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"Locavores," those who try to eat only locally grown foods—the term"organic" having long ago been corporately co-opted—can face challenges in colder climates such as ours. The locavorian trend began in California's Bay Area (see www.locavores.com for more on this), where the climate lends itself much better to year-round crop production than it does here in Buffalo. Upstate New York crops tend to ripen later in the season, and some crops are at their best more than a month after the prime season occurs in the rest of the country-and up to two months later than in warm, coastal areas like California. This late harvest season doesn't necessarily mean a shorter one though, and while hot weather denizens may be able to enjoy traditional spring vegetables as early as April, around here we can celebrate some harvest crops right up until the first frost.

Ripening dates for fruits and vegetables:

Blackberries: mid July-end of August

Blueberries: August-October

Cherries: mid June-end of July

Herbs: mid July-end of October

Nectarines, peaches: mid July 15-mid Septem-

Raspberries: early June-late August

Strawberries: early June-late July

Asparagus: June

Cucumbers: July-mid September

Okra: mid August-mid October

Peppers: early July-late November

Rhubarb: June-August

Snap bean: late June-late September

Sweet corn - August, September, October, November

Tomatoes: mid July-mid October

Yellow squash, zucchini: July-September

Because sometimes you have to travel far and wide for the freshest and best, here is a list of local farmer's markets in the city and pickyour-own farms further afield:

Farmers markets in Buffalo:

Broadway Market Farmers Market: (999 Broadway, 893-0705), May-October, Thursday & Saturday, 9am-5pm

Downtown Country Market at Buffalo Place: (Main Street between Court & Church Streets, 856-3150) May-October, Tuesday & Thursday, 8am-2:30pm

Elmwood Village Farmers Market: (Bidwell Parkway & Elmwood Avenue, 881-0046) May-November, Saturday, 8am-1pm

Niagara Frontier Growers Co-op Market: (Clinton Street & Bailey Avenue, 822-2466) Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7am-6pm; Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 4:30am-6pm

Pick-your-own farms:

Awald's Berry Farm: blackberries, blueberries, gooseberries, loganberries, raspberries, strawberries (Gurney Ave., North Collins, 337-2997)

Becker Farms: apples, asparagus, blueberries, cherries (3724 Quaker Rd., Gasport, 772-

Brown's Berry Patch: apples, blueberries, cherries, elderberries, strawberries, raspberries (14264 Roosevelt Hwy., Waterport, 585-682-5569)

Burdick Blueberries: (8267 Thompson Rd., Cattaraugus, 257-9760)

Childs Blueberries (3207 Cooper Hill Rd., Hinsdale, 557-2529)

Ellis Fruit Farm (4748 Thrall Rd., Lockport,

Erdle Farm: blueberries (12229 Hanford Rd., Silver Creek, 934-9599)

Greg's U-Pick: strawberries, blueberries (9270 Lapp Rd., Clarence Center, 741-4239)

Sanger Farms: cherries, pre-picked produce (6730 Lake Rd., Appleton, 778-7330)

SEASON'S BEST RATATOUILLE

Exploit summer offerings with a fresher version of this Mediterranean dish by forgoing the peppers (available year round, after all), using fresh tomatoes instead of canned and baby zucchini and eggplant if possible.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

1 large eggplant, cut lengthwise in half and then crosswise into 1-inch slices OR 8-10 baby eggplant, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise in half

2 zucchini, cut crosswise into 1-inch slices OR 8-10 baby zucchini cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise in half

1-1/4 cups olive oil

6 cloves garlic

2 cups fresh basil leaves, cleaned and torn

1 large onion, halved and sliced 1/4-inch thick

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice, plus the zest of 2 lemons

1/4 cup chopped parsley

24 cherry tomatoes, halved

Golden-fry eggplant slices in olive oil that is hot but NOT smoking (you may need to use an entire cup) and remove with a slotted spoon. In remaining 1/4 cup oil saute zucchini and onion for about five minutes. or until onion is wilted. Combine eggplant, zucchini & onion mixture, garlic, basil, lemon juice, zest, cherry tomatoes, & salt & pepper to taste in a large casserole with a lid. Cook covered for 45 minutes. Remove cover, top with parmesan (if desired) and broil until crisp on top.

SWEET & SAVORY GAZPACHO

2 cups fresh tomato puree-about 10 medium sized or plum tomatoes (Concasse tomatoes by blanching them whole in boiling water for a minute or two, or until you see the skins start to burst open. Cool a remove skins, which should peel off easily, core them and puree in blender or food proces-

2 cups fresh orange juice

zest of one orange

zest of one lime

half a honeydew melon in 1/4-inch dice

1 peeled cucumber, cut in 1/4-inch dice

1/2 cup seedless green grapes, halved

2-4 jalapeno peppers, very finely chopped (taste for heat intensity before adding the full four)

1/2 cup almonds

Toast almonds in 350-degree oven for 10-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Process in a food processor until finely chpped but not pulverized (keep some texture). Reserve about 1/8 cup for garnish. Combine all ingredients in a glass bowl. Stir in 3/4 of the almonds and chill for at least 2 hours. Serve sprinkled with reserved almonds and additional fruit garnish if desired.

BERRY BREAD PUDDING

Preheat oven to 350°F

4 cups cubed bread (stale is best)

2 eggs

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 cups milk

1 tsp. vanilla extract (optional)

1-1/2 cups fresh berries (any assortment of blackberry, strawberry, blueberry, sliced peaches or nectarines)

Butter

Whisk together milk and eggs with sugar and a pinch of salt. Whisk thoroughly. Add bread cubes and berries and gently turn over with a wooden spoon until the bread is evenly immersed in the milk. Pour mixture into a buttered baking dish and bake for one hour, or until the custard has set. Cool about 20 minutes and serve with whipped cream and/or maple syrup.



BEER-BATTERED FRESH HERB FRITTERS

2 large eggs, separated

1-1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil, and more for frying

1/2 cup beer

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

4 oz. fresh herbs (basil, chives, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, tarragon or whatever is growing in your garden), washed and dried

Coarse salt and ground pepper

Lemon wedges

Whisk egg yolks, beer and vegetable oil together. Let sit for at least 15 minutes. Beat egg whites until they form soft peaks and fold into beer batter. Heat about one inch of vegetable oil in a saucepan over high heat and, when hot, dip each herb spring into the batter, letting excess drip off. Golden-fry the herbs, drain on paper towels, season with salt and pepper and serve with hot sauce and lemon wedges.

WATERMELON LASSI

4 cups watermelon

2 cups pineapple chunks or pineapple

2 cups plain yogurt

1 tablspoonsground cardamom

pinch of salt

2 tablespoons honey or sugar (optional)

Blend all ingredients in blender or food processor. Pour into tall glasses and garnish with mint. Serves two.

GINGERED RHUBARB SAUCE

1/2 lb. cleaned & trimmed rhubarb cut into 1/4-inch pieces

3/4 cup honey

1/4 cup fresh grated ginger root

2 tablespoons water

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan, and simmer gently for 10 minutes. Stir occasionally. When liquid has thickened, after about 10 more minutes, remove from heat. Puree in blender or food processor, then strain. Taste for seasonings (ginger makes it a bit spicy), and add more honey or a dash of lemon juice if desired. Chill for at least two hours. This is delicious (not to mention a beautiful color) on ice cream, bread pudding, pound cake, or even coffee cake.

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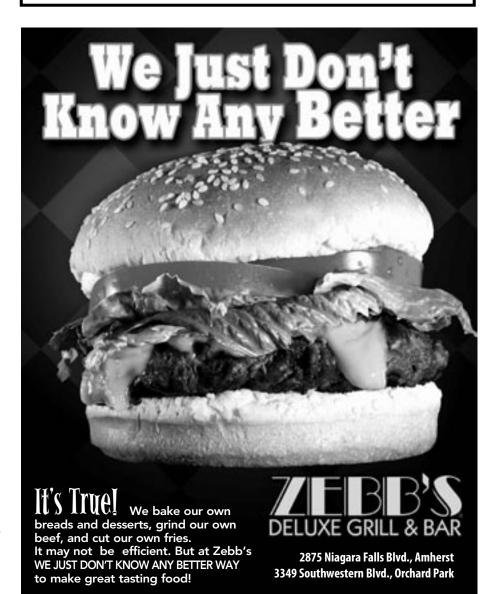
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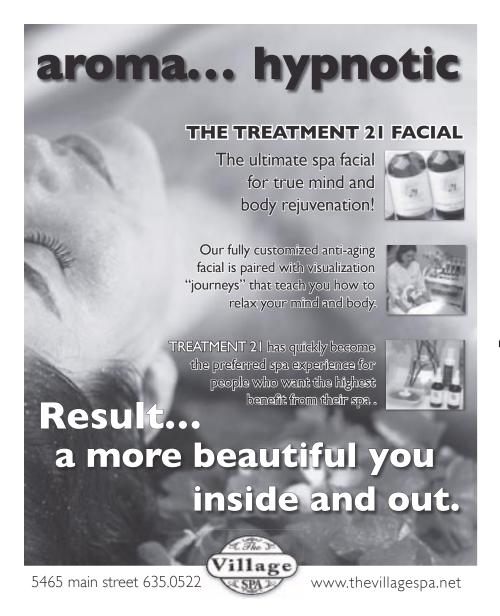


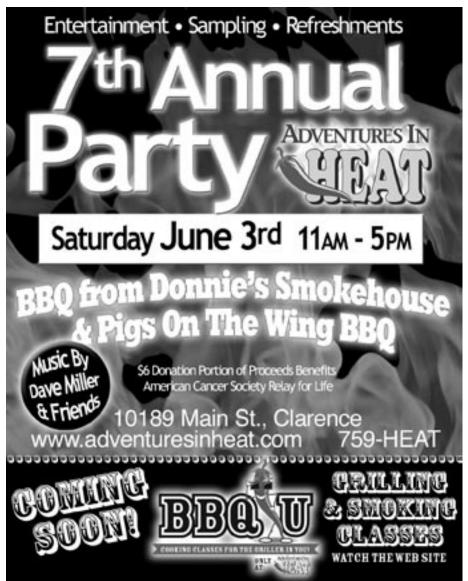
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ABUSKER'S

Street musician Eric Royer gives tips on getting tips **> BY BUCK QUIGLEY**



t's called busking, and the people who do it are called buskers. Definition: "To play music or perform entertainment in a public place, usually while soliciting money." Earlier, "to be an itinerant performer, probably from busk, to go about seeking, cruise as a pirate, perhaps from obsolete French busquer, to prowl, from Italian buscare, to prowl, or Spanish buscar, to seek, from Old Spanish boscar.'

It is not for the meek or unimaginative, but for those with genuine talent and grit, it can offer a way to perform a lot which is really the only way to improve as a musician and entertainer—while still making money. Eric Royer is a one-manband who works as a busker in Boston, Massachusetts. He's been making a decent living for more than 10 years by taking his music to the street. I asked him a few things about the trade, and here's what he had to say:

How did you start busking? "I started about 12 years ago in Tucson. That's where I built the first guitar machine. I'd been busking before that, just with the banjo, and I tried getting other guys to come play with me and that worked sometimes-but you know what it's like to organize bands. So I thought I could do a solo thing but still have a rhythm section somehow.'

Do you think the whole novelty of the guitar machine has been a boon to you as a street performer? "Yeah, definitely... and I also think I wouldn't have been able to do it going the conventional club route because it would have been too difficult in the beginning and I probably would've burned out on it...the street is cool because you can do anything you want and there's no one gonna tell you otherwise. There are no restrictions on what you can perform, which is one of the things I really like about it."

What do you look for in terms of location for busking? "What I look for is kind of a tight area where people are gonna have to come near me. Not a big, gigantic open space because you tend to get lost...unless you're a busker who's more like a crowd-gatherer type-like a juggler. But as far as a small musical act, a little area is good. And I also avoid playing in front of stores that are open, you know, that are gonna be upset about me making a ruckus out front. That tends to be the thing that gets the cops called first...when you upset store owners. And I like to play in places where there's a wall behind me, or best of all one of those old storefronts where there are angled windows leading from the sidewalk up to the door because you get some nice reverb and you don't have to play as loud."

How do you create an environment where people are going to want to tip you? "Well, I put up a sign. I put a bucket out, which is pretty universal. Or opening your case, that kind of thing. If I'm playing someplace where people might think I'm getting paid already I may mention it. That's a pretty common thing if you're playing at an arts festival or where an event is going on... and you're just busking, you may have to remind them. But if I'm just out on the street it's usually pretty plain what I'm doing. Some performers are a little more aggressive. There are all different things I've seen people do. There's one guy I saw who didn't like getting change so instead of using a bucket he used a wire waste basket so that when people threw change it would just roll all over the ground. People quickly figured out that you have to put dollar bills in. And that brings up another thing—if people don't see the money in your case, nobody wants to be the first person to put any money in."

So you have to prime the pump a bit? "Exactly. Put a couple dollars in. And if you put in change, you're gonna get change. If you put in dollars, you're gonna get dollars. I don't know why that is but it always happens that way. Like, if I show up at a spot and I don't have any dollar bills I'm like "Oh, man!" 'Cause it'll take me a long time before someone puts a dollar in and up until then it's gonna be change. (*Laughs*.)"

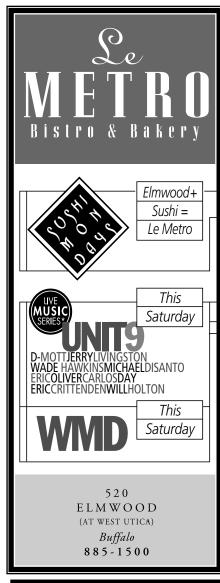
I feel like this is valuable information. "And another thing, when you can get one person to stop, then everyone else will start stopping. But it just comes down to that first person...like with the tips. It must be a psychological thing or something but nobody wants to be the first person to stop. And if a little kid stops—that's really good, 'cause it's like an added thing to the show...like if they start dancing or showing interest."

So busking is a real alternative to hitting the road and going the club route? "I think so. Gas prices are sick. I just drove down to North Carolina for a show and it cost me over \$200 for the gas and the tolls. I think that's really going to effect independent musicians touring. Like young kids driving around in vans with amps and stuff—I don't even know how you could make that happen. The clubs aren't paying any more than they used to—it's all the same money."

How much can a good busker expect to make? "A hundred dollars in four or five hours."

