



City of Yakima

# News Release

**Subject: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yakima Roots & Vines Festival**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roots & Vines Festival Looking to Build on Success

Last year's debut of the ***Yakima Roots & Vines Festival*** exceeded just about every expectation its promoters had for the inaugural event. Based on that success, anticipation is high for this year's event, which will take place in Yakima's Historic North Front Street District on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The Roots & Vines Festival was created to highlight the ever expanding number of quality local wineries, breweries, and distilleries that Yakima is recognized for, said Cody Beebe of Chinook Entertainment, part of the team producing the Roots & Vines Festival. We've added to that a lineup of top notch performers of Americana, roots, and bluegrass music. The crowds loved the festival last year and we expect even more excitement this time around, said Beebe.

The ***Yakima Roots & Vines Festival*** will feature two separate stages packed with high-quality, non-stop music. The lineup of performers will include headliners *The Travelin' McCourys*, a bluegrass band that features members of the Grammy-winning Del McCoury band and which has performed with the likes of *Dierks Bentley*, *Warren Haynes*, *Phish*, and the *Lee Boys*, *Rabbit Wilde*, a four-member indie-folk stomp band from the Pacific Northwest, *EmiSunshine*, an 11-year-old East Tennessee prodigy who has captured the nation's attention as a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, and *Rust on the Rails*, a new project headed by Yakima favorites Cody Beebe and Blake Noble, which regularly features other notable performers from throughout the Northwest.

Also appearing at the festival will be Ellensburg-based *Centaur Midwife* (Americana folk rock), rising talents *Cahalen & Eli* (folk) from Seattle, *The Wicks* (soul/folk), and *The Lil' Smokies* (bluegrass).

Local craft beverage makers that will showcase wine, beer, and spirits at the festival include Bale Breaker Brewing Company, Hop Nation Brewing Company, Yakima Craft Brewing Company, Berchman's Brewing Company, Tieton Cider Works, Naches Heights Vineyard, Gilbert Cellars, Antolin Cellars, Kana Winery, Wilridge Winery, JB Neufeld, and Swede Hill Distilling.

Only people 21 years of age or older will be allowed on the festival grounds in the Historic North Front Street District. Free family viewing area will be accessible via North Town Coffee House. Tickets to enter the event will cost \$14.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the gate. The first 1,500 attendees will receive a commemorative beverage glass. Tickets for the festival can be purchased online at [rootsandvinesfest.com](http://rootsandvinesfest.com). Scrip for craft beverages available at the event will be sold at various locations on the festival grounds. Food from a variety of local restaurants will also be on sale during the event.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ***Yakima Roots & Vines Festival*** is being produced by Chinook Entertainment, the Downtown Association of Yakima, the Historic North Front Street Merchants Association, and the City of Yakima. For more info including to purchase tickets, visit [www.rootsandvinesfest.com](http://www.rootsandvinesfest.com) or find updates on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rootsandvinesfest](https://www.facebook.com/rootsandvinesfest)