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2017 Candler Park Music & Food Festival Raises \$24K, Has Direct Impact on Community

Rival Entertainment Announces 2018 Festival Dates – Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2

ATLANTA – The Candler Park Music & Food Festival has become an annual tradition for the Candler Park neighborhood, providing Atlanta with one of the best summer music and food festival experiences. With the support of the community and music-lovers near and far, Rival Entertainment has built a nationally recognized event, boasting progressive music lineups that draw thousands of attendees while still maintaining respect for the park space and neighbors that welcome the festival. With a portion of the festival proceeds set aside each year for the Candler Park Music & Food Festival Community Fund, Rival Entertainment is pleased to announce that \$24,000 was raised during the 2017 festival.

In 2016, Rival established the Candler Park Music & Food Festival Community Fund in support of park improvements and neighborhood associations that work year-round. Each individual project and grant is identified while working alongside members of the community during the planning of each year's festival. The 2017 recipients include the City of Atlanta Parks, Candler Park Neighborhood Association, Friends of Candler Park Movie Night, Mary Lin Education Foundation, and the Candler Park Conservancy.

"We've managed to grow and improve the festival each year, while still maintaining a neighborhood festival vibe and a unique low cost ticketing model" said Festival Producer and Rival Entertainment Partner Josh Antenucci. "And we're incredibly proud that we've been able to continue to balance the needs of the surrounding neighbors that welcome us each year and have been able to show them our appreciation by giving back to projects that support that community."

Celebrating 10 years at Candler Park, Rival Entertainment is also pleased to announce the return of the 2018 Candler Park Music & Food Festival to Atlanta on Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2, 2018, presented once again by Terrapin Brewing Company. Next year's two-day event is set to draw more than 20,000 attendees and will feature live music, local food, crafts and interactive partner experiences. Additional weekend event activities will again include a food village filled with local restaurant vendors and food trucks, the exclusive Terrapin Brew Lounge where folks can experience Terrapin craft brews, and adult field games. For the early-risers, attendees can kick-off their weekend by participating in the Saturday morning 5K.

Additional details on the music lineup and tickets on sale will be announced in 2018. Stay up to date on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or at www.candlerparkmusicfestival.com.

About Rival Entertainment

Rival Entertainment has produced concerts and music-centric festivals in Atlanta since 2004. Principals Josh Antenucci, Lucy Freas and Brandon Mize bring collective decades of experience in event production and show booking. Supported by an all-star concert production team in marketing, technical production, box office and vendor management, Rival produces many of Atlanta's most acclaimed live events, including the three-day Outkast ATLast reunion, Foo Fighters' 2015 sold out world tour stop at Centennial Olympic Park and Prince's last live concert performance. They also booked and will produce the inaugural concert at the Georgia State Stadium with Foo Fighters headlining. Rival Entertainment manages operations and booking at Midtown's historic Center Stage Theater, The Loft & Vinyl.

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