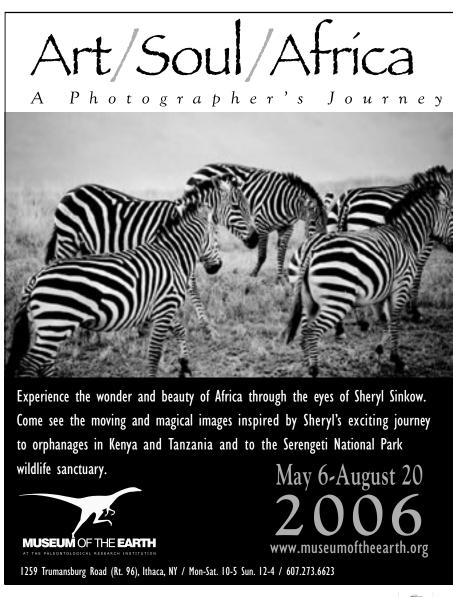
You can learn more about Eric Royer by visiting www.guitarmachine.com.

If you'd like to try busking for yourself, you'll need a permit available for \$10.50 from room 313 in City Hall. You'll also need to bring two passport-type photos. Your only restrictions are: no amplification and you can't be within 50 feet of another performer. And if a cop or a business owner asks you to leave a location, you do have to leave. The permit is good for one year.

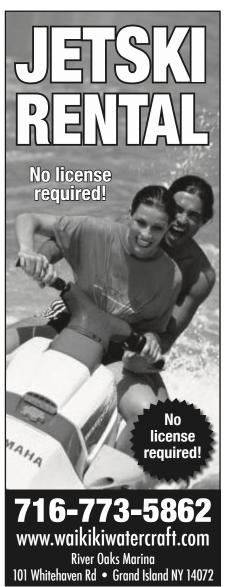














Please note: strictly music-related festivals are listed in the Music section of this calenda

ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR (Allegany County Fairgrounds, Angelica) July 17-22. Features Aaron Tippin, July 21, 6 & 9pm. \$7 general admission (3 and over) except Friday night. (585-466-7453) www.alleganycountyfair.org

ALLEGANY HERITAGE DAYS (various locations, Allegany) August 4 & 5. Craft sales, flea market, children's entertainment and more. Free (585-466-3216)

ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL (Allentown District, Buffalo) June 10-11, 11am-6 pm. One of the largest arts festivals in the country. Quality arts and crafts. Free (881-4269) www.allentownartfestival.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS THE BASH (786 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo) June 2 7pm-midnight. American Red Cross' annual fund raiser with a vast array of food, beverages, live entertainment, raffle and silent auction. Lance Diamond and his 24 Karat Band, 9-11pm. Tickets are \$40.77 per person. (878-2372) www.greaterbuffalo.redcross.org

ANTIQUE FARM FAIR (Jefferson Street/Town Hall, Ellicottville) July 22, homemade food, music, farm auction, live animals, music by Blue Mule

ARTCAMP DAY (Carnegie Art Center, 240 Goundry St., North Tonawanda) June 17, noon-4pm. Visual and performing arts event featuring a variety of interactive activities and projects for the entire family. Free. (694-4400)

ART IN THE GARDENS (Niagara Parks & botanical Gardens & Arboretum, Ontario) June 9-11, July 8 & 9, Aug 12 & 13, 11am-5pm. Featuring artwork by local artisans, hands on activities for children, 99acre garden (1-877-642-7275) www.niagaraparks.

ARTS IN THE GARDEN (Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua) Aug 26-27, featuring paintings, prints, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, Finger Lakes food and wine, admission \$5 (315-521-1876) www.genevarts.com

ART ON PORCHES (Bird Avenue and Abbottsford Place Buffalo) Aug 5, 11am-5pm. Showcases the upper West Side neighborhood and local artists showing their work on front porches. Musical entertainment, children's activities (833-7745) artonporches.org.

ARTPARK, (450 South Fourth Street, Lewiston). Also see "Dance," "Theatre," "Music" and "Kids Stuff" listings. Family Weekends starting at noon. Theater and shows also throughout the summer. Ticket prices vary. (754-4375) www.artpark.net

ART IN THE PARK ARTS FESTIVAL (Charles E. Burchfield Nature & Art Center, 2001 Union Road, West Seneca). Sun., August 6, 10am-4pm. Art, sculpture, pottery, photography, weavings and more on display and available for purchase. Live music, food, childrens' activities and tours of the grounds and gallery. Free. (677-4843) www. buffalo.com/burchfieldnatureandart

BACH & BEYOND FESTIVAL (Fredonia Opera House, 9 Church St., Fredonia) June 9 & 10 at 8pm, June 11 at 4pm. Music of 17th- & 18th-century composers. Tickets \$18 for each concert or \$48 for all (679-1891) www/fredopera.org

BEATFEST (Breezy Hill Lodge 10458 Chautauqua Road, New Albion) June 3, the 2nd Annual all-day benefit music festival event, bands including Jony James Blues Band, Todd Eberwine Band, streetinspired poetry of [ONE], Alex Mead, Pseudo-Slang and more, proceeds got to People United for Sustainable Housing (907-8493).



DECONSTRUCTING WOODY

Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band



The performance of Woody Allen's New

Orleans Jazz Band on the opening night of

Crowe's questionable method mumbling

with 30 Odd Foot of Grunts and, what the

heck, any music created by Kevin Bacon.)

Woody Allen's musical career is far harder

to categorize and, to some, far harder to

call into question. While his abilities as a

filmmaker, actor, author and comedian

status, the artist has quietly been sidelining as a jazz clarinetist since his adolescence. Most likely, Allen would take umbrage to the use of the word "sidelining"-Allen's love of Dixieland and New Orleans jazz has always been evident in his films' soundtracks, and the director chose to play with his jazz band at their regular weekly residency in New York rather than pick up an Oscar for Annie Hall in the late 1970s. It wouldn't be the last time that Allen would defer to his passion for music over the glitz and glamour associated with the film industry.

have raised Allen to icon

Along with allowing the prying eyes of the public to take a closer look into Allen's guarded relationship with wife Soon-Yi Previn, the 1998 documentary Wild Man Blues provided another valuable

insight: As a clarinetist, Woody Allen is no virtuoso. Still, Allen's career as a musician has never been about accolades. First and foremost, Allen has played in jazz bands because of his love of the form. Through his films and live performances, he also has managed to help bring attention to many seemingly forgotten musicians that may have otherwise been lost to new generations. Whether or not Woody Allen's playing is on par with Woody Herman's really isn't a fair comparison. But whether it manages to swing, cause toes to tap and audiences to smile is a valid consideration. The answer to that query is positively in the affirmative.

On June 9, Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band will perform an exclusive benefit concert with proceeds being donated to the New Orleans Musicians Hurricane Relief Fund.

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BINATIONAL TRAIL DAY (Buffalo and Fort Erie, Canada) June 4. Hike and bike the Niagara Ontario and Western New York region. See website for complete dates and times. www.binationaltrailsday.com

BONAFEST (St. Bonaventure Church, Main St., Allegany). July 8 & 9. Food, fun, games and live entertainment. (373-1330)

BUFFALO IRISH FESTIVAL (The Grove at the Hamburg Fairgrounds). August 25-27, Fri. 5-11pm, Sat. noon-11pm, Sun. noon-9pm. Irish food, crafts and cultural exhibits, music, dance and more. \$9 adults, \$6 seniors/children. Free parking. (839-0002) www.shannonpub.com

BUFFALO WING FESTIVAL (Dunn Tire Park, Buffalo). September 2-3, Sat. noon-9pm, Sun. noon-7pm. Food festival featuring local favorites including wings, pizza, roast beef and ice cream from 25 restaurants; hot sauce recipe contest, Miss Buffalo Wing contest, classic car show, cooking demonstrations and live music. \$5 per day. www.buffalowing.com

BUSKERFEST (The St. Lawrence Market Neighborhood, Toronto) August 24-27. Featuring awardwinning troubadours from around the world. Free. www.torontobuskerfest.com

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (Exhibition Place, Toronto). August 18-September 4, daily 10am-midnight (except Labor Day); buildings open 10am-10pm (except Labor Day). Toronto's annual summer celebration attracts 700 exhibitors, 500 attractions and 65 rides. \$12 adults (taxes included), \$8 seniors & youth 13 and under. (416-263-3800) http://mmi.theex.com

CANALFEST, (Erie Canal Banks, North Tonawanda). July 16-23. Nightly entertainment, bandshell performances, arts/crafts show, Miss Canal Fest, historical sites and tours, annual four-mile run. parade, Lockport boat tours, carriage rides, grand finale fireworks and more. (692-3292) www.canal-

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY FAIR (Little Valley) July 31-August 6. (938-9146) www.oleanny.com

CELEBRATE TORONTO STREET FESTIVAL, (Yonge Street, Toronto). July 7-9, Celebration of civic pride at five locations along the city's famed Yonge Street (Dundas, Bloor, St. Clair, Eglinton and Lawrence). (416-338-0338) www.city.toronto. on.ca/special_events/streetfest

CHAINSAW ART (Sanborn Fire Co. Grounds Route 429, Sanborn) July 8 & 9, 10am-5pm. County fair and craft show, watch a masterpiece be sculpted in front of your own eyes. (754-0166) www.ArtCouncil.org.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAIR (Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, 1089 Central Ave., Dunkirk). July 24-30. The annual fair features a pay-oneprice for all rides. Also featured are staged shows, livestock, races and a lot of food. Tickets: presale: \$6, Mon-Thurs: \$8, Fri-Sun: \$9. (366-4752).

CHAUTAUQUA WRITERS FESTIVAL, (Chautauqua Institution, Route 394, Chautauqua). June 15-18. Poetry, fiction and nonfiction writers workshop. Call for prices. (800-821-1881) www.ciweb.org

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE IDOL (Floating Stage, 61 Lakeside Drive, Bemus Point) June 19-August 21. Top 50 finalists audition June 19, 6:30pm. Live Monday performances July 3, 10, 24 & 31, Aug 7 at 6:30pm. Finale Aug 21 at 6:30pm. www.bemusbaypops.com

CHEEKTOWAGA FAMILY DAYS (Cheektowaga Town Park, Harlem Rd) July 8 & 9, 10am-5pm. Arts and crafts show, activities for children, raffles, annual plant sale, food, entertainment. Free. (897-7207) www.tocny.org

CHILDREN'S 1ST FESTIVAL (various locations, Ellicottville). August 19 & 20. Educational and fun weekend including parade and talent, art and fashion shows; hands-on activities & displays; a petting zoo, auction, fireworks and more, (699-5544).

CHRISTMAS IN JULY (Six Flags Darien Lake) July 7-13, celebrating Christmas in the Lodge-on-theLake hotel and campground. Ice skating, Christmas decorations, entertainment and Santa. (585-599-4641) www.sixflags.com/parks/darienlake

CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND (Amherst Muesum 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst) June 24 & 25, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-4. Battle re-enactments, historic buildings. Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ on Saturday. \$6 adults, \$5 children. (689-1440)

COME HOME TO SALAMANCA (various locations, Salamanca) July 8-9. Festival of Foods combined with annual summer bash to coincide with the high school's Alumni Days. Food from local restaurants, entertainment, games, craft vendors and family fun. (945-2034).

CORN FESTIVAL & WELLNESS RALLY (Gargoyle Park, Olean) August 20. Contests, games, music, craft show, and more (373-2400) www.ole-

CORN HILL ARTS FESTIVAL (Corn Hill district. Rochester) July 8 & 9. Over 450 juried artists present work in the streets. Free. (585-262-3142) www.cornhill.org

DRUMS ALONG THE WATERFRONT (Dunn Tire Park, Buffalo) July 12, Wed 6:30-9:30pm. Drum clinics at 4:15, free with ticket. International drum and bugle competition. \$18-\$22. (867-1618). www.drumsalongthewaterfront.org

EDEN CORN FESTIVAL (Post 880 American Legion, Legion Dr. & Rt. 62, Eden). Aug. 4-7, noon-11 pm; Craft show, corn-eating contest, Corn Festival Queen pageant rides, food, vendors, car show and parade. (992-4131) www.edenny.org/edencornfestival html

ELLICOTTVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO (6319 Sommerville Valley Rd, Ellicottville) June 30-July 2. Western trade show, chicken bbq, concessions, crafts, rodeo at 7pm Friday, 1pm & 7pm Saturday & 2pm Sunday. Adults \$14, 12 & under \$7, under 3 free (699-4839) www.ellicottvillerodeo.

ELLICOTTVILLE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS (Route 219, slopes of Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville). June 30-July 2, various times. Arts and crafts show, a pet parade, strawberry festival, house tours and live music (see Music listings). July 1 the BPO perform John Williams' work from Star Wars (fireworks to follow). Tickets at all Wegmans and the Ellicottiville Chamber of Commerce. (1-800-349-9099) www.ellicottvilleny.com

ELMWOOD AVENUE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, (Elmwood Ave., between Lafayette and West Ferry, Buffalo). Aug. 26 & 27, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Juried arts and crafts show with over 100 artisans, music, dance, theater and puppetry, sidewalk events, more. (830-2484) www.elmwoodartfest.org.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR (Hamburg Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg). Also see "Music" listings. August 10-20. Gates open 5pm on preview night, August 9, and 9am-11pm daily, buildings close at 10:30pm. Largest independent county fair in North America. Entertainment for the whole family, featuring agriculture, food, rides, shows and more. Ticket price varies (through Tops Friendly Markets, online at Tickets.com or by phone at 1-888-233-6000). (649-3900) www. americas-fair.com

FENIAN RAID (Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada) June 3 & 4. 140th anniversary of when Old Fort Erie was used as an operational base for the Fenians. Battle reenactments on June 3 at 1pm & June 4, 1:30pm. Entertainment including Fiddlers Three, harpist Carol Farrar and the Irish Dance Troop performing Saturday at 7pm. www.niagaraparks.com

FESTA ITALIANA (St. John's Church, Olean) July 15 & 16. Church, food, fun, music (372-4433) www. oleanny.com

FILIPINO DAY/ST LORENZO RUIZ DAY (Our Lady of Fatima. 1023 Swann Rd, Youngstown) July 28. 10am rosary procession, 11:30am Philipino Mass, 12:30pm picnic lunch, 1pm cultural presentation. (754-7489) www.fatimashrine.com

FINGER LAKES WINE FESTIVAL (2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen). July 14-16, Fri. 6-9:30pm, Sat. & Sun.10am-5pm. Arts and crafts vendors, gourmet food, wine seminars, cooking demos, live entertainment. (866-461-7223) www.flwinefest.

FORT GEORGE (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada). Also see "Tours" section. Events: Ghost Tours: Sundays in May & June at 8:30pm, Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August at 8:30pm, Sundays in September at 7:30pm; Canada Day, July 1, fireworks and entertainment, free admission; July 29 & 30, Loyalists and the American Revolution, Aug 19-20, Fife & Drum Muster and Soldier's Field Day Regular, \$8 adults, children 6-16 \$5, 5 and under free, seniors 65+ \$7. (905-468-6614).

