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Pike Place Market Celebrates 110 Years

11 decades later, the Market continues to be a leading Seattle landmark



SEATTLE (August 7, 2017) – [Pike Place Market](#), Seattle’s historic public market and top destination will celebrate its [110th anniversary](#), on Thursday, August 17, 2017. The Market opened in 1907 to thousands of shoppers eager to meet and shop directly from farmers and producers. Today, the Market continues to draw millions of locals and visitors who seek local fresh produce from Washington farms, artisanal and specialty foods, independent businesses and handcrafted products.

“We are beyond thrilled to be celebrating such a historic milestone,” said Ben Franz-Knight, Executive Director of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA). “Throughout its 110 years, the Market has played an important role in the growth and vitality of the city, and we continue to look towards the future. Happy birthday, Pike Place Market!”

The following events will take place the week of August 13:

WHAT: [Casper Babypants](#) Concert and Fundraiser
WHEN: Saturday, August 12 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
WHERE: MarketFront Pavilion
PRICE: Free

DETAILS: “Kindie” rocker Casper Babypants will perform kid-friendly hits from his new *Jump for Joy* album. Casper Babypants is a musician and former Market busker, who is better known for his former role as the lead singer of the much-loved Seattle-based band, The Presidents of the United States of America. After retiring from the group in 2009, he began playing original children’s music inspired by his own family. Donations encouraged to benefit [Pike Market Childcare and Preschool](#), serving families of all income levels since 1982.

WHAT: [John Stamets “Portrait of a Market”](#) Symposium and Photo Exhibit
WHEN: Thursday, August 17 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. (symposium); 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (photo exhibit)
WHERE: Pike Place Market Atrium Loft (symposium) and Arcade (photo exhibit)
PRICE: Free
DETAILS: The festivities continue with John Stamets “Portrait of a Market” Photo Exhibit. The symposium features brief presentations about the life and work of John Stamets by friends, students and colleagues who knew the noted Seattle photographer over his 40-year career.

Stamets captured the vitality and abundance of the Market in a series of stunning Widex photos published in 1987 in his book, "Portrait of a Market." The twilight tour is an exhibit highlighting a contemporary history of the Market. Guests are encouraged to document their own history of the Market and snap a photo at each display, showing the Market's past and its continued vitality in the present.

WHAT: 22nd Annual [Sunset Supper](#)
WHEN: Friday, August 18 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.
WHERE: MarketFront Plaza and Pike Place
PRICE: \$175 general admission; \$275 patron seating. Tickets include all food and beverage and can be purchased at <http://pikeplacemarketfoundation.org/sunset-supper>
DETAILS: The annual event celebrates the anniversary of the Market’s founding and provides guests with the opportunity to try the region’s best restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries. Funds benefit the [Pike Place Market Foundation](#), which supports the social service agencies operating in the Market.

Parking for all events is available at the Market’s parking garages (Public Market Parking Garage: 1531 Western Avenue and MarketFront Parking Garage: 1901 Western Avenue), located on Western Avenue. The rate is \$5 after 5 p.m. There is elevator access from the garages to the MarketFront and Pike Place.

Home to more than 85 local farmers, 200 craftspeople, 225 independent businesses and 85 eateries, the Market hosts more than 15 million visitors annually who come to shop for the best products and produce of Washington. The Pike Place Market PDA manages and preserves the historic buildings and character of the 9-acre historic district. The PDA manages more than a dozen buildings, including low-income

housing for residents, including seniors. The Market is also home to social services that benefit the greater downtown community: a senior center and food bank, medical clinic and preschool and childcare that serve low-income individuals and families.

For more information on the Pike Place Market, visit <http://pikeplacemarket.org/>.

Pike Place Market is Seattle's original farmers market, founded in 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operating public markets in the U.S. The market operates within a 9-acre historic district and is a bustling neighborhood of hundreds of vendors, residents and businesses, including farmers, craftspeople, independent shops, buskers, and residents, many of whom are low-income seniors, and five social service agencies. www.pikeplacemarket.org

The Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority (PDA) is a not-for-profit, public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to manage the properties in the 9-acre Market Historic District. The PDA's charter is to preserve, rehabilitate and protect the Market's buildings, increase opportunities for farm and food retailing in the Market, incubate and support small and marginal businesses, and provide services and affordable housing for low-income people.

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