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## Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets 17th Street Festival – Saturday, August 25, 2018

Washington, D.C. – Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets presents its 9th Annual 17th Street Festival, a free community event celebrating the shops, restaurants, and services of 17th Street. The 17<sup>th</sup> Street Festival will take place on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the 1500-1600 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The festival includes a wide variety of street vendors, including artists, makers, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, kids' activities and entertainment – rain or shine.

The festival will include more than 60 artists and makers selling everything from oil paintings to pottery, jewelry to cigars, and every creative item in between. Other vendors include area nonprofit organizations, local entrepreneurs, and the Kids Zone will have an inflatable slide,

Unique to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Festival will be an all day "traveling" entertainment on the street, including a funk band, flamenco dancers with guitar, mariachi band, a Chinese lion dancer, and a New Orleans jazz band. We will end the day with a drag performance from 5:00-6:00 p.m. by Brooklyn Heights, a noted drag performer as seen at Town DC (now closed) and Nellies Sports Bar.

"Come and join us and bring the family," said Bill McLeod, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets' Executive Director. "We have 16 great restaurants on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, most with outdoor cafes, so there is great food and fun for everyone."

The 17th Street Festival was started nine years ago by Lee Granados, a long-time Dupont resident. Today it is organized by Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, with major support from the DC Department of Small and Local Business Development, Hubert's, Zico, Attache Housing, Elxel, Colonial Parking, Dupont Circle Citizen's Association, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, Stonewall Kickball, TD Bank, Friends of Stead Park, and the City Paper!

The mission of Historic Dupont Main Streets is to promote, coordinate, and maintain improvements of the cultural, economic, and environmental qualities of Dupont Circle to make it an exemplary place to live, work, shop, and play. Support the festival by making a donation and receive a discount wristband. Thanks!

Photos are available upon request at <u>info@dupontcircle.biz</u>. To learn more, visit <u>www.17thStreetFestival.org</u> or <u>www.DupontCircleMainStreets.org</u>.