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL (Mather Arch in Fort Erie and Riverside Park in Buffalo).June 29-July 4. Fireworks, heritage displays, free concerts, arts and crafts, kids activities, beer garden and more. (1-888-333-1987) www.friendshipfestival.com

GARDENWALK (Elmwood Village, Allentown and environs, Buffalo) July 29-30, 10am-4pm. Begins at the Theodore Roosevelt Site, (641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo) Free. Maps available on online mid-July. (879-0123) www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com

GENESEE COUNTY FAIR (Genesee County Fairgrounds, Batavia). July 18-22; Family fun including sing-a-longs, NASCAR challenge, 4-H livestock competition and a carnival. (585-948-9609) www.gcfair.com.

GENESEE HIGHLAND GATHERING (Genesee Country Village and Museum, 1410 Flint Hill Rd., Mumford) June 3 & 4, 10am-5pm. Scottish bagpipes, kilted dancers, athletic events of historical proportions, daily concerts, entertainment, parade at noon, and more. \$14 adults, \$11 62+ or students with I.D., \$8 ages4-16, 3 & under and members free. (585-538-6927) www.gcv.org

GENEVA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL (Geneva). July 5-Aug. 21. Six-week long arts festival that includes art exhibits, musical performances, comedy, spoken word and theater at several venues. (315-521-1876) www.genevarts.com

GERMAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL (Cheektowaga Town Park, Harlem Rd.) Sept 2 & 3, Sat 2pm-10pm, Sun 1pm-10pm German music, food and beverages (897-7207) www.tocny.org

GERRY PRAC RODEO (Route 60, Gerry) Aug 9-13. Bareback and saddle riding, along with barrel racing, down roping, steer wresting and bull riding. Adults \$12, kids \$6. www.gerryrodeo.org

GREASE POLE FESTIVAL (Agustin "Pucho" Olivencia Center, 261 Swan St., Buffalo). July 14–16, Fri 5–11pm, Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-9pm. The area's oldest Puerto Rican festival. (852-1648)

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see the everyday lives of the animals. (652-8646) www.hawkcreek.org

HERITAGE DAYS (Allegany) Aug 4-5. BBQ, ice cream social, craft sale, flea market. (372-2918) www.oleanny.com

HINSDALE HERITAGE FESTIVAL (Hinsdale) June 2-4, starts Fri 6pm. Ice cream, entertainment, crafts, car show, games, contests, bbq, parade, golf tournament, more. (557-8134)

HISTORIC LEWISTON JAZZ FESTIVAL (Center St, Lewiston). Aug 25–27. Thu 8pm, Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-5pm. More than two dozen local and natonal jazz acts. (754-9500) ww.lewistonjazz.com

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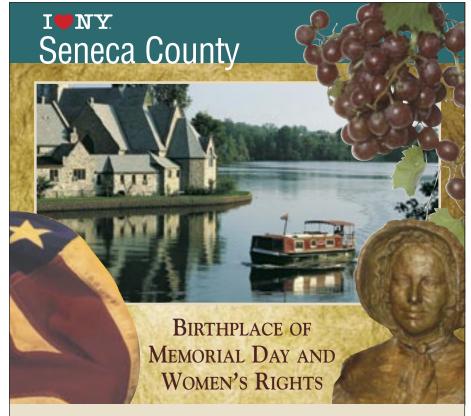
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St. Joseph Church, June 9-11 303 E. Main St., Batavia

St. Alberts Church, June 16-18 520 Kingston Ave, North Tonawanda

St. Marys by the Lake, June 16-18

4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg



West Seneca Community Days, June 23 & 24

Union Rd., West Seneca

Brighton Fire Co., June 22-24

50 Jamaica Rd., Tonawanda

Cheektowaga Town Park, July 3 & 4

Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga

Kenmore Days, July 6-8

Mang Park, Kenmore

Williamsville Old Home Days, July 11-14

Island Park, Williamsville

St. John the Baptist Church, July 28 & 29

1085 Englewood Ave., Kenmore

St. Martins Church, July 28-30

1140 Abbott Rd, South Buffalo

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INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL (Connecticut Street, Buffalo) June 3, 10am-3pm. The best the diverse West Side community has to offer will be showcased, including food, music and entertainment. Free.

IRISH FESTIVAL (Floating Stage, 61 Lakeside Dr., Bemus Point) July 30, starting at noon. Irish food, drinks, 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums, fiddles, vocals, dancers and other abundant entertainment. www.bemusbaypops.com

IRISH FESTIVAL (Archbishop Walsh, Olean) Sept 8 & 9. Food, fun, entertainment, music. (372-8766) www.oleanny.com

ITALIAN HERITAGE & FOOD FESTIVAL (Hertel Avenue, between Delaware and Colvin, Buffalo). July 13–16, Thu–Sun 11am–11pm, Sun 11am–10pm. Italian sausage, cannoli, tripe and calamari and more Italian delights. (874-6133)

JEFFERSON AVENUE UNITY FESTIVAL (Jefferson and E. Utica, Buffalo). July 29 & 30, noon-6pm. Parade, artists, food and live entertainment. (882-7594)

JUNETEENTH (Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Best and Fillmore, Buffalo). June 12-18, 11am–8pm. The 31st annual festival features the Juneteenth parade, ethnic foods and wares, 5K run, drill teams and tours celebrating African American culture and the ending of slavery. www.juneteenthofbuffalo.com

KENAN CENTER'S 100 AMERICAN CRAFTS-MEN FESTIVAL (Kenan Arena, 195 Beattie Avenue, Lockport) June 2-4. Fri 6-9 pm, Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 11 am-5 pm. Features original, artisan-crafted works in metal, wood, paper, glass, clay, fiber, leather, basketry and mixed media. Live jazz throughout the weekend, along with craft demonstrations, children's artspace and kite-flying demonstration (weather permitting). (433-2617) www.kenancenter.org

KINGDOM BOUND 2006 (Six Flags Darien Lake, Darien Center) Aug 6-9. Friends of faith gather for four days of fellowship and fun with contemporary Christian music groups, inspirational speakers, motivational clinics and exciting children's activities. Audio Adreneline, Rebecca St. James, Mercy Me and others. (585-599-4641) www.kingdombound.org

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION (First Ward Falcons, 341 Lake Shore Drive, East Dunkirk) Sept 3, noon. Live music, chicken bbg.

LEBANESE FESTIVAL (St. John Maron Maronite Church, 2040 Wehrle Dr., Williamsville). July 28-30, Fri 5-11pm, Sat 2-11pm, Sun 12-6pm. Lebanese music, dancing, food and entertainment. Free (634-0669) www.stjohnmaron.org

LEWISTON CULINARY ARTS FESTIVAL (Center Street, Lewiston) June 25, noon-8pm. Food and drinks offered by the finest eateries, wineries and farmer's markets; entertainment all day including food demonstrations, ice sculpting, Tlacopan Aztec Dancers and music. (754-0166) www. ArtCouncil.org

LEWISTON GARDEN FEST (Lewiston) July 1 & 2. Activities, displays, vendors, decorating ideas, demonstrations, music, more. (754-9500) www. northofthefalls.com

LEWISTON SMELT FESTIVAL (Village of Lewiston) May 5, 6pm. Chamber of Commerce will batter and fry smelt at the Lewiston waterfront, live music with Barb Wired, smelt queen. (754-9500) www.northofthefalls.com

LEWISTON OUTDOOR FINE ARTS FESTIVAL (Center St., Lewiston). August 12-13. Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. The works of more than 150 artists will be showcased, chalk murals cover South 5th St. (754-0166)

LOCUST STREET'S ANNUAL ART SHOW (Locust St. Art, 138 Locust St, Buffalo) June 4 2pm-5pm, June 6 12pm-6pm. Music, refreshments,

showcases, fence murals, benches, ceramic tile mural, artwork by the students. Free. (852-4562)

MACEDONIAN FESTIVAL (Lake Ave., Blasdell). July 7-9. Traditional Macedonian food, dance performances, music and games of chance. \$1. (823-9292)

MAHRAJAN (War Veteran Park, Olean) Aug 27, 11am-7pm. Celebrate with the St. Joseph's Church community at their parish festival. (372-4433) www.oleanny.com

MAYVILLE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (Lakeside Park, Mayville) June 17-18. Featuring Cherryholmes, Rhonda Vincent & the Rage and more great acts. \$18 for weekend pass. www.mayvillebluegrassfestival.com

MAYVILLE DOCKS FESTIVAL (End of Lake Chautauqua, between Depot Museum and Watermark Restaurant, Mayville). June 3-4. Live entertainment, boat demos, kids activities, museum tours samplings from restaurant row cuisine and more. (753-2800) www.mayvilleevents.com.

MUSIC IS ART FESTIVAL (510 Franklin St) June 11-12. Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11a-10pm. Outdoor alternative festival of msicians and artists. Free. (886-3540) www.musicisart.org

NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY (Niagara Square, Buffalo) June 6, 11am-2pm. Volunteers will be serving chicken bbq dinners, live music, contest and informational booths from area emergenc food organizations and local supporting vendors. Dinners are \$8.50 each presale and \$10 day of. (852-1305) www.foodbankwny.org.

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NIAGARA COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL (Academy Park, Lewiston) Sept 8-10. Parade, peach shortcake, carnival food, entertainment, midway rides. (754-9500) www.northofthefalls.com

NIAGARA NEW VINTAGE FESTIVAL (various locations, St. Catherines, Ontario). June 10-18. 30 participating wineries between Grimsby and Niagara-on-the-Lake. June 10, Niagara New Vintage Gala Wine Tasting. June 17, Dairy Farmers of Canada Winemaker's Dinner. June 10-18, Niagara New Vintage Winery Touring Passport. (905 688-0212) www.grapeandwine.com

NIAGARA FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW (Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, Ontario) June 9-11. Exhibiting over 100 vendors, including the newest and trendiest plants, tools and accessories, guest speakers and more. (1-877-642-7275) www.niagaraflowerandgardenshow.com

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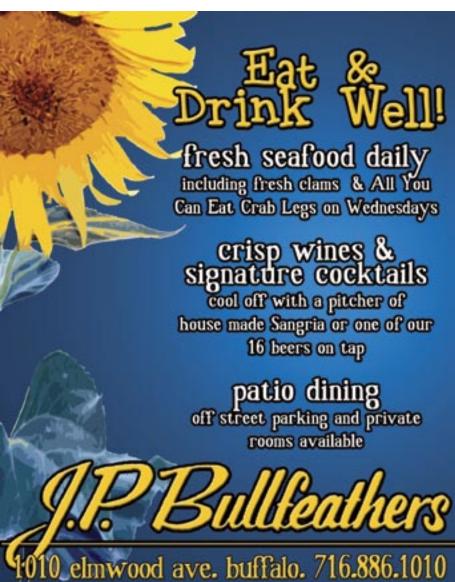
OLD HOME DAYS (Island Park, behind Village Hall, 5565 Main St., Williamsville). July 11-15. Live entertainment, parade, Taste of Williamsville, crafts, fishing derby on Saturday, more. (632-4120) www.oldhomedays.org

OLD HOME DAYS (Firemans Park, Main St. Allegany) June 19-25. Parade, carnival, music, games, more. (372-4433) www.oleanny.com

OLD HOME WEEK (Buffalo) Aug 24-27. Area open houses and tours of historical homes and districts, job fair, live local music and theater on the street, local artists and musicians displayed at the Elmwood Festival of the Arts. (903-7155) www. buffoldhome.com







OLD SANBORN DAYS (Sanborn Fire Company Grounds on Buffalo St. Rte. 429, Sanborn) July 8 & 9. Old-fashioned county fair and craft show, petting zoo, food, car show, chainsaw artists, more than 100 crafters. (754-9500) www.northofthe-

OUTDOOR ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL (Main St., Lockport) June 24-25, 11am-5pm. More than 250 craft and food vendors. Free parking, free admission. (433-0813)

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PIONEER OIL DAYS (Main St., Bolivar) June 22-25. Parade, car show, cemetery walk, vendors, food, crafts, house tour. (585-928-2343) www.ole-

PIRATE FESTIVAL (Krull Park, Olcott) July 7-9. Fri 6pm-midnight, Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-6pm. Musical entertainment, stage performances, food vendors, rides, parade, as well as a host of other festival-related items centered on the pirate theme. (778-8942)

POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL (Hamburg Fairgrounds, Hamburg). June 10 & 11. Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-9pm. Music, vendors, pageant, cuisine, customs & culture. \$5 adults, 18 & under free. Bobby Vinton and Jimmy Sturr in concert at 3pm, tickets are \$40. (998-2501) www.polfunfest.com

RALLY IN THE VALLEY (Olean) August 19 & 20; Motorcycle rally, series of contests, performers, food, bike vendors, dice run and fun. (372-4433)

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ROCHESTER INTERNTATIONAL JAZZ FESTI-VAL (Rochester) June 9-17. A full week of live concerts, jam sessions and exhibits. Over 170 shows and more than 600 musicians including Woody Allen. See website for ticket information. www. rochesteriazz.com

ROYCROFT ARTS FESTIVAL (South Grove St. off Main St., Roycroft Campus, East Aurora). June 24-25 10am-5pm. Art show, juried craft show and antiques. (457-3565)

SAINT STAN'S POLISH FESTIVAL, (2437 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls) July 9, begins at noon. The event features more than 17 hours of polka music with a large wooden dance floor. Polish and American picnic favorites daily. Homemade Polish dinners, \$6. (285-3604)

SANBORN-LEWISTON **FARM MUSEUM** FESTIVAL(Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn) July 29, 10am-5pm. 100-year-old barn and other artifacts, flea market, classic car cruise, antique engine, tractor exhibits, petting zoo, food, music and more. (754-9500) www.northofthefalls.com

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL (4565 Rt 414, Romulus) June 18, noon-5pm. Annual Scandinavian fair with music, dancing, arts and crafts, wine specials and traditional Scandinavian food. Free admission, fee for food. (315-549-8326) www.swedishhill.com

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES (Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst). August 19, 9am-5pm. Scottish heritage with bagpipes, traditional and contemporay Scottish music, athletic events, sheep herding, vendors, Scottish food and more. (689-1440) www. amherstmuseum.org

SONJAM (Gargoyle Park, Olean) June 18, 10am-3pm. Worship, bands, games. www.oleanny.com

STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL (15431 Farden Rd., Sterling). July 1-Aug 13, 10am-7pm, Saturdays and Sundays only. Adults \$19.99, children ages 6-12, \$6.99, 5 & under Free. Two-day passes and season passes available. (315-947-5783/1-800-879-4446) www.sterlingfestival.com

ST. HYACINTH'S FESTIVAL (St. Hyacinth's, 295 Lake Shore Drive, East Dunkirk) Aug 12-13, Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun noon-7pm.

