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ECHDC ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2014 CANALSIDE PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Daily activities, music, fitness and family programming all part of the 1,000 events and activities planned for Buffalo's waterfront

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today launched its exciting 2014 season of summer events and programming at Canalside. This year, Canalside will host more than 1,000 events and activities, including daily activities for kids, fitness, music, history, a new Clinton's Dish menu, festivals and more on Buffalo's waterfront. Visit www.canalsidebuffalo.com for the calendar of events, which is continuously being updated as activities and events are booked. Today's announcement is in addition to the most diverse and exciting concert lineup concert crowds have ever seen on Buffalo's waterfront, including 10 free Thursday concerts and four ticketed concerts, that was announced earlier this month.

"With more visitors discovering Canalside each year, ECHDC continues its work to encourage public access of the waterfront and enjoyment of our unique asset," said ECHDC Chairman Robert Gioia. "This year Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation offers a diverse selection of daily activities, with returning favorites and new activities that you asked for. We invite one and all to experience the history, family fun, fitness and more that makes Buffalo truly exceptional."

New offerings this year include an expanded Clinton's Dish with an innovative menu and additional seating, WNY Bike Rentals and Tours, pedal car rentals and daily tours to learn the story of Buffalo. For the kids, there will be family activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, including F BITES on Tuesdays featuring Chef Bobby Anderson from the television show Hell's Kitchen, who demonstrates culinary techniques for kids and young adults. Zumba, pilates, Power yoga Buffalo, boot camp and YMCA's yoga classes are back, but new this year Canalside will feature Soccer Shots for kids at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Street performers will also be part of the summer scene this year with everything from magicians to musicians entertaining crowds on the Central Wharf from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

The new Buffalo Brewers Festival at Canalside takes place July 19 featuring Governor Cuomo's "Taste NY" initiative with New York State food and craft beer. Also, new this year, Open Mic night on Mondays for four weeks straight starting June 9 and pre-parties before the Bruno Mars, Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake and James Taylor concerts at First Niagara Center.

Old favorites returning include the Saturday Artisan Market and children's programming with Explore and More Children's Museum, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and Young Audiences of WNY.

Amenities, such as table games/game rentals, a reading room, QR Code tours, BFLO Kayak tours/rentals, water bike rentals, Queen City Water Taxi, Spirit of Buffalo rides, will also be available throughout the summer.

Highlights of the 2014 Programming and Events Season include:

- June 1: Pride Festival
- June 13: Buffalove Photo Shoot
- July 4: Independence Day Celebration
- July 12: Wooden Boat Festival
- July 13: Budding Tree Yoga Festival
- July 19: Buffalo Brewers Festival at Canalside
- August 22-24: Buffalo Irish Festival
- September: Buffalo Maritime Festival

About Canalside

Canalside is a growing regional destination and entertainment district, situated on 21 historic acres along downtown Buffalo's emerging waterfront on the Buffalo River. Canalside earns its name from its storied past, when the Erie Canal Harbor was built in 1825 as the western terminus of the Erie Canal. Until five years ago, the land was barren and inaccessible, but the area has been reclaimed by the state's Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. and developed with millions of dollars in public and private investment. With more than 1,000 yearly events and nearly 1 million annual visitors, Canalside is fast becoming the go-to place for in- and out-of-towners of all ages to learn, play and relax. For more information, visit www.canalsidebuffalo.com.

About Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation

The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) is governed by a nine-member board consisting of seven voting directors and two non-voting, ex-officio directors. The seven voting directors are recommended by the New York State Governor and are appointed by the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development as sole shareholder of ECHDC. The two non-voting, ex-officio director positions are held by the Erie County Executive and the City of Buffalo Mayor.

As a subsidiary of Empire State Development, the state's chief economic development agency, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation supports and promotes the creation of infrastructure and public activities at Canalside, the Ohio Street corridor and the Outer Harbor that is attracting critical mass, private investment and enhance the enjoyment of the waterfront for residents and tourists in Western New York. Its vision is to revitalize Western New York's waterfront and restore economic growth to Buffalo based on the region's legacy of pride, urban significance and natural beauty. For more information on ECHDC, visit www.eriecanalharbor.com.

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