2007, this stellar microbrewery has taken home awards and medals from GABF and World Beer Cup competitions. Sweetwater isn't the only award winner attending Telluride Blues & Brews; many of the participating breweries have also taken home their share of awards from the World Beer Cup, Great American Beer Festival (GABF), North American Brewers Association (NABA) and World Beer Championships.

Throughout the weekend, get your fill of cream of the barrel brews at the House of Brews Tent. The Telluride Blues & Brews Official Beer Sponsor, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, along with Great Divide Brewing Co., Oskar Blues Brewery, Ska Brewing Company and Smuggler's Brewpub & Grill, will all be serving their finest brews for festival goers.

MICROBREWERIES

(Breweries and Performers As of 8/05/08)

Amicas	Durango Brewing Company	Oskar Blues Brewery	Smuggler's Brewpub & Grille
Anchor Brewing Co.	Eske's Brewery	Pagosa Brewing	Socorro Springs Brewing Company
Aspen Brewing Company	Flagstaff Brewing Company	Palisade Brewing	Spoetzel (Shiner)
Boston Beer Company	Flying Dog Brewery	Phantom Canyon Brewing Co.	Steamworks Brewing Company
Boulder Beer Company	Four + Brewing	Pitchers Brewery	Stone Brewing Company
Bristol Brewing Company	Four Peaks Brewing Company	Rock Bottom Brewery - Downtown	Sweetwater Brewing Co.
Bull & Bush	Grand Canyon Brewing	Rock Bottom Brewery – S. Denver	Three Rivers Eatery & Brewhouse
Carver Brewing Co.	Great Divide Brewing Co.	Rockside Brewpub	Trinidad Brewing Company
CB & Potts Restaurant and Brewery	Gunnison Brewing Company	Rockyard Brewing Company	Twisted Pine Brewing Company
Cooper Smith's Pub & Brewing	High Desert Brewing Company	San Luis Valley Brewing Company	Uinta Brewing Company
Deschutes Brewery	Kelly's Brewery	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Unibroue Brasserie
Dillon Dam Brewery	Moab Brewery	Silverton Brewery	Wolf Rock Brewing
Dolores River Brewing	New Belgium Brewing Company	Sierra Nevada Brewing Company	
	Odell Brewing Company	Ska Brewing Company	

PERFORMERS

The performers for the 15th Annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival include Etta James and the Roots Band, Gov't Mule, John Hiatt and The Ageless Beauties, Joan Osborne, Susan Tedeschi, The Derek Trucks Band, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Blind Boys of Alabama, G. Love & Special Sauce, John Butler Trio, Canned Heat and many more!

Get your tickets now for the 15th Annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival! Friday and Sunday passes are \$55.00 each; Saturday passes \$60.00 and three-day passes \$155.00. Juke Joint tickets are sold per night at \$25 each. Fais Do Do passes are \$35 and passes for Bal de Maison are \$20. Festival camping is available for \$40 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tellurideblues.com or by calling 866-515-6166 or locally at Telluride Music Company (201 East Colorado Avenue).

One of the most scenic music festivals in the country, the Telluride Blues & Brews Festival takes place in Telluride, CO, a world-famous resort town in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The festival is a three-day celebration of music and microbrews, held in Telluride Town Park, an outdoor music venue with breathtaking mountains for a backdrop. By day, experience live blues, rock, gospel and soul performances, the best microbrews in Colorado, a wide variety of food and craft vendors, children's activities and more – all on festival grounds. By night, follow the festival as it flows into the town of Telluride, with late night juke joints and after-hours jams.

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