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Welcome to The Gate's 2nd Annual Cask Beer Festival!

Brought to you by The Gate and Alex Hall (www.gotham-imbiber.com)

Definition of Cask-Conditioned Beer (a.k.a. 'Real Ale'): Unfiltered, unpasteurized beer brewed from only traditional ingredients, matured and naturally carbonated by a secondary fermentation in the container from which it is manually dispensed - i.e. served without the use of nitrogen or extraneous carbon dioxide. It is ideally served at cellar temperature, which is about 54F - so cool but not chilled.

WHITE TICKET \$5, RED TICKET \$6.50 – BUY TICKETS AT THE REGULAR BAR. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FESTIVAL STILLAGE

New York City's cask ale revival

Also known as 'real ale', cask-conditioned ale (or, sometimes, lager) is unfiltered, unpasteurized craft beer served without any forced carbonation pushing it to the tap. It is served either by gravity-dispense straight from a tap hammered into the front of the cask, or by use of a beer engine (also known as a 'handpump' or 'handpull') - a simple manual pump clamped to the bar which extracts the beer with the vacuum created when the lever is operated. It is beer as was standard prior to modern kegging and chilling techniques, benefitting from the natural soft carbonation, lack of extraneous CO2, and a serving temperature where it can be tasted properly.

Cask ale or lager is beer in its natural state, and should be served at around 54 degrees Fahrenheit for optimum mouthfeel – chilling beer detracts from the full taste spectrum. Carbonation is natural and soft, coming from the yeast as it continues to ferment the beer in the cask.

Recently, there has been a dramatic increase in the popularity and availability of cask-conditioned beer – unsurprising as it is the cream of the rapidly expanding craft beer industry. It is now readily available in the city for trade accounts from Chelsea Brewing Company, Brooklyn Brewery, Union Beer Distributors, S.K.I. Beer Distributors, and by pre-order from American Beer Distributors. Over 50 bars and restaurants in New York City now have permanent cask availability, up tenfold from one decade ago.

Alex Hall has been running regular cask beer festivals at various locations in the New York area since 2003 (and since 1996 in the U.K.), see below for forthcoming dates - and also check online for regular updates and additional information at:

www.gotham-imbiber.com

FORTHCOMING GOTHAM IMBIBER CASK FESTIVALS

 30^{th} April – 2^{nd} May at The Brazen Head, 228 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. 12 casks at any one time. 7^{th} – 9^{th} May at dba Brooklyn, 113 North 7^{th} Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn. 15 cask beers. 4^{th} – 6^{th} June near Brighton, England ('Glastonwick'). 68 cask beers and 12 cask ciders.

Please drink responsibly, and <u>never</u> drink and drive.

BREWERY / BEER NAME	<u>ABV</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Ballast Point 'Sculpin I.P.A.' Style: American I.P.A. Ratebeer Score: Golden-orange with aromas of apricot, peach, mang	I 00 Beer	San Diego, CA Advocate Score: A mon. Medium bodied with a	\$6.50 = 12oz LIMITED SUPPLYI crisp, piney hops on the palate.
	99 <u>Beer</u>	Healdsburg, CA - Advocate Score: A- Northwest hops, Columbu	\$6.50 = 16.90z, \$5 = 120z us and Cascade. So Very hoppy!
Bear Republic 'Racer X' Style: Imperial / Double I.P.A. Ratebeer Score: Orange-amber, boldly hopped (over 5 pounds of ho	I 00Beer	Healdsburg, CA - Advocate Score: A arrel) strong ale with a bala	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz anced finish.
BrewDog 'Paradox Isle of Arran' Style: Imperial Stout, barrel aged Ratebeer Score: Aged in specially selected Islay Malt Whisky Casks. Peat and	96 Beer	Fraserburgh, Scotland Advocate Score: B+ , plus hints of oak and dark fru	
(The) Bruery 'Saison de Lente' Style: Saison Ratebeer Score: Light blonde in color with a fresh hoppiness and a w	96 <u>Beer</u>	Placentia, CA - Advocate Score: A- c Brettanomyces character	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz with notes of yeast and pepper.
Cigar City Humidor Series 'Jai Alai Cedar Aged IPA' Style: American I.P.A., wood aged Ratebeer Score: Aged on cedar, a little subtler than oak, is this delight	99 <u>Beer</u>	· Advocate Score: A -	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz notes of pine, citrus, and caramel.
Jolly Pumpkin 'Bam Noire' Style: Saison Ratebeer Score: An unusual dark saison, deep-reddish-brown, brewe	89 Beer	Dexter, MI - Advocate Score: B+ rettanomyces yeast for a sl	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz lightly tart, funky, fruity character.
Lagunitas 'Wilco Tango Foxtrot' Style: American Strong Ale Ratebeer Score: A.K.A. "WTF Ale". "A malty, robust, jobless Recovery	92 Beer		\$6.50 = 16.90z, \$5 = 120z p red with a pleasant balancing hoppiness.
Lagunitas 'Brown Shugga' Style: American Strong Ale Ratebeer Score: Reddish brown, powerful but smooth ale with notes	93 Beer	Petaluma, CA - Advocate Score: B+ t malt, caramel. Dangerous	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz LIMITED SUPPLY! Sly drinkable.
Pretty Things 'Fluffy White Rabbits' Style: Triple Ratebeer Score: A tasty new "hoppy triple" for the Spring, pale gold, with	NEW <mark>Bee</mark>	Westport, MA <u>r Advocate Score</u> : B vrian Goldings and Amarillo v	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz varieties. Spicy with a little sweetness.
Tröegs 'Nugget Nectar' Style: American Amber Ale Ratebeer Score: Ever popular, this golden amber ale is perfectly balar	99 Beer	Harrisburg, PA Advocate Score: Nugget hops and malt par	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz rtnering for a delicious cask experience.
Two Brothers 'Heavy Handed I.P.A.'	6.7%	Warrenville, IL	\$6.50 = 16.9oz, \$5 = 12oz

Ratebeer Score: 86 Beer Advocate Score: B+ Style: American I.P.A. Reddish-amber wet-hopped ale with hints of cherries and a lingering hoppy finish.

Williams Brothers 'Scottish Heavy Ale' (80/-) 4.2% Alloa, Scotland

\$6.50 = 16.90z, \$5 = 120z

Style: Scottish 80/- (80 Shilling) Ale Ratebeer Score: 58 Beer Advocate Score: B+

A traditional Scottish ale, deep chestnut, malty with light balancing hops and a hint of toffee. This is 80/- renamed for the US market.

Please note that casks will not be replaced when they are empty – first come first served.

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