



## **Academy Of Cheese Stage at LIQUID CITY: Makers Night 2023**

**Speakers Schedule - 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

### **Intro 6pm (5 minutes)**

By LIQUID CITY

*LIQUID CITY was founded by Rob Graff and Edwin Real in 2018 as a way to highlight San Diego's food scene through unique local liquid purveyor-led events. They realized they had an amazing concept when 750 people showed up at the inaugural LIQUID CITY: Cheese Expo 2019. Despite three years of covid-related uncertainties, delays and difficulties, 900 people attended the second LIQUID CITY: Cheese Expo in 2022.*

*This is the THIRD "annual" LIQUID CITY: Cheese Expo held in San Diego!*

### **Anvil of Hope 6:05pm (10 minutes)**

By Vicky Zien

*"Anvil of Hope is the non-profit brainchild of AleSmith Brewing Company's owners, Peter and Vicky Zien, who are deeply committed to strengthening our community. The Anvil of Hope vision is to break the cycle of poverty to ensure that EVERYONE has the opportunity to thrive and prosper. We provide mentoring/training/youth enrichment programs to at-risk school children with the goal of keeping them safely engaged in school while developing a desire to pursue education/training beyond high school. We also provide a holistic approach to helping families succeed either through career counseling and job/skills training/parental skills training, or financial assistance, which provides a solid foundation for children."*

*Website: <https://anvilofhope.org>*

### **Berry Good Food Foundation 6:15pm (10 minutes)**

By Christina Ng

*"BGF supports a local and regenerative food system in San Diego and Baja California with programs around food security and food education. But it isn't just about what we do, it's about why we do it and how we do it. We empower our community by building bridges between farmers, chefs, scientists, and citizens to challenge the industrial food system while advocating for access to healthy food for all."*

*Website: <https://berrygoodfood.org>*

### **Forever Cheeses 6:30pm (15 minutes)**

By Steve Jones & Sarah Dvorak

*Steve Jones is celebrating his 25th year in the cheese community. He has worked in many aspects of the industry including owning his nationally acclaimed shop Cheese Bar in Portland Oregon. He has appeared on NPR's Splendid Table and Live Wire and was crowned the champ at 2011's Cheese Mongers Invitational. Steve is now enjoying his position of sales and education at Gourmet Imports.*

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**California Panel 6:45pm (30 minutes)**

Moderated by Sarah Simms

**Wisconsin Cheeses 7:15pm (30 minutes)**

Presented by Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin

**Neals Yard Dairy 7:45pm (15 minutes)**

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**American Artisan Farmstead 8:00 (15 minutes)**

By Sarah Dvorak

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**Outro - 8:15pm (5 minutes)**

By LIQUID CITY

Thank you for attending these educational sessions