

Atlantia Royal Brewer Competition

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Competition Overview

The theme of this year's Royal Brewer competition is the sacred, mythological, and cultural roots of fermentation. In the ancient world, beer, wine, mead, and other fermented drinks were closely associated with gods, goddesses, or legendary figures. Some were associated with grain and harvest, some with fertility and abundance, others with wisdom or transformation.

Show us your best mythically inspired fermented beverage, with the story of why you chose that brew and how it connects to a myth, deity, or legend. This competition blends history, storytelling, and brewing. Both scholarship and creative interpretation are encouraged!

Competition Rules

- Each brewer should submit a minimum of two (2) entries, but additional entries are welcome. You will be judged on two entries of your choice by Their Majesties.
- Entries should be inspired by a different deity, myth, or legend of fermentation. Who is your inspiration, and why did you choose this figure? What was their cultural importance?
- Process documentation should include temperature and specific gravity information where possible.

Mythic Themes (some suggestions)

- **Fermentation as transformation** (Dionysus, Ninkasi, Soma)
- **Mead as wisdom** (Odin, Kvasir, Goibniu)
- **Beer as civilization** (Ninkasi, Mbaba Mwana Waresa)
- **Household vs. divine brewing** (Brigid vs. Dagda)

Example Deities/Legends/Kings (Others found in Africa, East Asia, South Asia, etc.)

- **Mesopotamia & Ancient Near East** : Ninkasi, Siduri, Ashurnasirpal II
- **Mediterranean World**: Dionysus, Hathor, Bacchus
- **Norse**: Ægir, Kvasir, Odin, Suttungr, Gunnlöð, Heiðrún
- **Celtic**: Brigid, The Dagda, Goibniu, Manannan mac Lir.
- **Mesoamerica**: Mayahuel, Tezcatzontecatl , The 400 Rabbits