

Buffalo's Longest Running Free Concert Series Returns for 48th Season at M&T Plaza

Plaza Event Series continues tradition of lunchtime concerts for the community as One M&T Plaza celebrates its 50th anniversary

BUFFALO, N.Y.—When One M&T Plaza was designed, its architect envisioned the outdoor plaza becoming a gathering place for downtown Buffalo. This year, as M&T Bank's headquarters celebrates its 50th anniversary, the Plaza Event Series will return for its 48th season and continue to fulfill the plaza's historic intended purpose.

Plaza Event Series will feature 54 performances this summer. It starts June 12, with the season's last performance scheduled for August 25. Five new acts have been added to the line-up, and several favorites will continue their longtime streaks of Plaza Event Series appearances.

"Our 2017 theme 'Tunes at Noon' will serve as a helpful reminder to downtown workers and residents to join us for live music every workday at 12 p.m.," said Keith Belanger, M&T Bank Senior Vice President and Buffalo Place Chairman. "Plaza Event Series has become Buffalo's longest running free concert series, and our team at M&T looks forward to organizing and hosting it every year. This year, as in previous years, we have a wide range of talented and diverse acts on our stage."

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is again scheduled to play at the plaza. Other popular artists and bands returning this year include Beatlemagic, Terry Buchwald's Tribute to Elvis and Boys of Summer.

The new acts to take the Plaza Event Series stage will be West of the Mark, Queen City Swing, The Trend and Joseph Michael Mahfoud. Ramblin' Lou Family Band and Mark Mazur and "The Little Big Band" will continue their long-running string of annual performances for the series.

"Plaza Event Series is a great place to take your lunch break. In addition to the live music, we'll have a rotating roster of food trucks," Belanger added. "And even if you bring lunch from home, there are tables set up outside for you to enjoy the sunshine on our Plaza."

M&T Bank is encouraging the public to use #PlazaEventSeries to share their photos, video and feedback on social media.

The full list of artists for the 2017 concert series is as follows:

Monday, June 12 - SuperCharger
Tuesday, June 13 - Westminster Community Charter School / Facepainters
Wednesday, June 14 - The Dreadbeats
Thursday, June 15 - Blood Money
Friday, June 16 - Total Eclipse & The Buffalo Horns

Monday, June 19 - Old School B-Boys
Tuesday, June 20 - Beatlemagic
Wednesday, June 21 - The Reminders
Thursday, June 22 - Only Humen
Friday, June 23 - Winelight

Monday, June 26 - The David DeMarie Dancers
Tuesday, June 27 - McCarthyizm
Wednesday, June 28 - Tom Stahl and The Dangerfields
Thursday, June 29 - Will Holton
Friday, June 30 - West of the Mark

Monday, July 3 - Queen City Swing
Tuesday, July 4 - No Performance - Bank Holiday
Wednesday, July 5 - The Trend
Thursday, July 6 - Urban Renewal

Friday, July 7 - Joseph Michael Mahfoud Band

Monday, July 10 - Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

Tuesday, July 11 - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (Note: Begins at 11:45 a.m.)

Wednesday, July 12 - Disco Duck

Thursday, July 13 - Mark Mazur and "The Little Big Band"

Friday, July 14 - Oldie's But Goodies Gospel Singers

Monday, July 17 - Boys of Summer

Tuesday, July 18 - Patti Parks & Sizzlin' Heat

Wednesday, July 19 - Unity Band

Thursday, July 20 - Dave Constantino Band

Friday, July 21 - Joyryde & The Hitmen Horns

Monday, July 24 - Widow Maker

Tuesday, July 25 - "In Jest" Comedy Variety Show w/ Nels Ross

Wednesday, July 26 - JJ Swing

Thursday, July 27 - NY Rockin' Revue Band

Friday, July 28 - Caribbean Extravaganza

Monday, July 31 - Back to the Bars

Tuesday, August 1 - Colleen Williams & The Bobby Jones Trio

Wednesday, August 2 - Jim Tadini Big Band

Thursday, August 3 - The Tommy Z Band

Friday, August 4 - African American Cultural Center's Dance & Drum Performance Company

Monday, August 7 - Bar-room Buzzards

Tuesday, August 8 - Ramblin' Lou Family Band from WXRL Radio

Wednesday, August 9 - Doug Yeomans & The Lo Blu Flame

Thursday, August 10 - Creek Bend

Friday, August 11 - Denzel Ward & The Cool Platinum Band

Monday, August 14 - The Chicago Authority

Tuesday, August 15 - Mike Randall and Friends; Zoomobile

Wednesday, August 16 - David Kane's Them Jazzbeards

Thursday, August 17 - The Frankfurters

Friday, August 18 - Terry Buchwald's Tribute to Elvis

Monday, August 21 - LehrerDance

Tuesday, August 22 - Pointless Brothers

Wednesday, August 23 - Breakaway

Thursday, August 24 - Big Wheelie & The Hubcaps

Friday, August 25 - Taylor Made Jazz

For a copy of the full schedule, [click here](#). For further information about the series or becoming a performer in the 2018 lineup, call 716-842-5237.

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