

# music summer concerts

**ALBRIGHT KNOX** (1285 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo) Rockin' at the Knox featuring Blondie and many other bands. Tuesday, June 20, 5-11pm; \$40-\$45 (www.ticketmaster.com, 852-5000). Summer Jazz Series, free concert series held every Sunday (July 16-Aug 13) at 2pm on the stairs. Concerts depend on weather conditions. (882-8700) www.albrightknox.org

**AMHERST RECREATION CONCERT SERIES** (Basset Park, 359 Klein Rd, Amherst, unless noted). Concerts at 7:30pm. Independence Day Celebration, Doug Yeomans & The Lo Blu Flame, Erie County Wind Ensemble, July 4; American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, July 6; Colleen Williams & The Bobby Jones Trio, July 9; Tommy Z., July 11; Speedy Parker Blues Band, July 13; Bobby Militello Quartet, July 16; Wildfire, July 18; The Lance Diamond Show, July 20; Louis Marino Quintet, July 23; Big Wheelie & The Hubcaps, July 25; Buffalo Concertina All Stars, July 27; Peggy Farrell & Friends, July 30; Lance Diamond, Aug 1; Buffalo Boomers, Aug 3; Amrom Chodos' Klezmer Band, Aug 8; Sentimental Journey, Aug 10; Steam Donkeys, Aug 15; Pointless Brothers, Aug 17; The Jamie Moses Band, Aug 22; Them Jazzbeards, Aug 24; The Outlyers, Aug 29. Free. (631-7132) www.amherst.ny.us

**ARTPARK** (450 South Fourth St., Lewiston). Also see "Dance," "Theatre," "Festivals" and "Kids Stuff" listings. For the Love of Song, June 4, 3pm. Tuesday in the Park runs from June 6 to Aug 29 with shows every Tuesday beginning at 6:30pm (Free). Tragically Hip, June 17, 8pm; Toronto All-Star Big Band, June 26, 2 & 8pm; The Wizard of Oz, July 8, 8pm; A Mozart Celebration, July 9, 3pm; Joshua Bell, July 14, 8pm; Fantasies & Fairytales, July 15, 8pm; Cirque Symphonique, July 16, 3pm; A Tribute To Benny Goodman, July 17, 2 & 8pm; Bravo Beethoven!, July 23, 3pm; Artpark Wednesdays, July 26-Aug 30, 6:30pm, free; A Night At The Opera, July 28, 8pm; Gershwin To Bernstein, July 29, 8pm; Glenn Miller Orchestra, Aug 7, 2 & 8pm; The Rippingtons featuring Russ Freeman, Aug 25, 8pm. Prices vary. Tickets.com outlets, Tops Friendly Markets or 1-888-223-6000. (754-4375) www.artpark.net

**AVALON BALLROOM** (Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort, Niagara Falls Ontario). Tony Bennett, June 1-3, \$99.50-\$149.50; Grasshopper, June 9 & 10, \$48; Lyle Lovett, June 16 & 17, \$69.50-\$89.50; Concerto D'Estate, June 18, \$85-\$105; Allman Brothers, June 23 & 24, \$79.50-\$109.50; Doobie Brothers, June 29 & 30, \$59.50-\$89.50; Gypsy Kings, July 3-4, \$79.50-\$99.50; Elvis Costello and the Imposters with Allen Toussaint July 7-8, \$79.50-\$119.50; LeAnn Rimes, July 14-15, \$69.50-\$89.50. George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug 10 & 11, \$49.50-\$69.50. Paul Anka, Sept 2-4, \$69.50-\$89.50. (ticketmaster.ca or 1-877-833-3110) www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com

**BACH & BEYOND: A BAROQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL** (The 1891 Fredonia Opera House 9-11 Church St., Fredonia) June 9-11. A celebration of Baroque music in an ideal Victorian setting. Ticket prices vary. (679-1891) www.fredopera.org.

**BEAR'S DEN** (Seneca Niagara Casino, 310 Fourth St., Niagara Falls) Rick Wakeman, June 12, 7:30pm, \$25; Smokey Robinson, June 16, 8pm; \$40-\$75; (www.ticketmaster.com/852-5000).

