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## **Summer 2014 Concert Schedule Announced at Canalside**

*Bands galore and so much more*

Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) today announced the most diverse and exciting lineup concert crowds have ever seen on Buffalo's waterfront. This year 30 concerts will rock the waterfront, including 10 free Thursday concerts and four ticketed concerts. Canalside is bringing the likes of Buffalo favorite and lead singer of the Tragically Hip, Gord Downie & The Sadies; reggae fusion artist Shaggy; neo soul/indie pop group Fitz and the Tantrums; and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring the music of Earth, Wind and Fire and Michael Jackson.

"Faster and louder or slower and soulful -music is about diversity of sound and rhythm and that's also what Canalside is all about this summer season," said ECHDC Chairman Robert Gioia. "We will rock it out some nights and feel the blues on others- 2014 will be the summer that has something for everyone who gets to the waterfront when mikes are on and the guitars are plugged in."

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

- 06/12: Dj Milk, Soul Rebels, Shaggy
- 06/19: Conehead Buddha, moe.
- 06/26: July Talk , Sam Roberts Band
- 07/03: Boy & Bear , Hey Rosetta!, Gord Downie & The Sadies
- 07/10: Fitz and the Tantrums
- 07/17: The Oh Hellos , Lake Street Dive
- 07/24: Extreme
- 07/31: Sheila E
- 08/07: BPO Rock Show: Earth, Wind & Fire + Michael Jackson
- 08/14: TBD

Make sure you save some cash for the weekend because Canalside has four ticketed events to make sure your 2014 summer is unforgettable. You need to buy a ticket but don't worry, it won't break the bank, the most you'll pay is \$25 at the door.

**Ticketed** – *concerts start at 7 p.m.*

- 06/21: Tedeschi Trucks Band
- 06/28: George Thorogood & The Destroyers
- 08/08: Girl Talk
- TBD

Wednesdays will be the night to get your dance on, or if you don't have any good moves it's time to learn some. New this year is "Music and Dance" Wednesdays, featuring live local salsa, latin, swing and tango bands. Local dance groups will take the lead teaching the audience all the latest steps, breaking them down then heating it up as everyone learns to put the hottest dances together to the beat of Buffalo's favorite dance bands.

Here are the dates future fabulous dancers need to punch into their cell phones:

**Music & Dance**

*8 Wednesdays: 7/9/14-8/27/14*

- 7/9: Swing
- 7/16: Tango
- 7/23: Ballroom
- 7/30: Salsa
- 8/6: Swing
- 8/13: Tango
- 8/20: Ballroom
- 8/27: Salsa

"The best venues keep a finger on the pulse of their audience," said Ryan Coate, General Manager of Canalside with Global Spectrum. "Our goal is to take this beautiful waterfront space and fill it with a wide variety of music to appeal to Buffalo music fan's multitude of tastes. Canalside is ready to stand and deliver a knock out summer schedule for Western New Yorkers."

You asked for local bands and we heard you, loud and clear. We'll have many of the area favorites lined up to keep your weekend rocking all the way through Sunday night. Here's how Sunday night's Battle of the Bands will work - blues, alternative, lady lead bands and other categories of local bands will face off with the winner getting a chance to open for one of the big national bands.

This is how the battle will break out:

**Local Favorites "Battle of the Bands"**

*5 Sundays: 6/8/14- 7/13/14*

- June 8: Blues - opens for TTB on 6/21
- July 6: Americana - opens for Lake Street Dive on 7/17.
- July 13: Jazz/R&B - opens for Sheila E on 7/31.
- July 20: Alternative - opens for Fitz & The Tantrums on 7/10.
- July 27: Lady Leads – opens for TBD on 8/14

That's not all though! Funtime Afterdark have also announced two ticketed concerts on the Outer Harbor, 325 Fuhrmann Boulevard, this summer with more to be announced.

### **Outer Harbor Concerts**

- June 9: Vampire Weekend
- July 11: City and Colour with special guests Young the Giant and Tokyo Police Club.

Tickets for the OuterHarbor shows are available online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and through all Ticketmaster locations in the U.S. and Canada, including Walmart Store locations. For reduced service fees, get your tickets at the Town Ballroom box office (681 Main Street) and the After Dark box office (630 Elmwood Avenue). Call to charge by phone 800-745-3000.

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

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