ST. MARY'S FESTIVAL (Olean) June 17 & 18. Food, fun, games. (372-4841) www.oleanny.com

ST. JOHN'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Main St. at Chestnut, Youngstown) June 17-18, noon-5pm. Entertainment, raffles, church tours, and strawberry shortcake (754-9500) www.northofthefalls.com.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (96 Jewett Parkway Buffalo) June 24, 4pm-7pm. Gourmet strawberry desserts, other cookout type food, music, entertainment and activities for all ages. (833-1151)

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Olean General Hospital, Olean) June 22, 10am-6pm. (372-4433) www. oleanny.com

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Merritt Estate Winery 2264 King, Forrestville) June 10-11, Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-8pm.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Flora Hall, Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, Dunkirk) Chicken BBQ, waffles, refreshments, strawberry shortcake, children's games, games of chance.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL & CHICKEN BBQ (The History Center, 215 Niagara Street, Lockport) June 3, 10am-4pm. Enjoy food, fun, tours, Iroquois Dancers at 11am, Dixieland Quartet, the Bar-Room Buzzards noon-3pm, theme baskets, and more.

SUMMERFEST (Machias) July 7-9. Crafts, food, activities. (353-8109) www.oleanny.com

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS (Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Fillmore Street Side, Buffalo). Aug 19 & 20, 11am-8:30pm. Gospel singing, drill step, drama team, recording artists, health and job fairs, DJs, pony rides, clowns and more. Free. (891-4760)

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WELLSVILLE BALLOON RALLY (Wellsville) July 21-23. Annual balloon festival in historic Wellsville. Balloon launches on Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 6am and 6pm and Sunday at 6am (weather permitting). (585-593-3752) www.wellsvilleballoonrally.

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YOUTH MARCH (Lafayette Square, Buffalo) June 7, 4pm, rain or shine. Starts at the Laffayette Square, in front of the Buffalo Public Library, ending with a rally at Niagara Square in front of City Hall. (855-1522 ext. 25)



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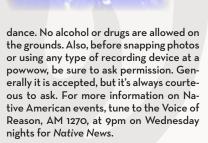
INDIAN SUMMER

Native American powwows open doors to a neighboring nation

The Native American powwow is a festival with roots in early American Indian culture and continues today with gatherings that can last as long as a week. The gatherings in the Buffalo area reach an average crowd of 7,000 people per day, according to Alan Jamison of Native American Community Services. Filled with traditional drum chants and fancydancing, powwows immerse those who attend in the culture of the host nation. Dancers wear traditional regalia, much of which is handmade and passed down from generation to generation, and participants compete for large cash prizes. The fair-like atmosphere also includes Native American food, like corn soup and fry bread, as well as arts and crafts.

There will be two major powwows taking place in the area this summer, both hosted by the Seneca Nation. The first will be held July 14-16 at Lackey Plaza, 310 4th Street in Niagara Falls. The Border Crossing Powwow will feature Competitive dancing, traditional arts and crafts, food and other activities. The second event, Veterans Powwow, will take place July 21-23 at Veterans Park in Salamanca. Both events are considered competitive powwows and will give away almost \$100,000 in prize money to the winning dance teams

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ARTPARK (150 South Fourth St., Lewiston). Family Weekends, July 8-Aug 6; Camp Adventures Art Camp for ages 9-14, July 10-14, July 17-21 & July 31-Aug 4; Theater Camp for ages 9-14, July 24-28. (754-4375) www.artpark.net

BUFFALO CONTEMPORARY DANCE (Great Arrow Industrial Park, Great Arrow Ave, Buffalo) Tuesdays July 4 & 18, and Thursdays July 6, 20 & 27. Modern Dance Workshop for ages 8-11. \$40 for the entire session. (884-2154)

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BUFFALO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS (300 Parkside Ave, Buffalo) Open daily, 10am-5pm. Elephantastic weekend June 3-4; Dad's Dollar Day, June 18. Earth Day Expo, June 25; Report Card Weekend (students 14 or younger receive free admission with a current report card) July 15 & 16. Wonders of Water August 5; Summer Nature Camp, Mon-Fri from July 10 to August 18. (837-3900 ext. 133) www.buffalozoo.org

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CASTELLANI ART MUSEUM (Niagara University, Niagara Falls). July 24-August 18. Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. Kids 'n' Art summer day camp for children ages 6-12. \$150 per week. (286-8200) www.niagara.edu

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THE HAMILTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (1072 Main St. East. Hamilton, Ontario), July 4-Sept 2. Planting, watering, weeding and decorating. Free. (905-546-4848) www.hamilton. ca/museums

HOLLAND LAND OFFICE MUSEUM (131 West Main Street, Batavia) Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Current exhibits: "The Byron Dig"; "The Victorian Parlor"; "Oddities from the Collection"; "The Military Collection"; "The Land Office Room"; "The Unsolved Linden Murders"; "Pioneer Occupations." Free. (585- 343-4727) www.hollandlandoffice.com

KENAN CENTER (433 Locust St., Lockport) ArtsPlay 2006 Summer Program, June 16-Aug 18, 9am-4pm, \$124 week. (433-2617) www.kenan-

LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE (21 Central Ave, Lancaster) M&T Musical Series: City of Angels, July 14-23; Footloose, Aug 11-20; Niagara Hobby Presents 101 Dalmations, July 26-27, Cinderella, Aug. 23. \$14. (683-1776) www.lancopera.org

LOCUST STREET ART (138 Locust St, Buffalo) Painting and drawing for ages 4+, Wed 1-2:30pm from July 5-26; Young Writers Workshop for ages 8-15, Thu 2-3:30pm from July 6-27; High School Black & White Photography classes, Thu 1-4pm from July 6-August 10; Free. (852-4562) www.buffnet.net/~locustst.

MARINELAND (7657 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls, Ontario). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-6pm. \$30.95-37.95; four and under free. (905-356-2142) www.marinelandcanada.com

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OLD FORT NIAGARA (Robert Moses Parkway North, Youngstown). Open daily 9am-7pm. \$5-\$8.50; 6 and under free. (745-7611) www.oldfort-

STRONG MUSEUM (One Manhattan Sq., Rochester). Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm; Fri 10am-8pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 12pm-5pm. Exhibitions: "Sesame Street"; "Super Kids Market"; "Kid to Kid"; "One History Place"; "Time Lab"; "Making Radio Waves"; "Making Things Happen"; "Rochester Business Hall of Fame"; "Lady Liberty." \$5-\$7; children under two free (585-263-2700) www.strongmuseum.org

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TOY TOWN MUSEUM (636 Girard Avenue, East Aurora) Wed-Sat 10am-4pm. Exhibits: "iFeel the Power," Aug 19-February. Free. (687-5151) www.toytownusa.com. See "Festivals" section for more information on ToyFest 2006.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO (103 Center for the Arts, North Campus, Amherst). July 10-14. Explore the Arts Theatrical Arts Summer Program for children grades 5 and up. \$275. Registration deadline is June 23. (645-6754 ext. 1388) www.ubcfa.org

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AMHERST MUSEUM (3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst) Also see "Events, Fairs and Festivals" section. Hours: Tue-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm; Sat & Sun 12:30-4:30pm. Exhibits: 2006 Lecture Series: Lace Seminar Lecture, June 3; "Looking for Adventure: A Century of Motorcycles," June 13-Aug 13; "Auto Art Exhibit," June 17-July 8; Civil War Living History Weekend, June 24-25; 2006 Lecture Series: History of Motorcycles Made in New York, July 25; 2006 Lecture Series: Archeology-Findings from the Discovery School Dig, Aug 2; 22nd Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Aug 19. (689-1440) www.amherstmuseum. org

ART ON PORCHES (Forest Ave at Abbottsford Pl, Buffalo) Neighborhood art show in the Richardson Towers Community with musical entertainment and artwork by area artists. Sat Aug 5, 11am-5pm. Free. (883-7745) www.artonporches.org

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BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY (25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo) Events/Exhibits: That Bloomin' Exhibit, through Jan 7; American Girl Club, June 3, 10-11:30pm; Pan-Am Grounds Walking Tour, June 4, 12:30-2pm; On the Road to Freedom: Buffalo and Erie County, through May '07; Bridging Buffalo, through Jan 28. Community Celebrations: Party on the Pan-Am!, June 25, 12-5pm; Party on the Portico!, June 16, 5-7pm. Hours & Admission: Mon closed, Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun Noon-5pm; \$6 adults, \$4 seniors (60+). \$2.50 ages 7-12, \$4 students 13-21, members and children under 7 free, \$6 library admission. (873-9644) www.bechs.org

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BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE (1020 Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo) Exhibits: Going Ape, June 24-Aug 2. Star Lights, Drinks & Bites, celestial themed adult event, June 3, 7-11pm; Juneteenth celebration June, 17-18, Martin Luther King Park; Ogden photo exhibit, July 11-Nov. 12; Bubblefest 2006!, July 29, 11am-4pm; Summer children's programs; many permanent exhibits. Hours: 10am-5pm, Wed-Sat; Sun noon-5pm. \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$5 children and students with proper identification; Free for children under 3. (896-5200) www.sciencebuff.org

BUFFALO TRANSPORTATION/PIERCE-ARROW MUSEUM (263 Michigan Ave, Buffalo) July 25, noon, National Carvair Club Parade down the Main Street Transit Mall from Goodell to Seneca Street; July 26, 10am, National Judging show for Corvairs. Museum hours: 12-5pm, Sat; call for other hours. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$3 ages 6-17. (853-0084) www.pierce-arrow.com

(Rockwell Hall, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo) Exhibits: 24/12: Terry Cuddy and Ed Sobala, May 12-June 7; THINK INK: Prints from the Burchfield-Penney's Collection, March 10-June 25; A

BURCHFIELD-PENNEY ART GALLERY.

Life in the Arts: David Pratt, May 16-July 2; Somewhat Dotty, Feb 18-Aug 6; Doors Open: The Art of Architecture, May 20-Oct 16; Trees Interpreted: Burchfield and Lavatelli, Apr 22-Oct 22. Hours: 10am-5pm, Tue-Sat; 1-5pm, Sun. FREE. (878-6011)

CARNEGIE ART CENTER (240 Goundry St., North Tonawanda) Artcamp Day, June 17, 12-4pm. Visual art and literary classes and workshops throughout July. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 11am-4pm; Sat 1-4pm. (694-4400) www.carnegieartcenter.org

CASTELLANI ART MUSEUM (Lewiston Rd., Niagara University Main Campus, Niagara Falls, NY) Niagara Collects, through Oct.: Wolf Kahn: About the Falls, through Sept; Flow: New Works by Ani Hoover, June 2-Sept 24, opening reception June 2 5-8pm. Workshops on select dates. Kids 'n Arts summer camp, July 24-Aug 18. Gallery hours: Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm; Mon. closed (286-8200) www.niagara.edu/cam

CEPA GALLERY (617 Main St., Buffalo) David Mitchell: A Boy Named Noname, through June 3. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 12-4pm. Free (856-2717) www.cepagallery.com

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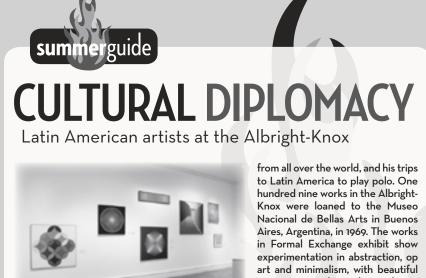
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THE ERIE CANAL MUSEUM (318 Erie Blvd, East Syracuse) Open Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 10am-3pm; Mon by appointment for group tours only. June 25, 2pm walking tour at Oakwood Cemetery; new exhibit Those Among Us: Uncovering the Story of Who Built the Erie Canal. (315-471-0593) www.eriecanalmuseum.org

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE AND MU-SEUM (1410 Flint Hill Rd., Mumford) June 3-4, Highland Gathering, 10am-5pm; June 10, Nineteenth Century Whirl, 5:30pm; June 15, Frederick Backus Birthday Party, 11am; June 18, Fathers Day Celebration; June 24-25, Diary Weekend & War of 1812 Tactical, 10am-5pm; July 4 Celebration 10am-5pm; July 9, Build Village; July 12, George Eastman's Birthday, 11am; July 15-16, Civil War Re-enactment, 10am-5pm; July 30, RPO Celebration, 2pm; Aug 1, Lucy Thompson Birthday, 11am; Aug 6, Taste of Genesee; Aug 11-13, National Silver Ball Tournament; Aug 18-19, Old Time Fiddlers' Fair, 10am-5pm. Also, summer programs for children. Visit www.gcv.org for hours and admission prices. (585-538-6822) www.gvc.org

GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE (900 East Ave, Rochester) The world's leading museum of photography and film. Exhibits: Picturing Eden, extended through Sept 4; Seeing Ourselves: American Faces, through July 30; Pete Turner: The Power of Color, Aug 16-Feb4; Where Did Cam



Formal Exchange: The Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Latin America is featuring Latin American abstraction from the 1960s and 1970s through June 25. The exhibit includes wall text that tells the story of Seymour H. Knox Jr. and the gallery's commitment to acquiring contemporary art

attention to color and spatial concerns. Artists in the exhibit include: Martha Boto, Sergio de Camargo, Eduardo Mac Entyre, Julio Le Parc, Cesar Paternosto, Jesus Raphael Soto, Josefina Robirosa and Luis Toma-

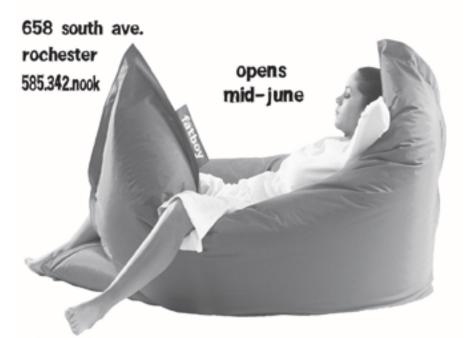
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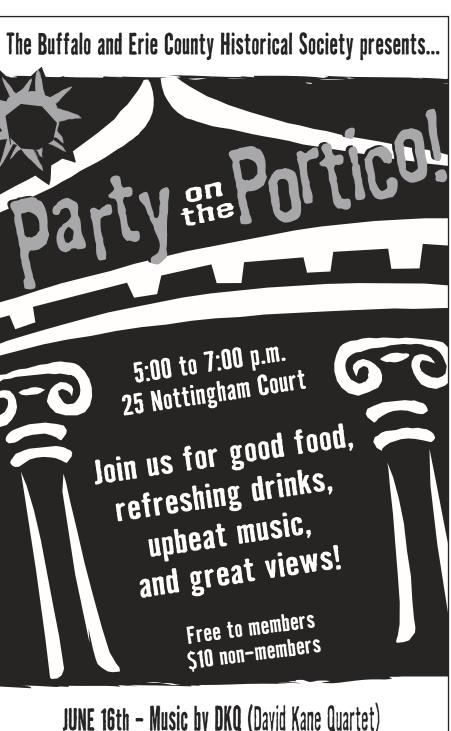
Tuesday, July 25th - Neville Francis & the Riddim Posse