**BEMUS BAY POPS** (on the waterfront of Be-

mus Bay on Chatauqua Lake, Bemus Point) Concert series held on outdoor, floating stage, from June 25 to Sept 3. Legends of Rock & Roll featuring Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly impersonators, June 25; Praise On the Lake, 9am, June 25; The Sinatra Show, 2:30pm, July 2; Ray Charles & Supremes Tribute, 2:30pm, July 9; Jimmy & Soul Blazers, 2:30pm, July 16; Johnny Cash Tribute, 2:30pm, July 23; Praise On the Lake, 9am, Nik and The Nice Guys, 2:30pm, July 30; Irish Festival, 12pm, Aug 6; Mark Schultz Live, 2:30pm, Aug 13; Malanie & Jam Boys, 2:30pm, Aug 20; Praise on the lake, 9am, Fleetwood Nicks Tribute show, 2:30pm, Aug 27; JJ Swing, 2:30pm, Sept 2; Trombone Salute, 6:30pm, Sept 3; Labor Day Finale & Fireworks featuring The Bemus Bay Pops Orchestra, 6:30pm. Free. (386-7000) www.bemusbaypops.com

**BLUE MONDAYS** (At the Gazebo, 4th & Center Sts, Lewiston) Blues concert series held every Mon, 7-9pm, July 10-Aug 28. (754-0166) www.crossborderblues.com

**BLUES IN THE PARK** (Fireman's Park, Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls, Canada) Sept 8 & 9. Schedule TBA. Tickets: \$10-\$15 CDN per day/\$20 CDN weekend. www.bluesinthepark.com

**BLUES IN THE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL** (Warsaw Park Fireman's Grounds on Liberty St., Warsaw) Aug 13, 1-10pm. Performances include Mark Winsick, Steve Grills and the Roadmaster, Mick Hayes, Mary Haitz, Barbara Saint Claire and The Shadows, Nigel Mack. Tickets: \$15-\$18, proceeds benefit local charities. (585-768-4380) www.bluesinthevalley.com

**BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS** (2655 South Park Ave, Lackawanna) June 28, 6-9pm. A Starry Night in the Garden fundraiser featuring Shawn Mullins and others. Tickets: \$35 (Tickets.com). (827-1584) www.buffalogardens.com

## summerguide

# DRIVE-IN TO SUMMER

Roll up, tune in, lean back and relax

The summer months are when Hollywood releases its biggest blockbusters, but it's hard to justify sitting in a stuffy movie theater when it's warm out and the sun doesn't set until 9:30. Drive-in movie theaters are a time-honored solution to this problem. Though they're mostly tucked away on old highways and you don't often see them, Western New York is wealthy with places to park and watch.

The **Transit Drive-In**, for example, has been in business in Lockport since 1957, back when drive-ins only had one screen. It has since expanded to four screens, and each shows a nightly double feature. The operation also includes a miniature golf course, a concession stand and wireless Internet access.

The best thing about drive-ins are the

prices: For a paltry \$7 per person, moviegoers get two films, a great deal. The Transit Drive-In features Dolby Digital Sound on one of their screens, making the experience even better. Combined with the summer air and the fabled romance of the drive-in atmosphere, it's hard to imagine a better way to see any of this summer's biggest hits.

There are at least eight drive-ins within an hour's drive of the city:

### LOCAL:

**Buffalo Drive-In Theater**  
Harlem Road, Buffalo, 893-0406  
**Transit Drive-In Theatre**  
Transit Road, Lockport, 625-8535

### SOUTHERN TIER:

**Grandview Drive-In**  
Route 5, Angola, 549-2450  
**Delevan Drive-In Theatre**  
Route 16, Delevan, 496-5660  
**Portville Drive-In**  
Route 17, Portville, 933-8750

### EAST:

**East Avon Vintage Drive-in**  
Route 15, East Avon, 585-226-9290  
**Silver Lake Drive-In Theatre**  
Chapman Avenue, Perry, 585-237-3372  
**Sunset Drive-In**  
Telegraph Road, Middleport, 735-7372

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