

# **Columbus Brewing Company Purchased by the Brewmaster, Eric Bean**

*Columbus Brewing Company was purchased on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 by Brewmaster Eric Bean. This is the first brewery owned by the brewmaster in Columbus, Ohio since the passing of August Wagner of Wagner Brewing Company in 1944.*

Columbus, Ohio (January 26, 2011) – Eric Bean, Brewmaster, of Columbus Brewing Company bought the majority share of Columbus Brewing Company last Friday. This is the first time since the passing of August Wagner of Wagner Brewing Company in 1944, that a brewmaster has had majority ownership in a brewery in Columbus, Ohio. This does not affect the ownership of the Columbus Brewing Company Restaurant nor the Columbus Brewing Company at the Port Columbus International Airport, which are both independently owned.

Eric Bean, Brewmaster, said “Owning a brewery has been my dream since my first batch of homebrew in 1993, and after fifteen years of professional brewing it has finally happened. I am proud to own a company with such a great history and excited for the future. Now it is time to get back to work and get ready for next month’s addition of new tanks that will allow for an expansion of 70%.”

About Columbus Brewing Company: The Columbus Brewing Company is located in the capital city’s historic Brewery District. The Columbus Brewing Company was originally founded in 1830. In 1988, the name was once again chosen to resurrect the brewing heritage of its namesake. Columbus Brewing Company uses only the finest ingredient in its world inspired, Ohio brewed craft beers. Columbus Brewing Company’s beer is sold at local grocery stores and is available on draft at fine restaurants and pubs throughout Ohio.

Principal products include Pale Ale, India Pale Ale, Scottish Ale, Oatmeal, Summer Teeth, Columbus Winter Warmer, and A Hop Odyssey series. Summer Teeth is a Great American Beer Festival 2010 bronze medal winner in the Kellerbier/Zwickelbier category.

About Eric Bean, Brewmaster: Eric Bean brings years of experience to the brewery including an apprenticeship with a German-trained Brewmaster, completed the Master Brewers program at U.C. Davis, and brewing at several breweries throughout North America.

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