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eras Come From?, through Oct 22. **Events:** Garden Tour, June 1, 5:30pm; Photography Lecture, June 8, 6pm; Jazz at George Eastman House, June 12-14, 4-5pm; 14th Annual Garden Vibes Concert Series, throughout July, tickets \$15 (free for children under 12). Dryden Theatre films also presented throughout the week. **Hours:** Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Thu, 10am-8pm; Sun, 1-5pm. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 students, \$3 ages 5-12, free for members and children under 4. (585-271-3361) www.eastmanhouse.org

GRAYCLIFF CONSERVANCY (6472 Old Lake Shore Rd, Derby) Events: Sunday in the Country, Sundays beginning in July at 11:30am; 5th Annual Larkin Exposition, Aug 5, 12-5pm, LCo Building, Buffalo; Anniversary Celebration Benefit, Aug 4, 6:30-8:30pm, \$45; American Scholar Day, Aug 31; Twilight tours July 7, 14 & 28, Aug 11 & 18, 7pm. Tours \$10 adults/\$8 students. Tour Hours: Tue-Fri, 11am & 2pm; Saturday, 11am-3pm hourly; Sunday, 12-4pm hourly. Reservations required on all standard and special tours. (947-9217) http://graycliff.bfn. org

GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK (East Otto, south of Springville) Sculpture park with over 200 outdoor sculptures, tours, concerts and workshops throughout the season. Hours: 9am-dusk. \$5 admission, \$3 students. (667-2808) www.griffispark.org

HALLWALLS CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER (341 Delaware Ave) June 2, 8pm, author and activist Leslie Feinberg; June 3, 8pm Free103Point9's MICRO RADIO WALK through HallwallsGallery. Gallery hours: Tue-Fri, 11am-6pm; Sat, 1-4pm. (854-1694) www.hallwalls.org

HERSCHELL CARROUSEL FACTORY MUSEUM (180 Thompson St, North Tonawanda) Historical artifacts, photos and equipment from early carrousel factory. Events: Renaissance Faire, June 3, 11am-7pm; Andy Warhol Remembered: Uncle Andy's Carousel, starting June 16; Glen

Colton live, July 16, 2-3pm. Summer Hours starting June 14: Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 12-4pm. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2.50 for children. (693-1885) www.carrouselmuseum.org/

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME (BCE Place, 30 Yonge St, Toronto) Summer hours: Mon-Sat, 9:30am-6pm; Sun, 10am-6pm, \$13 general admission, \$9 seniors and children ages 4-13. (416-360-7765) www.hhof.com

HOLLAND LAND OFFICE MUSEUM (131) West Main St, Batavia) Historical artifacts and documents significant to Genesee County. Hours: Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free. (585-343-4727) www.hollandlandoffice.com

IMPACT ARTISTS' GALLERY (Suite 545 Tri-Main Center, 2495 Main St, Buffalo) June 6-July 1, National Collage Exhibition, reception June 17, 7-9pm; Women of Color Show, Aug 22-Sept 16, reception Aug 26, 7-9pm. Summer workshops available; Art Flea Market in Aug. (716-835-6817)

JELL-O GALLERY MUSEUM (23 E Main St, LeRoy, NY) Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm. \$3 adults, \$1.50 children. www. jellomuseum.com

KENAN CENTER (433 Locust St, Lockport) Garden Reflections: An Exhibit of Botanically Inspired Art, June 30-Aug 13; Joe Whalen Solo Show, Aug 18-Sept 10. Children's art programs also available, see Web site for more information. Hours: Mon-Fri, 12-5pm; Sun, 2-5pm. (433-2617) www.kenancenter.org

LUCY-DESI MUSEUM (212 Pine St, Jamestown) Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-5:30pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Admission: \$6 adult, \$5 senior, \$4 youth (ages 6-18). Lucy's Birthday Celebration, Aug 4-6. (484-0800) www.lucy-desi.



A LONG TIME COMING

Rita Argen Auerbach at Chautauqua's Logan Art Gallery



Anyone who knows the artist's work has wondered when Rita Argen Auerbach of Buffalo would have a major exhibit showcasing her paintings of Chautauqua Institution. The time has come, with the renovation of the Logan Art Gallery on Bestor

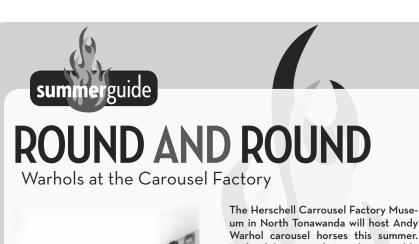
Plaza in Chautauqua Institution. The new galleries will open with Rita Argen Auerbach: Celebrating 25 Years of Painting Chautauqua. Auerbach is assembling works from over 50 private collections for this once-in-a-lifetime event. In typical Chautauqua fashion, this show will rush by, opening Wednesday, June 28 with a reception at 4-6pm and closing on July 7. The artist will speak about her work on Friday, June 30, at 7pm. The gallery is

open daily, 11am-5pm.

Logan Art Gallery

Bestor Plaza, Chautauqua Institution, 800-836-ARTS.

–cynnie gaasch





The Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum in North Tonawanda will host Andy Warhol carousel horses this summer. Little did anyone know that in addition to producing soup cans, the modern master made icons of summer fun. In addition Warhol's nephew, James Warhola, will exhibit illustrations at the museum, which include remembrances of his creative uncle. The show is titled Andy Warhol Remembered: Uncle Andy's Carousel Horses and opens with a reception on Friday, June 16, 6-8pm. The exhibit continues through December.

Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

180 Thompson Street, North Tonawanda, 693-1885.

-cynnie gaasch

MARKET STREET ART CENTER (247 Market St, Lockport) Exhibits: Two Painters, Joe Whalen and Kathleen Giles, through June 18; Beyond the Locks: The Artist's View of Historical Niagara County, June 23-24; Artique-gras Festival, Aug 15-16; Dean Hueber and Jamey Phipps, Photographs, July 29-Sept 5; A Little Bit of Country and Some Jazz Too, Dodi Walter, Jeff Watkins & Mark Weld, July 29-Sept 5. Hours: Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. (870-1129) www.marketstreetstudios.com

MILLARD FILLMORE HOUSE (24 Shearer Ave, East Aurora) Historic House built by president Millard Fillmore. June 1-Oct 15, open Wed, Sat & Sun, 1-4pm. July 15 is Pioneer Day. \$5 for adults and children over 12. (652-8875) www.millardfillmore-house.org

THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (25 Main St., Cooperstown) Cooperstown Symposium, July 7-9; Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, July 28-31. Open daily 9am-9pm. \$14.50 adults, \$9.50 seniors, \$5 children (ages 7-12). (1-888-425-5633) www. baseballhalloffame.org

NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM (17 Aviation Dr, Horseheads) Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. \$7 adults, \$5.50 seniors, \$4 ages 6-17. Children under 6 free. (607-739-8200) www. wingsofeagles.com

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME (76 Fall St, Seneca Falls) Hours through Sept: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 12-5pm. \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors & students, \$7 families, members & children under 5 FREE. (315-568-8060) www.greatwomen.org

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MU-SEUM (43 Castlereagh St, Niagara-on-the-Lake) Where history in one of Ontario's oldest and most interesting towns comes alive. Special exhibit: Discover How Niagara Agriculture has Formed Today's Society, May-Nov. Hours through Oct: 10am-5:30pm daily. \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students, \$1 children. (905-468-3912) www.niagara.com/

NIAGARA WAX MUSEUM (363 Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, NY) Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm; Sat & Sun, 10am-11pm. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors & ages 13-17, \$5 ages 6-12. (285-1271)

NINA FREUDENHEIM GALLERY (140 North St, Hotel Lenox, Buffalo) Exhibits: John McQueen, through June 30; Group Exhibits July 1–31. Closed August. Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Free. (882-5777) www. ninafreudenheimgallery.com

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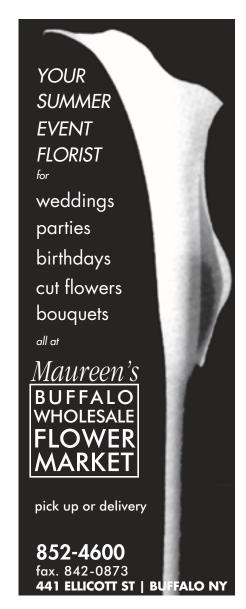
UM (314 Oliver St, North Tonawanda) New museum of the rich immigrant heritage of North Tonawanda. Walking tours of city every Wed beginning June 7, 6pm. Various other tours available throughout summer. Museum hours Mon & Tues, 9am-9pm; Thu, 9am-5pm; Fri, 9am-12pm; also by appointment. Admission free, donations accepted. (213-0554) www.nthistorymuseum.org

OLD FORT NIAGARA (Youngstown, NY) Summer Events: French and Indian War Encampment, July 1-3; War of 1812 Encampment, July 29-30; Soldiers of the Revolution, Aug 19-20. The Fort opens for tours 9am daily. (745-7611) www.oldofortniagara. org

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTER (770 Don Mills Rd, North York, Ontario) Open daily 10am-5pm. \$14 adults, \$10 youth and senior, \$8 children (416-696-1000) www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

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PARTNERS IN ART (83 Webster St, N. Tonawanda) Landscape Workshop, July 10-14, registration limited; Still Life Workshops, July 31-Aug 4 & Aug 7-11; Fundamentals of Drawing, 5 weeks from July 18 to Aug 29, Tuesdays 6:30-9pm (692-2141)

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL ART GAL-**LERY** (500 University Ave., Rochester) Hours: Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm; Thu until 9pm; Mon-Tue CLOSED. Exhibits: 2nd Rochester Biennial, June 18-Sept 10; Robert Marx: Considering the Voluntary Absence of God, through July 16; Romanticism and the Politics of Taste, July 28-Oct 15; Wendell Castle in Rochester, through June 18; Italian Baroque Organ; Protected in Eternity: The Coffins of Pa-Debehu-Aset. General admission: \$7; children 6-18, \$2; Seniors & college students with ID \$5. Tours led by Gallery docents are offered Thursdays at 6:30pm. (585-473-7720) www.mag.rochester.edu

ROCK 'N' ROLL HALL OF FAME (One Key Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio) Open daily 10am-5:30pm and Sat, 10am-9pm. The Museum will close at 5:30pm on July 8. (216-781-ROCK) www.rockhall.com

THE ROCKWELL MUSEUM OF WEST-ERN ART (111 Cedar St., Corning) Summer hours: Mon-Sun, 9am-8pm. Adults: \$6.50, Seniors and students: \$5.50, under 17 free. Extensive summer exhibits. (607-937-5386) www.stny.com/rockwellmuseum.

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS (Center located on 680 Plains Road West, on border of Hamilton and Burlington in Ontario) Canada's largest botanical garden. Special events and classes offered throughout the summer. (905-527-1158) www.rbg.ca

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM (Main Building, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto) Exhibits: Déco Lalique, all summer; Korea around 1900: The Paintings of Gisan, through Sept 4. Adults \$15, Seniors and students: \$12, children: \$10, under 4 free. Hours: Mon-Thu, Sat & Sun, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-9:30pm (416-586-8000) www.rom.on.ca

SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS (35 East Main Street, Springville) Gallery for theatre, art and film. Exhibits: Spring Community show, May 2-June 10; The El-

egance of Water, June 13-July 1, reception June 24 1-4pm; Fran Vicanti Retrospecive, July 5-Aug 5. Summer workshops for artists and children. Gallery hours: Tue-Fri, 12-5pm; Sat, 10am-3pm. (592-9038)

SQUEAKY WHEEL (712 Main St, Buffalo) Exhibits: Listening Glass, through June 2; Tom Holt Opening & Mural Unveiling, June 16-July 28, opening reception June 16, 7-9pm; Portraits of Main Street, premiere screening, June 27, 7pm; Squeaky Wheel's Third Annual Outdoor Animation Festival, July 15, 8:30pm @ Days Park & Aug 12, 8:30pm @ Martin Luther King Jr. Park; Buffalo Infringement Festival '06, July 27-Aug 6. Many workshops in digital media and film throughout the summer. (884-7172) www. squeaky.org

STRONG MUSEUM (One Manhattan Square, Rochester) After major expansion construction, the home of the National Toy Hall of Fame is reopening. Grand Opening Celebration, July 14-16. Strong National Museum of Play now open, extended hours July 14-16. Today in the Galleries, July 17-Aug 31; Summer Playdates & Storybook Weekends, throughout the week all summer. Hours: Mon-Thu, Sat, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-8pm; Sun, 12-6pm. Admission: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors & students, \$7 ages 2-17. Members are free. (585-263-2700) www. strongmuseum.org

SUSAN B. ANTHONY HOUSE (17 Madison St, Rochester) Summer events: Artifacts from the Suffrage Movement: 1890-1919: What They Wore and Used, lecture by Bren T. Price, June 12, 12pm, \$20. Hours: Tue-Sun, 11am-5pm. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 students and children 12 and under. Appointment only for groups over 12. (585-235-6124) www.susanbanthonyhouse.org

TEXTILE MUSEUM OF CANADA (55 Centre Ave, Toronto) Exhibits: The Lion King of Mali, through June 18. Workshops, tours and auctions throughout summer. Open daily 11am-5pm, Wed, 11am-8pm. \$10 general admission, \$6 students, seniors

and children 5-14. (416-599-5321) www.textilemuseum.ca

THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE (641 Delaware Ave., Buffalo) Events: Teddy Bear Picnic, August 2, by reservation only. Guided tours. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and ages 6-14, \$1 ages 0-5. (884-0095) www.nps.gov/thri

TOWN OF PORTER HISTORICAL SO-CIETY MUSEUM (240 Lockport St, Youngstown) Features over 5,000 artifacts and documents, period furnishings and photographs. Historical lecture program offered third Monday of every month at 7pm (except July & Aug) Hours: Wed & Thu, 2-4pm; Sat 10am-2 pm (except July & Aug). (745-1271) www.niagaracounty.org

UB ANDERSON GALLERY (Martha Jackson Pl, Buffalo) Karel Appel: The Color of Chaos, through June 25; Media Mixer: Sculpture from the Collection, through Oct. 1; John Hultberg, selections on display from July through October. Hours: Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. (829-3754) http://ubartgalleries.buffalo.edu/UBart-Galleries.html

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO ART GAL-LERY, (State University of New York at Buffalo, Center for the Arts, Amherst Campus) Niagara Falls by Adam Cvijanovich, through July 29; Layers: Collecting Cuban Art, June 11-Sept 9. Summer Hours: Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm. FREE (645-6912) www. artgallery.buffalo.edu





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AMHERST RECREATION CONCERT SE-RIES (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 & 8 pm; 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) ww.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).

