



## **For Immediate Release**

**March 2024**

11am to 5pm

S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Wharton and Fitzwater Streets

**Philadelphia:** Seven city blocks are filled with over 100 vendors showcasing crafts, services, souvenirs, activities, music, beverages, and food. A celebration of culture, gastronomy, art and music with an unmatched energy and enthusiasm. The Festival, is one of Philadelphia's most popular events and attracts visitors from all over the city and beyond. In addition to the food, the Festival will feature a wide range of music, artists, and crafters. What makes this event so special is the opportunity for this iconic Philadelphia landmark to boost a variety of rich culture, food and entertainment. The S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Festival is a perfect way to spend a day with family and friends. The nation's oldest outdoor continuous market hosts this annual family event, which is Philadelphia's largest block party. Be part of the S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Festival Vibe!

### **Live Entertainment**

Washington Avenue Stage; On Saturday May 18 Variable Elements 12pm to 2pm, DJ Eric Bartello 2pm to 3pm, Amanda and Teddy 3pm to 5pm. On Sunday, May 19 Juliano Brothers 12pm to 2pm, and Philly Heart and Soul 3pm to 5pm.

The 9<sup>th</sup> & Christian Street Stage both Saturday and Sunday DJ Timmy DeSimone.

On Sunday May 19 at the Tavolo Zona DJ Eric Bartello.

### **Festival Happenings**

**Tavolo Zona** at the 9<sup>th</sup> & Montrose Piazza this is now a reserved ticket only table seating area. To reserve seats, [www.ItalianMarketFestival.com](http://www.ItalianMarketFestival.com)

**The John Marzano Half Ball Tournament** takes place in the Christopher Columbus

Charter Schoolyard at 916 Christian Street on Saturday May 18 starting at 10am. Proceeds benefit the John Marzano Wood Bat Scout League. Teams can register on site the morning of the event.

DeerPark's **Hoagie Competition** takes place on Sunday May 19 at 10am at the Washington Avenue Stage. Top Sandwich makers will be invited to participate. Philadelphia area residents can nominate their favorite place. The winner will not only earn all-important bragging rights but will also receive a significant trophy to display in their shop. In addition, DeerPark will donate \$5,000 to the charity of the winner's choice.

**Procession of Saints** held Sunday, May 19 at 11 am, is an annual tradition. The St. Paul Parish Procession of Saints starts at Saint Mary Magdalen Church (712 Montrose Street) and pauses for the Blessing of the Market at 9th and Washington Avenue, ending at Saint Paul Catholic Church (corner of S. Hutchinson and Christian Streets).

Located at the 9th & Montrose **Tavolo Zona Piazza**, The **Grease Pole** 30 feet high, greased with lard, teams will compete both Festival Days for prizes of meats, cheeses, gift cards and money, hanging from the top of the pole. More importantly the winning team will have bragging rights for the entire year. Teams can register on-site day of the event.

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