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**Summer 2015 Concert Schedule Announced at Canalside**

*Expanded Thursday series; return of popular Battle of the Bands and Music and Dance series*

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today announced an exciting concert lineup for summer 2015 on Buffalo's waterfront. This year, ECHDC is proud to announce that with the support of its sponsors, Canalside will have 12 free Thursday concerts—two more than last year—that run from June 4 to August 20. Canalside is bringing the likes of indie dance duo Matt and Kim to kick off the summer; progenitors of the ska punk genre, Mighty Mighty Bosstones; tribute band Get The Led Out "The American Led Zeppelin" to bring the studio recordings of one of the most successful, innovative, and influential rock groups in history to life in concert; the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the city's cultural ambassador, featuring the music of Stevie Wonder; and the Real Funky Divas, R&B girl group EnVogue to close the season. Also on the docket this year is the continuation of the popular Battle of the Bands and Music and Dance series.

View a short video of the featured Canalside Concert artists at <http://www.lemurstudios.com/canalside/>.

"Our free Thursday concerts continue to be a mainstay attraction on Buffalo's waterfront, attracting thousands of people to enjoy musical extravaganzas on beautiful summer evenings," said ECHDC Chairman Robert Gioia. "This year we strived for a diverse line-up that has something for everyone, young and old, and we invite everyone to Canalside to experience their favorite playlists in person."

**Free Thursday lineup – concerts start at 6 p.m.**

- June 4: Matt and Kim with Bearstronaut and Made Violent
- June 11: Arkells with Robert DeLong and Milo Greene
- June 18: Everclear with Fuel and American HiFi
- June 25: Spoon with July Talk
- July 2: The Sheepdogs with Yonder Mountain String Band
- July 9: Mighty Mighty Bosstones
- July 16: The BPO "Buffalo's All-Star Tribute to Stevie Wonder"
- July 23: Bad Fish "A Tribute to Sublime" and Reel Big Fish

- July 30: Iron and Wine with Ben Bridwell
- August 6: Umphrey's McGee and Aqueous
- August 13: Get The Led Out "The American Led Zeppelin"
- August 20: EnVogue

All the concerts are FREE to attend but Canalside will be offering V.I.P tickets again this year for \$40 per concert. The VIP tickets include:

- 3 FREE glasses of beer/wine with \$3 beer and wine after that (water and soda are free).
- Light appetizers and finger foods from local restaurants, including Ironworks, Templeton Landing, The Hatch, Westside Bazaar, Fat Bob's, Just Pizza and 716 Food and Sport.
- VIP private bathrooms.
- Front of stage viewing area.
- VIP tent with seating and lawn games.

"We have dozens of concerts coming to the waterfront—rock, alternative, jam bands, blues and even the philharmonic," said Ryan Coate, General Manager of Canalside with Global Spectrum. "Building on last year's success, our beautiful waterfront will be filled with a variety of music each week that is sure to appeal to all our visitors."

Also continuing this year, Canalside is producing a "Battle of the Bands" on select Fridays at 5:30 p.m. throughout the summer with local bands competing for the chance to open for national acts performing during the Free Thursday series. Local bands can apply at [www.CanalsideBuffalo.com](http://www.CanalsideBuffalo.com). Finalists will be chosen by a team from Canalside and Arts Services Initiative of Western New York (ASI) and then go on to the live Battle of the Bands, where a panel of local music industry experts will choose one winner in each of the following categories:

- Roots & Americana Battle: opening for Sheepdogs & Yonder Mountain String Band on July 2
- Jam Battle: opening for Spoon on June 25
- Ska & Punk Battle: opening for Mighty Mighty Bosstones on July 9
- Classic Soul Battle: opening for BPO's tribute to Stevie Wonder on July 16
- Rock Battle: opening for Badfish on July 23
- Alternative Battle: opening for Iron & Wine on July 30
- Blues Battle: opening for Get the Led Out on August 13
- Hip Hop Battle: opening for En Vogue on August 20

Another continued and expanded feature this summer is the Canalside Concerts Music and Dance Series, where local instructors will teach dancing basics to novice dancers. After a 45 minute lesson, everyone will join together to dance to two, half-hour sets of live music. Last year, The Canalside Concert Music and Dance Series held eight sessions. This year, due to its past popularity, Canalside will hold 14 Wednesday night sessions from June 2 through September 2 at 7 p.m. and feature:

- Salsa
- Swing
- Ballroom Foxtrot
- Ballroom Waltz

- Argentine Tango
- Merengue
- Charleston
- Country Two-Step
- Country Line Dance

A special thanks to the following partners and sponsors: Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, City of Buffalo, Global Spectrum, Arts Services Initiative of Western New York, Labatt USA, Try-It Distributing, Cricket, Greater Buffalo Area Honda Dealership, Pepsi, Gusto, M.P. Carroll, New York State Lottery, Ticketfly and FunTime Presents.

That's not all though. Entercom & Kiss 98.5 are excited to bring back Kiss the Summer Hello presented by Seneca Gaming & Entertainment on Saturday, May 30. This year's lineup includes Flo Rida, R5, Cash Cash, Cody Simpson, Natalie La Rose, Sheppard, LunchMoney Lewis and Jordin Sparks. Also, returning on Saturday, July 25 is Alternative Buffalo 107.7's Kerfuffle presented by Seneca Poker @ The Seneca Niagara Casino. This year's lineup features CAKE, The Airborne Toxic Event, Civil Twilight, Cold War Kids, The Gaslight Anthem, In The Valley Below, The Mowgli's, New Politics and Saint Motel

### **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](http://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 nonvoting, 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](http://www.eriecanalharbor.com).