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Cincinnati Coffee Festival returns Oct. 11-13 in new, larger venue

CINCINNATI, OHIO (January 24, 2019) – Exciting changes are underway for the third annual Cincinnati Coffee Festival! The largest coffee festival in the Midwest is moving to a new, larger home in the Grand Ballroom of the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St. in Downtown Cincinnati. It's set to take place Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

"We put on fun, successful events in Music Hall in 2017 and 2018," said Rich Cogen, executive director of Ohio River Foundation (ORF), which produces the event. "But after hosting more than 5,000 attendees last year, we realized we needed more room to be able to grow. We're looking forward to an even bigger and better event at Duke Energy Convention Center this year!"

Cincinnati Coffee Festival will once again kick off with a trade day on Friday for coffee shop owners, baristas and people interested in getting into the coffee business. Saturday and Sunday will be open to the public, with an even larger variety of local and regional coffee roasters, coffee and tea shops, bakers, pastry shops and chocolatiers on hand to sample their wares. Popular activities such as the "Latte Art Throwdown," where baristas vie for the title of top latte artist, and Latte in Action, where attendees can try their hand at creating latte art, will be back this year. Other demonstrations, a live music schedule and additional event details will be announced at a later date.

Vendor applications will be available in February at CincinnatiCoffeeFestival.com. Tickets will go on sale in August.

Cincinnati Coffee Festival is a major fundraiser for Ohio River Foundation, a Cincinnati-based nonprofit with successful programs dedicated to protecting and improving the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and its watershed. Coffee has a natural connection to that mission.

"After all, you can't have great coffee without great water," Cogen said.

For more information, visit CincinnatiCoffeeFestival.com.

About Cincinnati Coffee Festival

Now in its third year, Cincinnati Coffee Festival is the Midwest's largest coffee festival, attracting more than 5,000 attendees as well as vendors from around the region. Activities such as the "Latte Art Throwdown" barista competition, live music and coffee-themed demonstrations make

it a can't-miss event for local coffee lovers. For more information, visit CincinnatiCoffeeFestival.com.

About Ohio River Foundation

Ohio River Foundation (ORF) is dedicated to protecting and improving the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and all waters in its 11-state watershed. ORF works towards these goals through environmental education and conservation activities that serve to inspire environmental stewardship for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future citizens. For more information, visit www.ohioriverfdn.org.