

## \*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 12/17/2024\*

Get ready for the <u>12th annual Idaho® Potato Drop</u>, Idaho's signature holiday event that can only be truly experienced LIVE at the Idaho State Capitol!

Winner of <u>USA Today's "10 Best Reader's Choice Award"</u> for "Best New Years Eve Drop" two years running, this time-honored tradition brings people together from all around the world to celebrate the coming of a prosperous new year.

Starting at 6:00 PM, the ICCU Main Stage comes to life as the world-famous #GlowTato ascends to its evening perch during the Idaho® Potato Rise, raising awareness for local non-profits in need. Sean Hannock from Recycled Minds will by the EMCEE for the night, keeping it festive and funny.

<u>KTVB</u> will be on hand broadcasting live across NBC stations in Cecil D. Andrus Park, featuring <u>live</u> <u>music and entertainment</u> by North Mississippi Allstars co-founder <u>Cody Dickinson</u>, with special guest Ben Wilson of Blues Traveler and Idaho favorite Jeff Crosby.

Skiers and snowboarders will compete for cash and prizes in the IPD Urban Rail Jam, winner of SAM Magazine's International Terrain Park Contest for "Best Event". This one-of-a-kind exhibition has also caught the attention of ESPN, US Ski & Snowboard and the X Games. Complete with dual flame columns at the finish line and all-new rail features built by Onslaught Crew and sponsored by Tamarack Resort.

Sample delicious local food and grab a toddy at the all-ages beer garden in the vendor camp located throughout the park. Customize your own screen-printed Idaho® Potato Drop gear on-site and don't forget to snap a picture with Spuddy Buddy at the <u>Big Idaho® Potato Tour truck!</u>

At 7 pm, <u>VIP pass holders</u> can grab a drink and dance the night away in our warm and cozy <u>Mountain Modular</u> VIP room located next to the ICCU Mainstage. Enjoy a full bar with complimentary drink and appetizers with live music and raffles. Prizes include Tamarack Resort Passes, Idaho® Potato Commission Goodies and a one-night stay in the <u>Idaho® Potato</u> <u>Hotel</u>. When the countdown to the new year begins, <u>Inland Crane</u> will 'Drop' it like it's hot to a <u>world-class pyrotechnic display!</u>

The Idaho® Potato Drop is a free and charitable all-ages New Year's Eve event that supports local arts, businesses and charities. This year's beneficiaries include; <u>So Good</u>, <u>Veterans of Foreign Wars</u> and <u>Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline</u>. BIG thanks go to our amazing partners supporting our community, including Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho® Potato Commission, <u>Visit Boise</u>, <u>Equipment Share</u>, <u>Stor-It</u>, <u>United Site Services</u>, <u>City of Boise</u>, <u>Key Design Websites</u>, Idaho Storage Connection and Jo's Traveling Bar.

For more information, or to purchase VIP tickets, visit IdahoPotatoDrop.com