



**Erie Canal Harbor
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Canalside to Kick Off First Concert of the Exciting Summer Season

*Enhanced security procedures to be implemented at Canalside concerts
and other major events*

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) and Canalside are excited to kick off another summer concert season. With the new season comes new, enhanced event protocols that will be put in place at the free Thursday Concert Series and other major events at Canalside. Beginning on Thursday, June 9 with the Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires concert, all visitors entering the venue will participate in a handheld magnetometer (wand) screening. The safety of Canalside guests is our top priority and the new procedures will strengthen and standardize the security and public safety practices for the site.

Visitors attending the Thursday evening concerts throughout the summer at Canalside are encouraged to arrive early to ensure orderly entry into the concert. Gates open at 5 p.m. for VIP ticket holders with a new VIP entrance at Main and Perry streets. General admission opens at 5:30 p.m. with two entrances, Main and Marine streets and Main and Commercial streets.

All bags and person are subject to security inspection. The following information is designed to assist in expediting the entry process as Canalside prepares for the upcoming summer concert series.

ITEMS THAT MUST BE PLACED ON THE SECURITY INSPECTION TABLES:

- ALL METAL
- Bags (Bag Policy – only diaper bags and small purses/handbags are permitted)
- Cell Phones
- Keys
- Electronic Devices
- Backpacks
- Chairs

PROHIBITED ITEMS AT CANALSIDE CONCERTS

- Weapons of any kind
- Illegal drugs/drug paraphernalia

- Fireworks
- Glass containers
- Outside food or beverage, including coolers
- All professional video and photo cameras
- Recording devices
- Selfie sticks, Tripods or Monopods
- Laser pointers
- Air Horns
- Animals (unless a service animal)
- Bicycles (within the secure perimeter)
- Any item deemed inappropriate or dangerous by security

In addition, this season there will be new protocols regarding alcohol consumption.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

- Any guest who is deemed intoxicated upon arrival will not be permitted to enter.
- Anyone under the age of 21 who has alcohol on them will be ejected from the site.
- Any adult who provides alcohol to somebody under the age of 21 will be ejected.
- Staff may ask for proof of age from anyone wishing to purchase alcohol.
- There will be a maximum of two beers sold to any one person.
- Anyone who staff believes to be intoxicated will be immediately ejected.

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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