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ECHDC Announces Summer 2015 Canalside Programming and Events Schedule

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

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today announced its exciting 2015 season of summer events and programming at Canalside. This year, Canalside will host more than 1,000 events and activities, including an action packed slate of options just for kids, fitness, music, history, festivals and more on Buffalo's waterfront. Visit www.canalsidebuffalo.com for the calendar of events, which is continuously updated as activities and events are booked.

This schedule is in addition to the continuation of the popular Thursday night concert series with 12 free Thursday concerts—two more than last year—that run from June 4 to August 20; as well as activities and food options planned for the new, water-filled Canals that will be announced on Friday, May 22. Clinton's Dish will also open starting today from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Beer and wine will be sold at The Dish from 3 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find The Dish's full menu here <http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com/visit-canalside/food-and-dining/thedish/>.

"We spent the long, cold winter coming up with our best summer of events and programming at Canalside," said ECHDC Chairman Robert Gioia. "With more visitors discovering Canalside each year, ECHDC continues its work to encourage public access of the waterfront and enjoyment of our unique asset. This year Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation offers a diverse selection of daily activities, with returning favorites and new activities that you asked for."

New offerings at Canalside in 2015 are plentiful with the creative team at Global Spectrum and other partners working throughout the winter to make sure this summer is one to remember. New fitness activities presented by BlueCross BlueShield include POUND-Rockout/Workout, a full body cardio jam session; Taoist Tai Chi; and BLT workouts (butt, thigh, leg), as well as Buffalo Bubble Soccer. For the kids, planned programming includes Seuss Summer, Farmer Tom Walsh, Literacy NY – Graphic Novel Project, Free Youth Acting Camp by BRAT Theatre, Rhythms @ Canalside and

WNY Family Magazines Fun Thursdays. For the history buffs, new this season will be the Buffalo History Museum's Buffalo History Mondays; Canal Stories, a 90 minute walking tour by Joel Dombrowski; and family scavenger hunts. Clinton's Dish will host Open Mic Mondays, Acoustic After Work Tuesdays, Wine Down Wednesdays with DJs and Trivia Night on Wednesdays. A Tuesday Night Movie Series at The Great Lawn will also be fun for the entire family.

Old favorites returning include the Saturday Artisan Market, children's programming with Explore and More Children's Museum, Battle of the Bands, Music and Dance series and Haunted History Ghost Walks, as well as fitness programs like power yoga, Zumba and Exercise Like the Animals..

Amenities, such as table games/game rentals, a reading room, QR Code tours, BFLO Kayak tours/rentals, water bike rentals, Spirit of Buffalo rides, History Tour Boat rides, beach sand play area and new Buffalo Sunset Chairs, will also be available throughout the summer.

Highlights of the 2014 Programming and Events Season include:

- May 23-25: Canalside Carnival
- May 30: Kiss the Summer Hello
- June 7: Pride Festival
- June 14: Human BuffaLove
- June 20: Buffalo Brewer Fest
- July 4: Independence Day Celebration
- July 25: Kerfuffle
- August 1: The Color Run
- August 16: Autorama Car Show
- August 28-30: Canalside Car & Boat Show
- September 6: Biggest Loser 5K
- September 11-12: Maritime Festival
- September 13: Yoga Festival

Keep checking www.canalsidebuffalo.com for our full schedule of events as new activities and events are being added daily!

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 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.

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