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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.bluesinthepa-

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.bluesintheval-

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANCAL 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



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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.

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Route 17, Portville, 933-8750

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

–rob metzler





BUFFALO PLACE ROCKS THE HARBOR (Erie Basin Marina, downtown Buffalo) July 29-30, 5-11pm. Buddy Guy with Kelly Hunt, July 29; Gov't Mule, July 30. Free. (856-3150) www.buffaloplace.com

BURCHFIELD NATURE AND ART CENTER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES (2001 Union Rd, West Seneca) Every Tue at 7pm from June 6 through July 25. Every Tue at 6:30pm, Aug 1-29. Performences include: Dough Yeomans, Lo Blu Flame, Doerfel Family Bluegrass Band, WS Middle School Jazz Ensemble, WS East String Quartet, String Quartet Orchestra, WS Town Band. Free. (677-4843). www. buffalo.com/burchfieldnatureandart

CHAUTAUQUA AMPHITHEATER (Chautauqua Institution) Nine-week season runs daily from June 25 to Aug. 27. Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Performances throughout the summer beginning at 8:15pm. Summer Amphitheater Headliner lineup: An Evening with the Neville Brothers, June 24, \$35; An Evening with Trace Adkins, June 30, \$37; ABBA: the music, July 7, \$35; The Magic of Motown, July 14, \$37; An Evening with Lonestar, July 21, \$37; An Evening with Peter, Paul & Mary, July 28, \$38; Hootie & the Blowfish, Aug 4, \$37; An Evening with Kenny Rogers, Aug 11, \$37; An Evening with Lyle Lovett, Aug 18, \$37; An Evening with comedian Loretta LaRoche, Aug 24, \$30; An Evening with the Beach Boys Aug 25, \$38; An Evening with Gary Puckett & B.J. Thomas, Aug 26, \$30; (1-800-836-ARTS or 357-6250) www.ciweb.org

CLUB INFINITY (8166 Main St., Williamsiville) Klear w/Breakerbox, June 2, 7pm; Vixen, June 6, 7pm; Saving Jane, June 9, 6pm; The Fold, June 21, 6pm; Leftover Crack, June 23, 6pm; Toy Boy Heroes, June 24, 7pm; Against All Authority, June 26, 6pm; Pollack, June 30, 6pm; Displaced CD Release Party, July 7, 6pm; Suffer The Wicked w/Special Guests, July 8, 6pm; And Then I Turned Seven/Big City Dreams/Time & Distance/Merit Badge, July 28, 6pm; Open Mic Event, July 29, starts at 11am; Mae, Aug 18, 6pm. Prices vary. (565-0110) www.clubinfinitylive.com/web

CONCERT ON-THE-CANAL SERIES (Gateway Harbor Park on Sweeney St. in North Tonawanda and Young St. in Tonawanda) Series runs every Wed at 6pm in North Tonawanda and every Fri at 7pm in Tonawanda from June to Aug. American Brass & Soul Providers, June 21; Ike Smith & Boogie Monsters, June 23; New York Rock N Revue & The Boys of Summer, June 28; The Mark Stanley Band, June 30; Push Button Theory & Strictly Hip, July 5; Barbara St. Clair, July 7; Total Eclipse & Strictly Hip, July 12; Flipside & Switch, July 26; The Michael Bly Band, July 28; Route 66 & Bareback Jack, Aug 2; Only Human, Aug 4; Blackest Red & Weekend, Aug 9; Hollydaze, Aug 11; The Rev & Joyryde, Aug 16; NY2LA, Aug 18; Perfect Game & Black Widow, Aug 23; Mother May I, Aug 25; Urban Renewal & Hit N Run, Aug 30. Free. (692-5120) www.thetonawandas.com

CREEKSIDE CONCERT SERIES (Casimir Pulaski Cultural Center in Cheektowaga Town Park; Rain Place: Alexander Community Center, 275 Alexander Ave., behind the Cheektowaga Rec. Center). Events held Sundays, 7-9pm. Ramblin' Lou, July 9; The Road Runners, July 23; Sentimental Journey, July 30; American Legion Band of The Tonawandas, Aug 6; Buffalo Boomers, Aug 13; Terry Buchwald, Aug 20. (686-3400) www.tocny.

DARTWOOD PARK CONCERT SERIES (222 Autumnwood, Cheektowaga) Carnival Kids Steele Orchestra Band, July 7, 7-9pm; Bart & Kevin, July 12, 6-9pm; Smooth As Silk, July 16, 7-9pm (686-3400) www.tocny.org

EDGEFEST (Lasalle Park, Porter Ave., Buffalo) June 26, 1pm. Gates open at noon. Rain or shine event. Hosted by WEDG 103.3. Acts to include Taking Back Sunday, Yellowcard, Hawthorne Heights, 30 Seconds To Mars, Buckcherry, Head Automatica, Matchbook Romance, Anberlin, Thousand Foot Krutch. The Subways, Hit the Lights, Halifax, Hedley, Speakerfire & Pryde. All ages event. Tickets: \$29.50. (www.ticketmaster.com)

ELLICOTTVILLE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS (Rt. 219, slopes of Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville) Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performing John Williams' work from the Star Wars movies, fireworks to follow, July 1, 8pm; Tommy James & The Shondells. July 2, 7:30pm. Other events throughout Ellicottville. Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at the gate. (800-349-9099) www.ellicottvilleny.com

ERIE COUNTY FAIR (Hamburg Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg) Also see 'Festivals' section. Grandstand line-up: Big & Rich feat Cowboy Troy, Aug 10; Seether & Shinedown with Trapt & Halestorm, Aug 12; The Lettermen, Aug 13; Dierks Bentley feat Eric Church, Aug 14; Jesse McCartney, Aug 17; Carrie Underwood with Rockie Lynne, Aug 16; Ticket price varies (through Tops Friendly Markets, online at Tickets.com or by phone at 1-888-233-6000) www.americas-fair.com

FAMILY CONCERT SERIES (Casimir Pulaski Cultural Center in Cheektowaga Town Park. Rain Place; Alexander Community Center, 275 Alexander Ave. behind Cheektowaga Rec. Center) Wedensdays at 7pm, Children's activities one hour prior to and after the event. Glenn Colton, July 5; The Hill Brothers, July 26 (686-3400) www.tocny.org



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GAZEBO SERIES (Ellicottville Gazebo, Ellicottville) June 30-Aug 3, Thursdays, 7pm-9pm. Glen Colton, June 30; Liz, Jack & Art, July 6; 23 Skidoo, July 13; The Complete Unknowns (a tribute to Bob Dylan), July 20; Emerald Isle, July 27; String Men, Aug 3. Free. (800-349-9099) www.ellicottvilleny.com

GREAT BLUE HERON MUSIC FESTIVAL (Sherman, NY exit 6 off Rt. 17) July 7-9. Festival features over 25 acts including Donna the Buffalo, The Horse Flies, Slo-mo, The Avett Brothers, The Town Pants, Big Leg Emma, John & Mary and many more. Weekend passes are available. Children under 12 are free. (487-1781) www.greatblueheron.com

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HISTORIC LEWISTON JAZZ FESTIVAL (various locations, Lewiston, NY) Aug 25-27. Acts to include John Bacon, Dan Hull, Andrew Winsler, Tommy Z, The Zone, Babik, Jamie Holka, The U.S. Air Force Big Band and many more. Complete schedule of events, times and locations online. Free. (754-9500) www.lewistonjazz.com.

HSBC ARENA (1 Seymour Knox 111 Plaza, Buffalo). Nickelback, July 8, 7pm. Tickets: \$39.50-\$47.50. Tickets through all Tickets.com outlets, including participating Tops Markets (888-223-6000 or 855-4100) www.hsbcarena.com.

HUMMINGBIRD CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (1 Front St., Toronto) Radiohead, June 7 & 8; Dennis Deyoung, June 10; Zappa Plays Zappa, June 16; Lani Misalucha & Society of Seven, June 17; Etta James, June 27; Bonnie Raitt, July 10; Tom Jones, July 13; Trey Anastasio & Mike Gordon, July 18; Melissa Etheridge, Aug 12. Times and ticket prices vary. (416-870-8000 or 416-393-7469) www. hummingbirdcentre.com

JUNE IN BUFFALO (University at Buffalo, Lippes Concert Hall and Baird Hall, Amherst Campus) A festival and conference dedicated to composers. June 5-10. (645-2921) www.music.buffalo.edu/juneinbuffalo/2005/index.html

M&T BANK PLAZA EVENT SERIES (One M&T Plaza in Downtown Buffalo) Outdoor concerts take place Mon-Fri, noon-1pm, every week from June 6-Aug 26. Free. (842-5405) www.mandtbank.com/community/plazaevents.cfm

MASTERBA TOUR 2006 (Dome Theater, Niagara Falls, NY) Ministry with The Revolting Cocks and Pitbull Daycare, June 27, 7:30pm, \$27.50-\$30. (www.ticketmaster.com or 1-716-852-5000). (905-481-4444 or 585-232-1900)

MAYVILLE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (Lakeside Park, Rt. 394, Mayville) June 17-18; With Cherryholmes, Rhonda Vincent, Richard Green & the Brothers Barton, Tony Trishka & the Ohio Math League, and many more. (753-7464) www.mayvillebluegrassfestival.com

MOLSON CANAL CONCERT SERIES (Gateway Harbor Park, Sweeney St., North Tonawanda). Concert series held every Sat, 5:30–10:30pm, through Sept 2. English Beat with Westbound Train, June 24; Robin Trower with The Mark Winsick Band, July 1; Foghat, July 8; Trick Pony with Julie Dunlap & High Maintenance, July 29; Lowest of The Low, Aug 5; Blue Rodeo with Luke Doucet & Leroy Townes, Aug 12; Tesla, Aug 26; Rusted Root with Zox, Sept 2. Free. www.canalconcerts.com.

MOLSON AMPHITHEATRE (909 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto) Dave Matthews Band, June 13; George Strait, June 14; Mark Knopfler with Emmylou Harris, June 19; Randy Bachman with Burton Cummings, June 23; Nine Inch Nails with Bauhaus, June 24; Dashboard Confessional, June 30; The New Cars with Blondie Road Rage Tour 2006, June 31; Edgefest, July 1; Slayer, Lamb of God, Unholy Alliance Tour, July 14; Taking Back Sunday, Angels & Airwaves, July 5; Great Big Sea, July 8; Ashlee Simpson, July 17; Counting Crows & The Goo Goo Dolls, July 24; Ozzfest, July 25; Blue Rodeo, Aug 23; Ben Harper, Sept 2. Ticket prices vary (www.ticketmaster.com, 852-5000 www.hob.com/venues/concerts/

MUSIC IS ART FESTIVAL (at Chameleonwest Studios, 510 Franklin St.). June 10, 1-11pm; and June 11, 1-10pm. Two-day concert, visual art and performance festival featuring over 70 area bands and performers. Free. (886-3540) www.musicisart.org.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR (New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse). Grandstand line-up: Keith Urban w/Little Big Town, Aug 25; Carrie Underwood, Aug 28; Toby Keith w/Joe Nichols, Aug 29; Rascal Flatts w/Gary Allan, Aug 30; James Taylor, Aug 31; Gretchen Wilson w/Jason Aldean, Sept 2. Shows start at 7:30pm. Ticket prices vary (www.ticketmaster.com). (315-487-7711) www.nysfair.org

NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL (Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario) Over fifty concerts in various different venues around the Niagara-on-the-lake region. Preformers include Anton Kuerti, Gary Relyea, the Penderecki Quartet, the Moscow Piano Trio, Christopher Newton and members of the Shaw Festival acting ensemble. July 24-Aug 16. Ticket prices vary. (1-877-687-3378) www.niagaramusicfest.com

ROCK N OLDIES WEEKEND (throughout Ellicottville) Sept 15–17, 10am–2am. Lots of music, car show (Sunday), nostalgic dress. (800-349-9099) www.ellicottvilleny.com

ROCK THE FALLS (Seneca Square, outside Seneca Niagara Casino, Niagara Falls) Loverboy & Eddie Money, July 9; The Beach Boys, Aug 20, 4pm. Free. www.senecaniagaracasino.com



CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

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Just because you don't have a

car or don't want to see this week's Hollywood monster doesn't mean you can't enjoy cinema al fresco. In July, the popular Cinema Sotto del Stelle series returns. Every Friday night in July a different Italian film will be screened in the Elmwood Village lot at 695 Elmwood Avenue, near West Ferry. And it's free, though you'll have to bring your own chair. Films to be screened include the classic Divorce Italian Style, July 7, Moonstruck, July 14, Roberto Rossellini's influential neorealist drama Rome, Open City, July 21, and Danny Aiello as the owner of an Italian restaurant in Dinner Rush, July 28. Visit www.elmwoodfilmfestival.com for more information.

Back for a third year is Squeaky Wheel's Outdoor Animation Festival. Both Saturday evening installments feature the work of Emmy award winner and Oscar nominee Michael Sporn, who creates international folk tales with socially conscious messages. The first program will be held at Days Park on July 15, followed by one at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on August 12. Showtime is 8:30pm. Visit www. squeaky.org for more information.

More outdoor films can be

found on Wednesday nights at the Bacchus Summer Film Series, 56 West Chippewa at Franklin. The films will begin after dark, at approximately 9:30pm, but arrive early if you want to secure a seat. Due to mature content films are not recommended for children. Lineup: Stripes, June 7; Rocky, June 14; The Natural, June 21; Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, June 28; Taxi Driver, July 5; Ferris Bueller's Day Off, July 12; Sling Blade, July 19; The Color of Money, July 26; The Outsiders, August 2; Rear Window, August 9; Annie Hall, August 16; The Silence of the Lambs, August 23; A Fish Called Wanda, August 30; Donnie Brasco, September 6; and Cinema Paradiso, September 13. Visit www.ultimaterestaurants. com for more information.

