

M&T Bank to Launch 49th Season of Lunchtime Concerts for the Community

Buffalo's Longest Running Free Concert Series Returns June 11 to One M&T Plaza

BUFFALO, N.Y.—M&T Bank today announced the 49th anniversary season of its Plaza Event Series, an enduring symbol of M&T's commitment to downtown Buffalo. The 11-week concert series – a summertime tradition in Buffalo – is the longest running free concert series of its kind in the United States.

This year's Plaza Event Series, which carries the slogan "Brighten up your day," will feature 54 performances this summer. It starts June 11, with the season's last performance scheduled for August 24. Six new acts have been added to the line-up, and several favorites will continue their longtime streaks of Plaza Event Series appearances.

"For many, summer begins in downtown Buffalo when the entertainers take to the stage at One M&T Plaza," said Keith Belanger, M&T Bank Senior Vice President and Buffalo Place Chairman. "The concerts pump an extra dose of energy into downtown Buffalo, further enlivening the city culturally and socially."

The new acts to take the Plaza Event Series stage this summer will be West of the Mark, XOXO, The Scott Celani Band, Metropolitan Voices of Unity, The Kensingtons and The Soul Providers. 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.

For the fourth year running, the season will feature local food trucks each weekday, including The Flaming Fish (Mondays), Chef's (Tuesdays), Cheesy Chick (Wednesdays), The Blend (Thursdays) and Dickey's BBQ Pit (Fridays).

When One M&T Plaza was designed, its architect envisioned the outdoor plaza becoming a gathering place for downtown Buffalo. One year after the building opened, the Plaza Event Series began and fulfilled the plaza's historic intended purpose.

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

The full list of artists for the 2018 concert series is as follows:

Monday, June 11 - Hit 'N Run
Tuesday, June 12 - The Tommy Z Band
Wednesday, June 13 - Westminster Community Charter School
Thursday, June 14 - West of the Mark
Friday, June 15 - Tom Stahl and The Dangerfields

Monday, June 18 - Old School B-Boys
Tuesday, June 19 - Winelight
Wednesday, June 20 - Mark Mazur and "The Little Big Band"
Thursday, June 21 - LeeRon Zydeco and The Hot Tamales
Friday, June 22 - Pointless Brothers Band

Monday, June 25 - Total Eclipse & The Buffalo Horns
Tuesday, June 26 - Beatlemagic
Wednesday, June 27 - Disco Duck
Thursday, June 28 - Will Holton
Friday, June 29 - The Chicago Authority

Monday, July 2 - Bar-room Buzzards
Tuesday, July 3 - The Frankfurters
Wednesday, July 4 - No Performance – Bank Holiday
Thursday, July 5 - XOXO
Friday, July 6 - Creek Bend

Monday, July 9 - The Scott Celani Band
Tuesday, July 10 - Party Squad
Wednesday, July 11 - The Soul Providers
Thursday, July 12 - Ultraviolet
Friday, July 13 - Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

Monday, July 16 - Anantara
Tuesday, July 17 - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (Note: Begins at 11:45 a.m.)
Wednesday, July 18 - Only Humen
Thursday, July 19 - Taylor Made Jazz
Friday, July 20 - McCarthyizm

Monday, July 23 - "In Jest" Comedy Variety Show with Nels Ross
Tuesday, July 24 - Fat Brat
Wednesday, July 25 - Queen City Swing
Thursday, July 26 - Colleen Williams and The Bobby Jones Trio
Friday, July 27 - Metropolitan Voices of Unity

Monday, July 30 - Joseph Michael Mahfoud Band
Tuesday, July 31 - Big Wheelie & The Hubcaps
Wednesday, August 1 - Jim Tudini Big Band
Thursday, August 2 - Breakaway
Friday, August 3 - African American Cultural Center's Dance & Drum Performance Company

Monday, August 6 - David Kane's Them Jazzbeards
Tuesday, August 7 - Ramblin' Lou Family Band from WXRL Radio
Wednesday, August 8 - Caribbean Extravaganza
Thursday, August 9 - JJ Swing
Friday, August 10 - Denzel Ward & The Cool Platinum Band

Monday, August 13 - Boys of Summer
Tuesday, August 14 - The Rod Nickson Project
Wednesday, August 15 - The Kensingtons
Thursday, August 16 - Joyryde & The Hitmen Horns
Friday, August 17 - Terry Buchwald's Tribute to Elvis

Monday, August 20 - Unity Band
Tuesday, August 21 - Mike Randall & Friends
Wednesday, August 22 - Dave Constantino Band
Thursday, August 23 - The Lake Effect
Friday, August 24 - SuperCharger

For a copy of the full schedule, use the 'click to download' button below. For further information about the series or becoming a performer in the 2019 lineup, call (716) 842-5237.

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