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**During the Seattle Cheese Festival, You Can Learn About Molds That
Only a Mother Could Love**

SEATTLE – April 4, 2007 – Mother Noella Marcellino is a Benedictine cheesemaker from Connecticut and Fulbright Scholar who crisscrossed France to collect samples of cheese and mold while pursuing a doctorate in microbiology. Known by her fans as “The Cheese Nun,” she will grace the Seattle Cheese Festival with her presence and share the story of *Geotrichum candidum*, a fungus that encourages flavor and ripening in cheese.

First, there will be a showing of the PBS documentary “The Cheese Nun: Sister Noella Marcellino’s Journey of Discovery” on Friday, May 18, at the Seattle Art Museum. The film beautifully depicts the importance of Mother Noella’s work and how it has become a defense of biodiversity and raw-milk cheeses. She will lead a discussion after the showing.

Then, on Saturday, May 18, Mother Noella will give a lecture on “Growing Old Tastefully: The Microorganism You Love May Be Your Own.” She will share some results from her study and present a slide show from her time in France. This is a rare opportunity to meet Mother Noella, who normally lives a cloistered life at a Benedictine abbey in Bethlehem, Connecticut.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

“The Cheese Nun: Sister Noella Marcellino’s Journey of Discovery”

4 p.m., May 18

Seattle Art Museum Main Auditorium

\$10

Buy tickets at www.seattlecheesefestival.com

Seminar

Growing Old Tastefully: The Microorganism You Love May Be Your Own

8:30 to 9:30 a.m., May 19

Top of the Market (Pike Place Market, 2nd floor)

\$30

Buy tickets at www.seattlecheesefestival.com

First held in 2005, the Seattle Cheese Festival is a non-profit organization formed to educate the public on artisanal, handcrafted and farmstead cheese and to benefit specialty

cheese producers. To learn more about the Seattle Cheese Festival and festival updates visit www.seattlecheesefestival.com.

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