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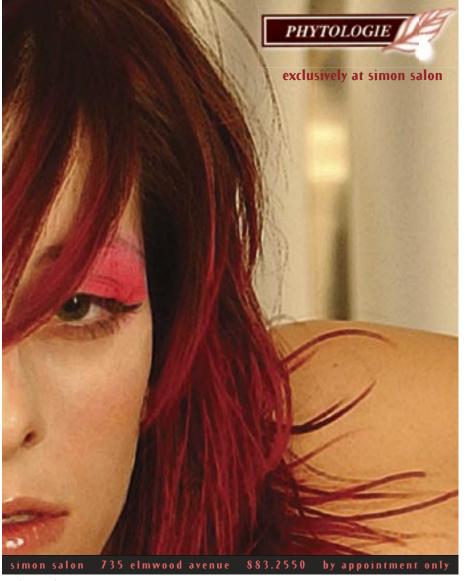
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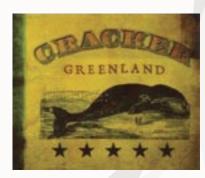






SUMMER CD RELEASES

What's hot and what's cool in the coming months



Boards of Canada-Trans Canada Highwαy (Warp Records)

Camera Obscura-Let's Get Out of This Country (Merge Records)

Ice Cube—Laugh Now, Cry Later (Independent LP featuring L'il John & Snoop

Mojave 3-Puzzles Like You (4AD) Juana Molina-Son (Domino)

Paul Oakenfold-A Lively Mind (Maverick)

Portastatic-Who Loves the Sun OST (Merge)

Psapp—The Only Thing I Ever Wanted

Cracker-Greenland (Cooking Vinyl) Every Move a Picture—Heart = Weapon (V2 Music)



June 13

The Futureheads—News and Tributes (Vagrant/Startimr International) Hot Chip—The Warning (EMI) Live—Songs From Black Mountain (Sony) Mr. Lif-Mo' Mega (Definitive Jux) Busta Rhymes—The Big Bang (Aftermath)

Six Organs of Admittance—The Sun Awakens (Drag City)

Sonic Youth—Rather Ripped (Geffen) Regina Spektor-Begin To Hope (Sire/ Rhino)

The Replacements—Bastards of Young: The Best of the Replacements (Image)

June 20

Frank Black-Fastman/Raiderman (Back Porch)

Nelly Furtado-Loose (Universal) Guster-Ganging Up on the Sun Keane-Under the Iron Seα (Island) Obie Trice-Second Round's On Me

June 27

Dr. Octagon-The Return of Dr. Octagon Pet Shop Boys-Fundamental (Parlophone)

July 4

Johnny Cash–American V: A Hundred Highways (Lost Highway) Polyphonic Spree-The Fragile Army (Good Records)

July 11

Ani DiFranco—Reprieve (Righteous Babe)

Muse-Black Holes And Revelations (Atlantic)

Oneida–Happy New Year (JAG 100) Peaches-Impeach My Bush (XL) Soul Asylum-The Silver Lining Sufjan Stevens-The Avalanche: Outtakes And Extras From the Illinois Album (Asthmatic Kitty Records) Thom Yorke—The Eraser (XL)

July 18

French Kicks—Two Thousand (Vagrant/ Startime International)

Golden Smog—Another Fine Day (Lost Highway)

Psalm One—The Death of Frequent Flyer (Rhymesavers)

July 25

Alien Ant Farm-Up in the Attic (New Door/UME)

New York Dolls—One Day It Will Please Us to Remember Even This (Roadrunner Records)

Tom Petty—Highway Companion The Long Winters—Putting the Days to Bed (Barsuk records)

August 1

DMX - Year of the Dog, Again (Advance) DJ Shadow-The Outsider (Island) TV On The Radio-Return to Cookie Mountain (Interscope)

August 8

Matthew Friedberger-Winter Women/ Holy Ghost Language School (859 Recordings)

French Kicks-Two Thousand (Vagrant) Grizzly Bear-Yellow House

August 15

Christina Aguilera—Back to Basics (RCA)

August 22

Cursive—Happy Hollow (Saddle Creek) OutKast-Idlewild (LaFace) The Thermals—The Body, the Blood, the Machine (Sub Pop)

The Zutons—Tired of Hanging Around (Deltasonic)

August 29

Ludacris-Release Therapy (Def Jam) -katherine o'day

ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FES-

TIVAL (Downtown Rochester) June 9-17. Features 100 shows performed by over 500 musicians for a nine-day stretch at various venues. in Rochester. Headliners include Woody Allen, James Brown, Etta James. Ticket prices vary (www.ticketmaster.com/852-5000). For complete schedule including venue locations, visit www.rochesterjazz.com

ROCHESTER MUSIC FEST (High Falls Festival Site & Frontier Field, Rochester) July 7-9. Acts include DJ Marley Marl & Members of the Juice Crew, Whodini, Fantasia, Avant, Cherish, Cameo, The Emotions, KC & Jo-Jo. 2-day passes: \$50 adults, \$18 children 7-12, under 7 free; Day passes: \$42 adults, \$10 children 7-12, under 7 free. Tickets at www. redwingsbaseball.com. (585-423-9464) www. rochestermusicfest.com

ROYCROFT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

(St. Matthias Episcopal Church, East Aurora) Friday June 23, 7pm. New York's best chamber musicians perform works by Mario Escudero, Beethoven, Dvorak and many more. \$18 (716-856-3858) (rcmf2004@yahoo.com) www. roycroftchambermusic.org

SENIOR CONCERT SERIES (3349 Broadway, Cheektowaga, gazebo behind the Senior Center) Tuesdays 6-8pm. City Side, June 27; NY Rockin' Revue, July 18; Caribbean Extravaganza, July 25; Eddie Olinski & His Orchestra, Aug 8; The Bedrock Boys, Aug 22. (686-3930) www.tocny.org

SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (646 Main St., Buffalo) Train, June 21 at 8pm, Tickets are \$25-\$42.50 (847-1410) www.sheas.org

SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (9993 Allegheny Rd., Darien Center) Performance Schedule: Dave Matthews Band w/ Matisyanu, June 14; Gretchen Wilson w/ Randy Owen of Alabama & Blaine Larsen, June 16; Sammy Hager & The Wabos w/The Other Half feat. Michael Anthoney, July 7; Phil Lesh & Friends, Trey Anastasio & Mike Gordon feat. Benovento/Russo Duo, July 8; Brad Paisley w/Sara Evans, July 9; Kelly Clarkson w/Rooney, July 10; Goo Goo Dolls w/Counting Crows, July 22; The Black Crows w/Robert Randolph & The Family Band & Drive-By Truckers, July 25; Ozzfest, July 27; Vans Warped Tour, Aug 1; John Fogerty, Willie Nelson, Aug 13. Ticket prices vary (www.ticketmaster.com, 852-5000). (599-4641) or www. darienlakeconcerts.com.

SUPERJAM 2006 (Creekside Grove, Union Road at William, Cheektowaga) All day event /annual fundraiser for the Blues Society of Western New York with Mark Winsick Band, Tommy Z. Band, Harmonica Dean & The Blue Lights, Black Cat Blues Band, Doug Yeomans & the Lo Blu Flames, Zark & the Sharks, Harvey and the Hurricanes, Dirty Murphy, Blue's Justice, and others, 1-9pm; \$12. www.wnyblues.org

TASTE (634 Main St., East Aurora) Ed Hart, June 2; John Fehskens, June 3; Paul Isaac & Red Thunder, June 6; Danny Lynn Wilson, June 7: Molly Reed, June 8: Aaron Cole, June 9; Mike Stroeble, June 10; Danny Lynn Wilson, June 14; Mark & Tony Eberhardt, June 16; Lance Drake, June 17; Danny Lynn Wilson, June 21; Jim Yeomans, June 23; Steve & Meredith, June 24; Danny Lynn Wilson, June 28; Bill Eager, June 30; Jim Yeomans, July 1. All music starts at 7:30pm. (655-1874)

THURSDAY AT THE SQUARE CONCERT SERIES (Lafayette Square, Main at Court, downtown Buffalo) Concerts take place 5-9pm every Thu through Aug 31; Smash Mouth, June 1; Mike Doughty's Band with Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, June 8; Soulive with Bedouin Soundclash, June 15; Blues Traveler with Carbon Leaf, June 22; 54-40 with The Trews, June 29; India Arie, July 6; Jeff Martin, July 13; Shooter Jennings, July 20; Aqualung with Lazlo Hollyfeld, July 27; Violent Femmes, Aug 3; Yonder Mountain String Band, Aug 10; Donna The Buffalo with Tea Leaf Green, Aug 17; Sloan, Aug 24; Eric Burdon & The Animals, Aug 31. Free. (856-3150) www.buffaloplace.

TONAWANDA FOLK FESTIVAL (Niawanda Park Miller Bandshell, Tonawanda) Outdoor folk music festival. Acts include Jason Gross, Tim Sylvester, Tina Williams, Alix Krzemien, Joe Sears, The Outfar Trio, Bent Persia, Katie & Kirk, Willie Breen, Kitchen Sinks, West of Eden, Hillary, Filthy Eve, The Wakps, Jim Pirinelli, West Wing Vacancy, Bill Neubauer and Inadaze, June 3, 10am-7pm. Free. (716-541-5869) www.tonawandamusic.com

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THE TRALF (622 Main St., Buffalo) Angie Stone, June 6; Jazz Pianist Hiromi, June 9; Anti-Hero, June 15; Janis Joplin's Original Band, Big Brother & The Holding Co., June 17; Jazz Vocalist Rachelle Ferrell, July 13; Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout, Aug 20. Ticket prices vary (www.ticketmaster.com, 852-5000). (854-3068) www.newtralf.com.

WALKWAY TO THE FALLS (240 Rainbow Blvd., Niagara Falls) Vendors daily at noon, walkway closes at midnight, Sundays are open mic with jam sessions from 1-5pm. June 1-Oct 30. Live bands on the weekends and other events. Check the Web site for more info (870-7322) www.walkwaytothefalls.com

WARM LAKE SUMMER JAZZ & CLASSI-CAL FESTIVAL (Warm Lake Estate Winery, 3868 Lower Mountain Rd., Lockport) "Cool Whites, Hot Nights," July 22 & 23 and Aug 19 & 20, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm. \$10 per person. (731-5900) www.warmlakeestate.com

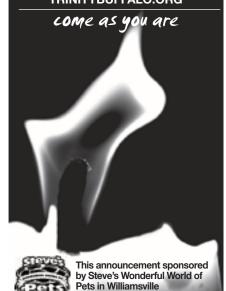
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TIVAL (downtown Buffalo) June 14-19; June 14: Duke Robillard at Nietzche's, 8pm (\$15 in advance, \$17 day of); June 15: Hot Guitars at M&T Lunch Series, 12pm (free); Stringed Edition at Buffalo Niagara International Airport, 3:30-8:30pm (free); June 16: Willie & the Reinhardts at M&T Bank Lunch Series, 12pm (free); June 17: The Tragically Hip with The Sadies at Artpark, 7pm (\$25.50-\$45.50); Gary Burton featuring Pat Metheny, Steve Swallow & Antonio Sanchez at (Ani DiFranco's) The Church, 7pm (\$37.50); June 18: Blake Shelton at Gateway Park, 7pm (free); June 19: The North American Rock Guitar Competition at U.B. Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm (\$10-\$12.50). (845-7000) www.guitarfestival.org.

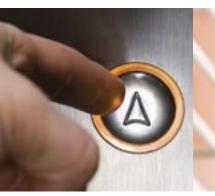


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ARTPARK (450 South Fourth St., Lewiston) The Full Monty, August 10-20, 2 & 8pm. (1-888-223-6000/754-4375) www.artpark.net

CHAUTAUQUA BRATTON THEATER (Chautauqua Institution) The Cherry Orchard, July 1-9; The Art of Coarse Acting, July 22-30; Twelfth Night, Aug 12-19; Staged Play Readings July 13-15 & Aug 3-5; plays \$24, staged readings \$10. (357-6250) www.ciweb.org

CHAUTAUQUANORTONHALL (Chautauqua Institution) All opera performances at 7:30pm. The Marriage of Figaro, July 7 & 10, 7pm; Sister Angelica & Giannia Schicchi, July 21 & 24; Vanessa, Aug 4 & 7; The Gondoliers, Aug 18 & 21. \$20-\$50. (1-800-836-ARTS) http://opera. ciweb.org/norton_hall.html

IRISH CLASSICAL THEATRE COMPANY (625 Main St.) A Chip in the Sugar and Waiting for the Telegram, by Alan Bennett. June 2-25, 7:30pm; \$15-\$40. (853-4282) www.irishclassi-

LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE (21 Central Ave. Lancaster) Greαse, May 19-June 11; West Side Story, Aug 12-18; \$10-16. (683-1776 or 683-3032) www.lancopera.org

MUSICALFARE AT STUDIO ARENA THEATRE (Studio Arena Theatre) I Left my Heart: A Salute to the Music of Tony Bennett. July 12-Aug 12. \$28-\$32 (1-800-77-STAGE) www. musicalfare.com

O'CONNELL & COMPANY (The Cabaret in the Square Theatre, Snyder) Diva By Diva: A

Celebration of Women, openended run. (839-3949) www. oconnellandcompany.com

SHAW FESTIVAL (Niagaraon-the-Lake. Ontario) Festival Theatre: Arms and the Man (March 30-Oct 9), High Society (April 26-Nov 19), The Crucible (June 3-Oct 14); Royal George Theatre: Too Good to Be True (May 9-Oct 7), The Magic Fire (June 11-Oct 8); Rosmersholm (July 5-Oct 7); Love Among the Russians (June 10-Sept 24). Court House Theatre: The Heiress (April 12-Oct 7), The Invisible Man (May 13-Oct 29), Design for Living (June

15-Nov 18). (1-800-511-SHAW) www.shawfest.

SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK (Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park, near Hoyt Lake) Everyday but Monday (except July 4), 7:30pm (preshows most nights at 6:45pm). Love's Labour's Lost, June 22-July 16; Twelfth Night, July 27-Aug 20; Free. (856-4533) www. shakespeareindelawarepark.org

STRATFORD FESTIVAL of Canada (Stratford, Ontario) Festival Theatre: Corinolanus (May 6-Sept 23), Oliver!! (April 24-Oct 29), Much Ado About Nothing (May 13-Oct 22), Twelfth Night (July 30-Oct 28); Avon Theatre: The Glass Menagerie (May 13-Oct 22), London Assurance (May 20-Oct 21), South Pacific (May 1-Oct 28), Don Juan (Aug 1-Oct 10); **Tom** Patterson Theatre: Henry IV Pt. I (May 15-Sept 24), The Duchess of Malfi (May 22-Sept 23), Ghosts (July 25-Sept 23); Studio Theatre: Harlem Duet (June 20-Sept 22), The Blond, the Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead (June 27-Sept 24), Fancy Kemble (July 18-Sept 23), The Liar (Aug 9-Sept 23). (1-800-567-1600) www.stratford-festival.on.ca

THE 1891 FREDONIA OPERA HOUSE (9-11 Church Street, Fredonia) Susan B. Anthony Alive!, July 15, 8pm; Late Night Catechism, Aug 12, 8pm, \$9-\$22. (679-1891) www.fredopera.org

The Lancaster Opera House's production of Grease runs through June 11.



