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Hard Cider Events To Take Over the City As Part of Cider Week Baltimore

Mayor Declares January 30 Through February 3 Cider Week In Baltimore

BALTIMORE, MD (January 22, 2018) – Cider tap takeovers, cider tastings, cider dinners, a cider festival and a conference of cider makers from around the world are all planned to take place in Baltimore during the last week of January and first weekend of February. To commemorate one of the largest concentrations of cider events ever held on the East Coast, the Mayor of Baltimore Catherine Pugh has declared January 30 through February 3 as Cider Week in Baltimore.

Cider Week Baltimore is being organized by the United States Association of Cider Makers (USACM) along with cider makers, restaurants and taverns from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington DC and New York. From January 31 – February 2, USACM will host CiderCon 2018 at the Waterfront Marriott in Baltimore. CiderCon is the premier opportunity for the cider community to gather, share ideas, collaborate and learn. More than 900 people from the cider industry nationwide and internationally are expected to attend.

“We are excited to host our conference on the East Coast, the birthplace of American heritage cider making, for the first time this year,” says Michelle McGrath, the executive director of USACM. CiderCon will feature a schedule of panels and presentations focused on Heritage Ciders, which are ciders made from apples that are grown specifically for cider making, including bittersweet and crabapples, using a vintage winemaking approach.

“We know there is a bright future for heritage ciders in Baltimore,” says Dan Kopman, CEO of Heavy Seas Beer. “At Heavy Seas, we are excited to welcome cider makers from around the US and abroad to Baltimore for Cider Week Baltimore. This is a unique opportunity for all to experience so many great ciders.”

Here's a look at some of the many activities that are planned for Cider Week Baltimore. More information and a full listing of events can be found @ <http://www.ciderweekbaltimore.com>.

Monday January 29

- **Jack's Hard Cider Kick the Keg Event** at Abbey Burger Fells Point.

Tuesday January 30

- **Pintxo Party with Tom Oliver at ANXO.** Perhaps the world's most famous cider maker, Tom Oliver, brings his traditional English ciders to a Basque-inspired pintxos bar at ANXO for a memorable crossing of food and beverage cultures. Ocle Pychard, the collaboration ANXO's Cider Maker Gregory Johnson made last year at Oliver's, will be served from five gallon bag-in-boxes spread across the pintxos bar, which will also be decked out with an epic spread of ANXO's spectacular pintxos, reminiscent of the famous pintxos bars of San Sebastian. This event is in Washington, DC.
- **ANXO Cider Release Party at Wet City.** ANXO debuts draft cider in Maryland and kicks off Cidercon with a release party open to the public at one of Baltimore's best bars, Wet City, featuring three ANXO drafts: Cidre Blanc; Happy Trees Batch #1; and Ocle Pychard (Oliver Collaboration).
- **Kick-off of Cider Tap Takeover at Heavy Seas Beer.** Heavy Seas is turning their Baltimore Alehouse into a home for heritage ciders during Cidercon. Many authentic English ciders will be available on draft and via bag-in-box all week, and ANXO is curating a number of guest taps on the 31st.
- **Heritage Cider Tasting** featuring Eden Specialty Ciders at Max's Taphouse.
- **Burger & Bingo Event** at Brewer's Cask with Graft Cider.
- **Vermont Cider Night** at Charm City Meadworks with Shacksbury, Eden, WhistlePig, and Barr Hill.

Wednesday January 31

- **Pennsylvania Cider Tap Takeover** at Max's Taphouse with the Pennsylvania Cider Guild. New Zealand ciders will also be featured as well as Jack's Hard Cider.
- **Cidercon La Cuchara/Black Twig Txotx Cider Tasting** at La Cuchara.
- **Cider Tap Takeover** at Wet City featuring Shacksbury, Eden, ANXO and Graft Cider.
- **Eden Specialty Ciders 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**, The Four Seasons Hotel: Wit & Wisdom.

Thursday February 1

- **ANXO, Angry Orchard and Oliver's Cider Dinner** at Brewer's Art.
- **Cider Tap Takeover** at Max's with ANXO Cider and Graft Cider.
- **Mashin' It Up Cider Dinner** with Hersh's & Minnow at Minnow Baltimore.
- **New York and New England Cider Tasting** at Heavy Seas including Graft Cider.
- **Eden and Black Twig East Coast Tap Takeover and Txotx** at Wet City.
- **Jack's Hard Cider Dinner** at the Cardinal Tavern.

Friday February 2

- **Graft Cider Tasting, Perron Pour and Cider Party** at Wet City featuring Graft's latest release Cloud City: Vermilion District (Tart Cherry Dreamsicle) on tap as well as Farm Flor.
- **Heritage Cider Social** hosted by ANXO at Charm City Meadworks.
- **Pour the Core: Baltimore** @ B&O Railroad Museum. The event will feature local favorites, top-selling US brands, and a variety of imported ciders and perries from Spain, England and elsewhere.

Saturday, February 3

- **Shacksbury Spotlight with Food Pairings** at Wet City.
- **Shacksbury Tasting** at Wine Source.
- **ANXO Cider Hits Taps Fill Station** at Mount Vernon Marketplace.

Sunday, February 4

- **Cidre Blanc & Oysters** Featuring Anxo Ciders at Dylan's Oyster Cellar.

About USACM

The United States Association of Cider Makers (USACM) is an organization of cider and perry producers in the United States. It gathers and shares information about cider production, regulations and cider apple growing to help members improve their operations, raise awareness and advance cider in the market. The mission of USACM is to grow a diverse and successful U.S. cider industry by providing valuable information, resources and services to its members and by advocating on their behalf. For more information, please visit

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