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CAMBRIDGE BREWING COMPANY WINS MEDAL AT THE GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL®

Cambridge, MA • 10-18-06 —The Cambridge Brewing Company recently claimed a gold medal at the 2006 Great American Beer Festival Competition, the largest national beer competition that recognizes the most outstanding beers produced in the United States today. The top three winners in the competition's 69 beer-style categories were announced September 30 at the 25th Great American Beer Festival Awards Ceremony held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colo.

The Cambridge Brewing Company was recognized in the herb and spice beer-style category for its "Wind Cried Mari", a Scottish Heather Ale made with Scottish malt, fresh, hand-harvested heather flowers, sweet gale and lavender. The aroma and flavor features notes of sweet gale, heather, wildflower spiciness, and a grace note of lavender, complemented by the interplay of mild but assertive, toasty-sweet malt. Cambridge Brewing Company is a 10 bbl brewery-restaurant located in Cambridge, MA that celebrates the marriage of creative American cuisine and artisan beer. "The vastly varied beer styles and flavors available allow us many choices for cooking and pairing with our chef's menus. We strive to take advantage of the creativity and exceptional palates of both head brewer Will Meyers and executive chef, Brian Roskow to develop what we call "the marriage of beer and food"" says Chris Punis, General Manager at the Cambridge Brewing Company.

The 2006 Great American Beer Festival Competition winners were selected by an international panel of brewing experts from an impressive field of 2,402 entries received from 450 U.S. breweries. More than 1,200 breweries were invited to compete. "The Great American Beer Festival is the premier judging event for the American craft beer industry," says Nancy Johnson, Festival Director. "It's exciting, being the 25th celebration, that this is our biggest showing of entries. That's proof positive that being chosen a winner, no matter if gold, silver or bronze is truly an accomplishment."

For more Great American Beer Festival Competition information and 2006 winners' list, visit www.GreatAmericanBeerFestival.com.

The Great American Beer Festival has been held every year since 1982 and is presented by the Brewers Association not-for-profit educational, trade association for craft brewers Visit the website: www.beertown.org to learn more. The Brewers Association also hosts the bi-annual World Beer Cup® and is based in Boulder, Colo., U.S.A.

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