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**Summer 2016 Concert Schedule Announced at Canalside**

*Summer long Free Thursday series; return of other popular musical series*

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today announced, with the support of its sponsors, an exciting Canalside Summer 2016 concert lineup! Canalside will host 12 free Thursday Concerts that run from June 9 to August 25. Kicking off the summer is "The Screaming Eagle of Soul" Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires; followed by a diverse lineup of acts including Public Enemy, the American hip hop group that led the politically charged music scene in 1982; country music singer-songwriter and guitarist, Frankie Ballard, who won Kenny Chesney's Next Big Star Competition in 2008; and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra playing the music of the late David Bowie. Closing the season is The Claypool Lennon Delirium, featuring Les Claypool and Sean Lennon (son of John Lennon).

View a short video of the featured Canalside Concert artists [here](#).

"Music brings people together and our free Thursday concerts are no exception, drawing tens of thousands of people to Buffalo's waterfront each summer," said ECHDC Chairman Robert Gioia. "This year we worked hard to put together a diverse line-up that has something to satisfy nearly every musical taste. We hope to see some new faces at Canalside this year listening to their favorite tunes, as well as our regulars who keep coming back because of the great concert lineups."

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

- June 9: Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires
- June 16: Frank Turner with special guests July Talk
- June 23: Public Enemy
- June 30: Frankie Ballard
- July 7: Dweezil Zappa Plays Frank Zappa
- July 14: Shakey Graves and Preservation Hall Jazz Band & Wild Child
- July 21: The Arcs and Mariachi Flor De Toloache
- July 28: BPO "A Tribute to David Bowie"
- August 4: Tritonal

- August 11: Lowest of the Low and Serena Ryder
- August 18: Coolio
- August 25: Claypool Lennon Delirium

All the concerts are free to attend but Canalside will be offering VIP tickets again this year for \$55 per concert. The VIP tickets include:

- 3 FREE glasses of beer/wine/pop/water with discounted drinks after the initial three.
- Light appetizers and finger foods from our new VIP Tent caterer 716 Food and Sport.
- Private bathrooms.
- Front of stage viewing area.
- Access to the new, custom built 100 foot by 40 foot VIP tent with seating and lawn games.
- A souvenir 2016 Free Thursday Canalside Concert cup.

“The music this summer is going to be remarkably distinct with something for everyone,” said Ryan Coate, General Manager of Canalside with Spectra Venue Management. “Canalside will host memorable events all summer long with visitors enjoying their favorite tracks live at our twelve consecutive Free Thursdays series starting June 9, and also at the other exciting concerts announced today by our partners. It is also notable that we purposely have programmed live music every day this summer season so music lovers can enjoy at Buffalo’s premier waterfront venue even more.”

Also new this year, Canalside, with the help of Arts Services Initiative of Western New York (ASI) and “The Public” weekly newspaper, will be producing “The Public Choice at Canalside.” For select Free Thursday concerts, the community will be able to visit <http://www.dailypublic.com/> and vote for which local artists they would like to see open for the national acts performing during the series. The local talent in Buffalo is so vast and phenomenal, Canalside wants to make sure the public’s voice is heard and is letting the community choose between local acts each week to be the concert opener.

In addition, two new musical programs will premiere at Canalside this summer: the Buffalo Roots Series, five evenings dedicated to exploring and celebrating the diverse cultures of Buffalo’s neighborhoods created with the help of The Buffalo World Music and Dance Academy and Arts Service Initiative; and Cultural Connections, which will blend two varying arts & culture programs together to create a fusion experience for patrons to enjoy. Both of these programs will take place on select Fridays throughout the summer:

- June 10
- July 1
- July 15
- August 12
- August 26
- September 2

- September 9

A special thanks to the following partners and sponsors: Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, City of Buffalo, Spectra, Arts Services Initiative of Western New York, Labatt USA, Try-It Distributing, Cricket Wireless, Greater Buffalo Area Honda Dealership, Buffalo Medical Group, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, Pepsi, Copa DiVino, The Public, WKBW – Ch.7, 716 Food & Sport, M.P. Carroll, Ticketfly and FunTime Presents.

That's not all! Canalside also will host six other ticketed concerts produced by local radio stations and promoters that includes:

- Friday, June 17: Stage One Live presents "The Bad Boy Reunion" featuring Grammy award winning R&B/hip hop artists Faith Evans, 112, Carl Thomas, and Total.
- Sunday, June 19: Kiss 98.5's Kiss the Summer Hello 2016 featuring Meghan Trainor, Iggy Azalea, Magic!, Troye Sivan, Melanie Martinez, and Jonas Blue.
- Tuesday, June 21: Twenty One Pilots Emotional Roadshow concert (SOLD OUT).
- Saturday, July 23: 107.7/104.7 Alternative Buffalo's Kerfuffle 2016 featuring Violent Femmes, AWOLNATION, Bloc Party, Coleman Hell, Death From Above 1979, Madisen Ward and the Mama Bear, The Moth & The Flame, PVRIS and The Strumbellas.
- Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30: Buffalo Ribfest presented by Townsquare Live Events, 93.7 WBLK the People's Station, Country 106.5 WYRK, MIX 96, 92.9 JACK-FM and Fichte Endl & Elmer Eyecare. The two day festival features national rib vendors including Bad Wolf BBQ, Cowboys BBQ, Fine Smoke, Pork Brothers, and Johnson's BBQ; local food trucks and rib vendors; and live music both days with national headliners and some local acts as well.
- Sunday, July 31: 103.3 The Edge Edgefest featuring Deftones and City and Colour with guests Sam Roberts Band, Joywave, Tokyo Police Club, The Joy Formidable, Best Coast and Holy White Hounds.

With so many concerts taking place this year, Canalside, with the support of Spectra Venue Management, wants one lucky winner to have "One Epic Summer at Canalside." Running through May 19, one individual will have the chance to win two VIP tickets to all 12 Free Thursday Canalside Concerts plus two general admission tickets to all six ticketed shows. Any person 21 years or older can sign up here to win: <http://woobox.com/v93e9x>.

### **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).

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