



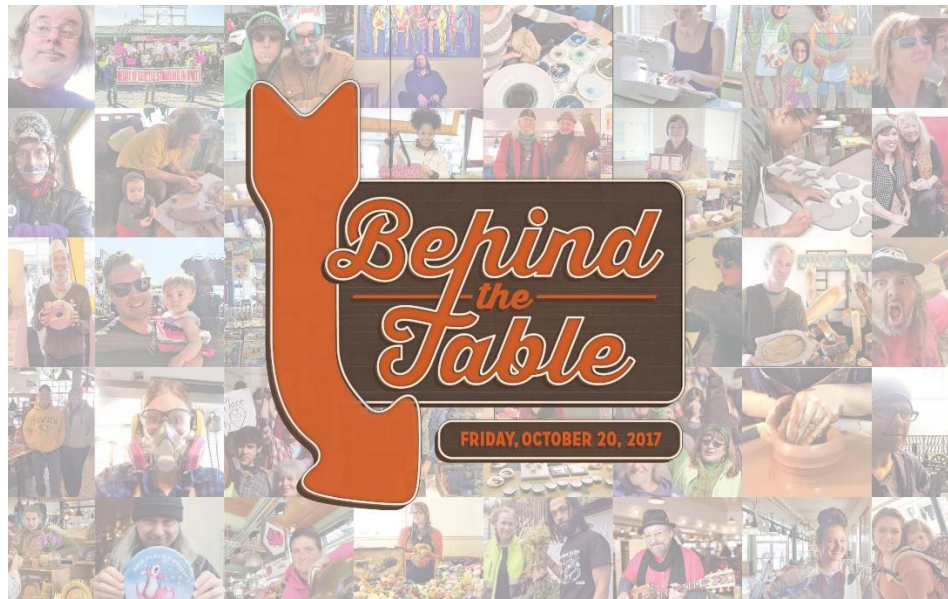
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**PIKE PLACE PRODUCERS PRESENTS THE 4th ANNUAL
BEHIND THE TABLE: MEET THE ARTISANS OF PIKE PLACE MARKET**

Celebration of handmade crafts supports the Market Community Safety Net

SEATTLE – (October XX, 2017) – Pike Place Producers will present the fourth annual [Behind the Table: Meet the Artisans of Pike Place Market](#), a fundraiser, dinner and auction for the Market Community Safety Net, which provides emergency financial assistance to workers and residents of Pike Place Market, Friday, October 20. For the first time, the event will take place on the new MarketFront, where many craftspeople now enjoy selling their work with views of Puget Sound.

Making up the backbone of Pike Place Market, more than 1,000 local artists, farmers, craftspeople and workers from the more than 500 independent Market businesses make their living at the Market. Many do not have full health care coverage or other forms of insurance. Therefore, when disaster strikes in the form of a stolen tractor, or a fall from a ladder in an apple orchard, Market workers turn to each other in this tight knit community for help. The tradition began with a passing of the hat and community organization by veteran Market craftswoman, Sharon Shaw, and eventually grew into the Market Community Safety Net.

“I could not be more thankful to be a part of a community where everyone watches over one another,” said Alex Rasmussen, busker and craft agent at Pike Place Market who fell through a roof last year. “After injuring myself and being placed on bedrest for a month, the Community Safety Net paid for a month’s worth of rent while I was unable to work, allowing me to properly recover and not have the burden of bills to pay.”

Behind the Table will feature live musical entertainment, a live art demonstration, fresh, local Market cuisine and a silent auction. Auction items include a handmade kaleidoscope by Michael Shaw, Seattle staycation package including lunch and dinner at the Market and a deluxe suite at the Thompson Hotel, a wooden inlay cribbage board by [John Silas](#), a rare box made from a century-old beam saved from a Market structure by [Kris Sacksteder](#), and “Pig Charmings,” ceramic piggy banks inlaid with scrap metal from MarketFront Charms from crafter Stephanie Shull of [Pike Place Pigs](#).

Guests will dine on signature Market culinary delights, including dishes from [Turkish Delight](#) [Michou Deli](#), [Piroshky Piroshky](#), [Honest Biscuits](#), [Pear Delicatessen and Shoppe](#), [Pike Place Fish Market](#), [Pure Food Fish](#) and [City Fish](#) prepared with fresh herbs by [Herbn’FarmNW](#). Beer provided by the [Pike Brewing Co.](#) and [Old Stove Brewing Co.](#) and wine by [Wilridge Winery](#), [The Athenian](#), [Cantina de San Patricio](#) and [Emmett Watson’s Oyster Bar](#).

Event Timeline:

5 - 8 p.m. Silent Auction
6:30 - 10 p.m. Dinner & Entertainment

WHAT: Behind The Table: Meet the Artisans of Pike Place Market, a fundraiser benefiting the Market Community Safety Net

WHEN: Friday, October 20, 5 - 10 p.m.

WHERE: Pike Place MarketFront, 1901 Western Ave.

TICKETS: \$40. www.behindthetable.org

Tickets include dinner, admission into the silent auction and one drink ticket.

EVENT PARKING: The Public Market Parking Garage at 1531 Western Ave. and the MarketFront Parking Garage at 1901 Western Ave. Access to the MarketFront is available via an elevator in the MarketFront garage.

The Market Community Safety Net is a fund intended to provide temporary emergency financial assistance to Market farmers, merchants and residents when faced with hardship. It can help a person or family from encountering an unnecessary spiral into excess debt or loss of livelihood or housing. It is administered by The Market Foundation. Through this event, the artists hope to increase the fund by \$50,000. Learn more about this event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/470916806575298/>

Pike Place Producers are the artists, designers and craftspeople who work alongside each other at the Market every day. They play a crucial role in the vibrancy of Pike Place Market not only in the diversity of art they sell but also in the community which they provide to each other and those around them. They are a group of fiercely independent micro-businesses working together for a common cause. Learn more: www.pikeplaceproducers.com.

Pike Place Market Foundation supports the heart and soul of the Market – its people. By helping our neighbors who work, learn and live in and around the Market, the Foundation helps the Market we love remain a thriving, caring community. Established in 1982, The Market Foundation has granted more than \$29 Million to provide housing, healthcare, healthy food, childcare and a community of support to our most vulnerable neighbors. Over the past 35 years, The Market Foundation has contributed to a neighborhood model that allows a diverse community to live and thrive here at Pike Place Market. Learn more: pikeplacemarketfoundation.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 is chartered 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. www.pikeplacemarket.org

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