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Metazoa Brewing Company Honored at the 2020 Great American Beer Festival® and Alpha King Challenge

Three signature beers recognized across two of the world's most prestigious professional beer competitions

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Metazoa Brewing Company was awarded two bronze medals at the 2020 Great American Beer Festival (GABF) competition, presented by the Brewers Association, and third place in the Alpha King Challenge, sponsored by 3 Floyds Brewery and Yakima Chief Hops. For the 2020 GABF competition, the best beers in 91 beer categories covering 170 different beer styles (including all subcategories) were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals during a virtual ceremony Friday, October 16, hosted on The Brewing Network. The Alpha King Challenge, hosted virtually at 3 Floyds Brewery, awarded three of the most well-balanced and drinkable hop-forward beers from a pool of 150 commercial breweries from around the country.



At this year's GABF competition, Metazoa Brewing Company was recognized in two beer-style categories. Wicked Pawesome, which won a bronze medal in the highly competitive Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale category, leans on additions of Loral and El Dorado hops to give a tropical fruit and slightly floral flavor to this medium, full-bodied IPA. Meadowlark, which took home a gold medal at the 2019 GABF competition, was recognized again in 2020 with a bronze medal

in the Classic Saison category. The brand-new Puma Thurman, American IPA, took home third place in the 2020 Alpha King Challenge for its expert blend of six different hops including Amarillo, Citra, Mosaic, Simcoe, Idaho 7, and Loral hops.

“Our entire brewing team is extremely honored to be recognized in both the GABF and Alpha King Challenge competitions this year,” said Nick Betzner, Director of Brewing Operations at Metazoa Brewing Company. “Any recognition at GABF is an incredible honor, but to medal two years in a row with our Classic Saison, Meadowlark, and to take home the bronze medal for Wicked Pawesome in the Hazy IPA category, the most competitive category in the entire competition, is incredibly special. For our small brewing team—and for myself especially—being a top three winner at the Alpha King Challenge is a true bucket list accomplishment for us. We are incredibly excited to continue to grow as a brewery and make delicious, innovative, and award-winning beers for years to come.”

Judges for the 34th edition of the celebrated GABF competition evaluated 8,806 entries from 1,720 breweries from all 50 states plus Washington, D.C. Socially distanced judging took place in 35 sessions over 18 days with strict safety measures in place.

“This year’s GABF competition may have looked a little different, but the beers entered into the competition were as impressive and innovative as ever,” said Chris Swersey, competition manager, Great American Beer Festival. “This has arguably been one of the most challenging years breweries have ever faced, so we hope these awards serve as a symbol not only of brewing excellence but also the resiliency of the craft brewing community as a whole.”

The Alpha King Challenge, which crowned Two Hearted Ale from Bell’s Brewery its first winner in 1999, has become one of the most highly esteemed craft brewing awards in the industry. Being recognized in the competition has allowed many breweries to advance to the next level and truly become masters of hop flavors, aromas, and balance within the craft beer industry.

For more information on the GABF competition, including a complete 2020 winners list and photos, visit GreatAmericanBeerFestival.com. For more information on the Alpha King Challenge, including a list of the top 20 competitors, visit YakimaChief.com/events.

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About Metazoa Brewing Co.

At Metazoa Brewing Co., balance is our guiding philosophy. A craft brewery in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, we create a wide range of true-to-style traditional ales and quirky experimental styles – always easy drinking, but big on flavor. Since day one we’ve donated 5% of our profits to animal and wildlife organizations to give back to the planet that gives us beer. Drink beer. Help animals.