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NEW SATURDAY NIGHT MARKET LAUNCHES IN MARKET SQUARE, OFFERING ARTISAN GOODS AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT EVERY WEEK IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN

- MARKET RUNS EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER
- FEATURES HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY, ART, FASHION, HOME GOODS, FOOD, AND MORE
 - LIVE ENTERTAINERS INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

Downtown Pittsburgh – Starting this Saturday, May 13, the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership will bring their popular pop-up Night Market to Market Square every Saturday through the end of October. Visitors can expect as many as two dozen vendors each week selling unique, curated, and handcrafted items. There will also be small batch culinary items, revolving grab-n-go street eats, and interactive games. Additionally, each week will feature live entertainment including bands, singer/songwriters, as well as DJ's, dancers and more. Entertainment for the opening week will be provided by DJ's Pete Butta and Preslav with dance performances from Millennium Dance Studio. Keep up-to-date on entertainment and vendors by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletters or following us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram: @DowntownPitt.

According to Jeremy Waldrup, President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, "Building upon the success of our quarterly Night Markets, we are thrilled to bring this new, weekly event to Downtown. We know that Downtown patrons want a unique shopping experiences and our artisan and marker vendors are always looking for a new audience, this Night Market will serve both well. We look forward to encouraging more people into Downtown on weekends to enjoy our restaurants, cultural attractions, and also to stroll through Market Square for some late night shopping."

The new Night Market will feature more than 80 vendors throughout the next several months, including many familiar Night Market vendors, as well as a full slate of exciting new offerings.

"The night markets are a great place to showcase my work and meet people. I make many different things but mainly focus on unique handmade jewelry and ceramics," said vendor Adam Waddell. "I'm very excited about PDP's new Saturday night markets in Pittsburgh's Market Square. This means I will be able to bring my work to Downtown almost every weekend. I look forward to meeting new people and seeing Pittsburgh's art scene grow!"

According to Craig Peterson, of ARTWORKONTHERUN, an unconventional artist participating in the Night Market for the first time, "This spring a friend told me about the Night Markets Downtown, so I applied and I was excited to find out I had been accepted to participate. I'm always looking for new events to participate in and I think I will fit in well here at the Night Markets."

Later in the season, the Market will be home to a singer-songwriter competition hosted by 91.3 WYEP. This will provide an opportunity for local musicians to hone their craft and perform in a public venue. More details about this competition will be announced soon.

Support for the weekly Night Market is provided by Green Mountain Energy, WYEP and WESA.

Vendors

A selected list of vendors who will be participating in many markets includes:

837 North - a Pittsburgh-based candle company that makes signature fragrance blends inspired by different areas all over the world

A519 Chocolate – hand painted truffles and French macarons

<u>Abandoned Pittsburgh</u> - a photography project exploring the Steel City's industrial past. Items for sale include books, prints in various media, furniture, coasters, and more

Ajwcreations - make unique handmade items such as ceramic goods, jewelry and home décor

<u>ARTWORKONTHERUN</u> – original art work created on hand stained papers using watercolors

Beatnik Sweet Eats - small batch, made-from-scratch baking and dessert company featuring Blue Ribbon Beatnik Brownies

<u>Blissed Out Design</u> – best known for Pittsburgh themed marble drink coasters, wooden drink coaster holders, and wooden greeting cards

David Alan Clothing Co. - one-of-a-kind, custom-fitted men's wear

Djoi Designs – unique, handcrafted leather accessories for men and women

Global Market Retail - ethnic musical instruments from Africa, craft items from Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, India and Indonesia

Goods and Evil - a husband and wife design team that create shirts, decals, jewelry, art and more to inspire conversations

Meat & Potatoes - serving sandwiches ranging from smoked brisket, pulled pork, fried chicken & more

Naturally Clean - locally produced line of handcrafted eco-friendly cleaning products

Neighborhood Blonde - reclaimed baseboard molding, books, and even sewing patterns are transformed into inspirational signs, hooks, jewelry organizers, and flowers

Pig Iron Public House - presenting local sourced, casual foods

Style Truck - boutique on wheels, carrying women's clothing and accessories

Two Acre Farm – all natural, sugar-free salsas, marinaras, mustards, jams, and much more all produced from a certified naturally grown artisan farm

<u>Vessel Studio Glass</u> - hand blown vessels, sculptures, and holiday items including pumpkins and gourds, ornaments, pickles, and much more

Whimsical Wonders - wind chimes, jewelry and accessories made by hand, from vintage silver plated silverware

Zekes Coffee Pittsburgh - small batch coffee roasters

Additional vendors include: <u>Aimee Manion Art</u>, <u>B. Z. Woodcraft</u>, <u>Gardenia and Grit</u>, <u>LinaBags</u>, <u>Magnolia on Main</u>, <u>Mexico Lindo Mercado y Galeria de Artesanias</u>, <u>Songbird Artistry</u>, among many others.

The PDP has been producing pop up Night Markets quarterly, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Gallery Crawl, since 2012. In addition to the new weekly Saturday Night Markets, PDP will present two Friday Night Markets in Market Square, in conjunction with Gallery Crawls on July 7 and September 22. On Saturdays June 16, August 5, and September 16, the Night Market will relocate to PPG Plaza, as other events are scheduled in Market Square.

About the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) is a dynamic, nonprofit organization comprised of business and community leaders, property owners, civic organizations, foundations and residents who provide energy, vision and advocacy for Downtown Pittsburgh. Working collaboratively with its partners, the PDP strives to create a positive Downtown experience for residents, workers and visitors alike. The PDP's strategic initiatives include clean and safe services, transportation, and economic development and advocacy. For more information, visit www.DowntownPittsburgh.com, follow us on Twitter at http://witter.com/downtownpitt and "like" us on Facebook.