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Tickets now on sale for Cincinnati Coffee Festival, Oct. 11-13

CINCINNATI, OHIO (Sept. 12, 2019) – Tickets are now on sale for the third annual Cincinnati Coffee Festival, set for Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13! Exciting changes are underway for the largest coffee festival in the Midwest as it moves to a new, larger home in the Grand Ballroom of the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St. in Downtown Cincinnati.

"With more than 5,000 attendees last year, the Cincinnati Coffee Festival has grown into a can't-miss event for area coffee and tea lovers," said Rich Cogen, executive director of Ohio River Foundation (ORF), which produces the event. "We can't wait to welcome everyone 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. Learn from the experts, meet the pros and experience new tastes and techniques!

Saturday and Sunday will be open to the public, with more vendors – 60 coffee roasters, coffee and tea shops, bakers, pastry shops and chocolatiers from around the region and across the country – than ever before serving tastes of their wares. After they've sampled their way through the event hall, attendees can then buy their favorites to take home.

New this year are the Coffee Olympics, where attendees can cheer on their favorite coffee shops in fun competitions, and Campfire Coffee, a casual presentation and conversation space. The hugely popular Latte Art Throwdown, where baristas vie for the title of top latte artist, and Latte Art in Action, where attendees can try their hand at creating latte art, will be back this year. An expanded Art of Coffee, featuring works in a variety of media; coffee-related demonstrations; and live music will also return.

Event hours are 12:30-6 p.m. Friday (Trade Day); 10 a.m.*-5 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.*-4 p.m. Sunday. (*VIP ticket holders get in one hour early.)

Tickets are now on sale at www.cincinnaticoffeefestival.com/tickets. Trade Day (Friday) tickets are \$10. General admission for Saturday or Sunday is \$12.50 in advance; \$15 the day of the event. VIP tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 the day of the event. VIP Gold tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 the day of the event. VIP Gold tickets are limited, so coffee lovers who want all of the "perks" should buy their tickets today!

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 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.