BUFFALO CONTEMPORARY DANCE. (255 Great Arrow Avenue. 3rd Floor) Modern and African dance class for teens and adults. (884-2154 or 868-6847)

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CHAUTAUQUA AMPHITHEATER (Chautauqua Institution) All dance performances at 8:15pm. Chautagua Dance Salon, June 29; Chatauqua Ballet Company, July 11; Chautaqua Festival Dancers, July 24; Dance Innovations with the North Carolina Dance Theatre, Aug 2; North Carolina Dance Theatre & Chautaqua Symphony Orchestra, Aug 12; \$30 (357-6200) www.ciweb.org

FESTIVAL SCHOOL OF BALLET (Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Jewett Pkwy) Summer classes in ballet and pointe for children, teens and adults. Starting July 6. Summer program students perform at the Elmwood Art Festival on Aug 26 & 27 with the Festival Ballet Ensemble. (875-6276 or 984-1586) www.festivalschoolofballet. com

HIP CHICKS (284 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga) Tribal fusion belly dancing troupe. (984-5583) www.hipchiks.com or www. buffalobellydance.com

NEGLIA BALLET (1685 Elmwood Avenue, 3rd Floor) Annual Summer Intensive, June 25-July 29. Five-week training course in dance for students ages 8 and up. Summer Classes: July 1-29; Pre-Ballet, 9:30-10:30am; Ballet I, 10:30-11:30am; Ballet II, 11:30am-12:30pm; \$50. (447-0401) www.negialballet.org

PICK OF THE CROP DANCE (Flickinger Theater, Nichols School, 1250 Amherst St.) Elemental, June 30, 10am; Summer Intensive, July 5-15. (837-6217) www.poc.org

Hell's Kitche performs Photo by Jack David Myers

> RINCE NA TIARNA (Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbott Rd.o) Irish Dance classes available all summer. (675-8785) www.rincenatiarna.com

> RIVIERA THEATRE (67 Webster St., N. Tonawanda). Marjorie Blakely Dance Recital, May 28, 2pm. (692-2413) www.rivieratheater.

> UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO (103 Center for the Arts, North Campus, Amherst). Mikhail Baryshnikov and Hell's Kitchen Dance, June 8-11, Thu-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm. UB Summer Dance offering workshops in modern, ballet and jazz for high school students. (645-6898 ext. 1362) www.ubcfa.org



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Skydiving in Western New York

" when decided that I too must pass through the experience of a parachute

jump, life rose to a higher level, to a sort of exhilarated calmness...I would have to pay money for hurling my body into space. There would be no crowd to watch and applaud my landing...nor any scientific objective to be gained. No, there was deeper reason for wanting to jump, it was a love of the air and sky and flying, the lure of adventure, the appreciation of beauty-where immortality is touched through danger, where life meets death on equal plane; where man is more than man, and existence both supreme and valueless at the same instant.

-Charles A. Lindberg, June 1922

Frontier Skydivers, Western New York's oldest sport parachute club, is located in 20 miles from Buffalo in Newfane, New York. Their little airfield is nestled in the great fruit-growing region of Niagara County, offering parachutists jumping at 13,500 feet a spectacular view of lush green Niagara County landscapes and a look across Lake Ontario as far as Toronto.

Frontier Skydivers' season begins the first weekend of May and continues until the last weekend in October. During summer weekends, the first plane takes of at about 8am and the last load leaves around 9:30pm as the sun is setting. That's a glorious, full day of skydiving. Wednesday and Friday jumps are from 4pm until sunset. They're closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

A visit to Frontier Skydivers can be enlightening. Big, round military parachutes of the past have been replaced with small, colorful rectangles known as Ram-Air parachutes. Jumpers dress in bright nylon or polycotton suits that could easily belong in a Stαr Wars film. Paratrooper boots have been replaced with sneakers and many helmets are outfitted with video or digital cameras. Small children run around spilling pop on their shirts, and

families sit on the lawn sunning and watching friends and family members drop from the sky.

Thanks to Ram-Air parachutes and other advances, skydiving is safer, easier and more fun than most people believe. Skydiving is not about falling to earth, it's about flying. Today's skydivers spend their freefall time flying in an incredibly controlled manner. They're able to control their flight to move forwards, backwards, sideways, and can even adjust their fall rate.

Frontier offers Accelerated Free Fall (AFF) training classes and beginning students are given all their gear, personal instruction, an experienced jumper to jump tandem with (the instructor is harnessed to you for your first few jumps) and a video of their skydive. Jumpers range in age from college kids to folks in their 80s. However, you do have to be 18

There's a healthy expense involved, but skydiving becomes cheaper the more you do it. The most expensive hit is during the training phase and, of course, when you purchase your own equipment. Most people on their first skydive jump tandem, which is around \$200. To get through all your AFF training and make all the jumps required for licensing, the expense is slightly over \$2,000. But once you've finished training, basically, you just pay for a lift up into the sky. Frontier Skydiving club members get discounts and pay anywhere from \$12 to \$20 for a lift. With students and 70 or 80 members making more than 600 jumps, on a good weekend the skies over Frontier are very busy.

For more information visit www.frontierskydivers.com, where you can register and book a tandem jump online, or phone 716-751-6170.

If you're considering becoming a licensed jumper the United States Parachute Association has a good website, www.uspa. org, that has all the information about license requirements.

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BUFFALO BISONS (Dunn Tire Park, 275 Washington St.) Home schedule: June 1, 7:05pm vs. Durham; June 2, 7:05pm vs. Durham; June 3, 7:05pm vs. Durham; June 4, 2:05pm vs. Durham; June 5-7, 7:05pm vs. Toledo; June 8, 1:05pm vs. Toledo; June 17, 7:05pm vs. Indianapolis; June 18, 2:05pm vs. Indianapolis; June 19-20, 7:05pm vs. Indianapolis; June 22, 1:05pm vs Scranton WB; June 23, 7:35pm vs. Scranton WB; June 24, 7:05pm vs Scranton WB; June 25, 2:05pm vs Scranton WB; July 2, 2:05pm vs Rochester; July 3, 6:05pm vs. Rochester (Fireworks, Independence Day Celebration); July 7, 7:35pm vs Pawtucket; July 8, 7:05pm vs Pawtucket; July 9, 2:05pm vs. Pawtucket; July 21, 7:35pm vs. Syracuse; July 22, 7:05pm

vs. Syracuse; July 23, 2:05pm vs. Syracuse; July 24, 7:05pm Syracuse; July 25-26, 7:05pm Louisville; July 27, 7:05pm vs. Louisville; July 28, 7:35pm vs. Louisville; Aug 3, 7:05pm vs. Norfolk; Aug 4, 7:35pm vs. Norfolk; Aug 5, 7:05pm vs. Norfolk; Aug 6, 2:05pm vs. Norfolk; Aug 7-8, 7:05pm vs. Ottowa; Aug 12, 7:05pm vs. Rochester; Aug 13, 2:05pm vs. Rochester; Aug 21-23, 7:05pm vs. Scranton WB; Aug 24, 1:05pm vs. Scranton WB; Aug 27, 2pm Ballpark Brawl; Aug 28-29, 7:05pm vs. Ottawa; Aug 30-31, 7:05pm vs. Rochester (Fan Appreciation Day). Every Friday home game, celebrated with fireworks for Friday Night Bash! (THE-HERD) www.tickets.com

CANADA'S WONDERLAND (9580 Jane St., Maple, ON). Open daily 10am, closing times vary; \$24.99-\$49.99 CAD. (905-832-7000) www.canadas-wonderland.com.

CLEVELAND INDIANS (Jacobs Field, 2401 Ontario St, Cleveland, OH) Home schedule: June 2-4 vs. LA Angels; June 6-8 vs. Oakland; June 19-21 vs. Chicago Cubs; June 23-25 vs. Cincinnati; July 3-6 vs. NY Yankees; July 7-9 vs. Baltimore; July 21-23 vs. Minnesota; July 24-26 vs. Detroit Tigers; July 28-30 vs. Seattle Mariners; Aug 8-10 vs. LA Angels; Aug 11-13 vs. KC Royals; Aug 25-27 vs. Detroit Tigers; Aug 28-30 vs. Toronto Blue Jays. (216-420-4200) www.indians.mlb.com.

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Valley Resort, Ellicottville) First Annual Golf Classic, Aug 15-16. Foursome fee of \$1,200 includes a chairlift ride to the top of the mountain, entertainment, wine and European beer tasting, and Hors d'oeuvres at top. Casino night, BBQ, pool-side lunch before tournament. Tee off at 1pm, Aug 16.

GREAT LAKES WATER SPORT EXPO (Great Lakes Sports Institute, Inc. 362) Stony Point Rd, Grand Island) Great Lakes Sports Institute presents the Fourth Annual Great Lakes Water Sport Expo, July 28-30 on the Buffalo waterfront. Features water sports. booths, displays, demonstrations and a waterfront development discussion. Familyoriented live entertainment. Buffalo River Paddlefest to benefit adaptive water sports programs, begins July 29 at Harlem Road

LANCASTER MOTORSPORTS (57 Gunnville Rd, Lancaster) Lancaster Speedway every Saturday night during race season. Pit gates open at 2:30pm, grandstand opens at 5pm, races begin at 6:30pm; \$5-\$12. Special Events: Modified Madness, June 3; Nitro Night, June 9; Monster Trucks, June 10; Motorcycle Freestyle Show, June 24; Match Race Madness, June 30; Firecracker 75, July 1; Robosaurus, July 15; Jet Ambulance, July 21; Insane Semi & Truckers Night, July 29; Kumho Street Warriorz, Aug 5; Awesome Sunday, Aug 6; 14th Annual Sunday Niagara, Aug 12-13; Supercharged Thunder, Aug 25. (759-6818) www.lancasterracing.com

MARINELAND (7657 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls, ON). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 10am-6pm; \$30.95-\$37.95 CDN. (905-356-9565) www.marinelandcanada.com

MARTIN'S FANTASY ISLAND (2400 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island). Sun-Fri 11:30am8:30pm; Sat 11:30am-9pm. Special Events: Check Events Calendar Section; \$16.95-\$20.95; 2 and under are FREE. (773-7591) www.martinsfantasyisland.com.

ONTARIO PLACE (955 Lakeshore Blvd, West Toronto, ON). Open daily 10am-6pm; \$15-\$30; children under 3 are FREE. Come see Barney, June 26-July 9; Canada Dry Festival of Fire fireworks display July 1, 3, 6 and 8. For more information: ((416) 314-9900) www.ontarioplace.com

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TORONTO BLUE JAYS (Toronto SkyDome between John Street and Blue Jays Way)Home schedule: June 9-11 vs. Detroit Tigers; June 12-15 vs. Baltimore Orioles; June 23-25 vs. NY Mets; June 27-29 vs. Washington Nationals; June 30-July 2 vs. Philadelphia Phillies; July 14-16 vs. Seattle Mariners; July 17-19 vs. Texas Rangers; July 20-23 vs. NY Yankees; Aug 4-6 vs. Chicago White Sox; Aug 7-9 vs. Baltimore Orioles; Aug 21-23 vs. Oakland Ahtletics; Aug 25-27 vs. KC Royals. (1-888-OK-GO-JAY) www.bluejays.mlb.com

WATER SAFARI ENCHANTED FOREST CAMPGROUNDS (Route 28, Old Forge, NY). Opening day June 14. Special events: July 20, come meet SpongeBob SquarePants; July 27, Dora the Explorer; Aug 18, Scooby Doo. (1-800-CAMPING) www.watersafari.com.







ARCADE & ATTICA RAILROAD (278 Main St., Arcade) Tours: 12pm & 2pm every Saturday and Sunday in June and September; 12pm & 2pm Wed, Sat and Sun in July and August; 2pm every Fri in July and August; \$12 (adults), \$9 (seniors), \$7 (children 3-11). (585) 496-9877) www.anarr.com.

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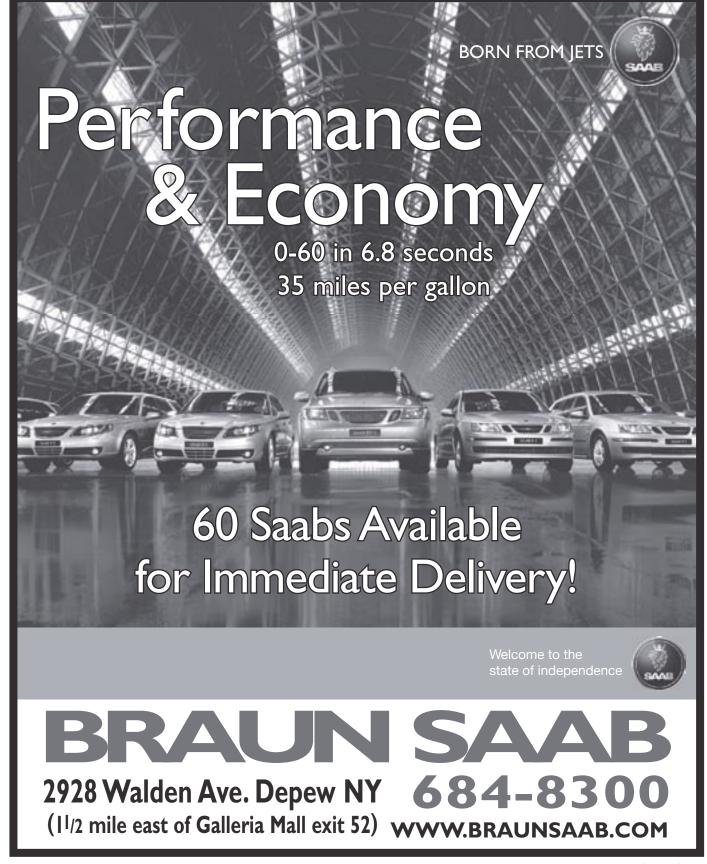
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FORT GEORGE (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON) National Historic Site. Open daily, 10am-5pm; \$5.50-\$11; children under 6 FREE. (905-468-4257).

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PIERCE ARROW MUSEUM (263 Michigan Ave.) Open Sat 12-5pm; \$3-\$7; children under 6 are FREE. (853-0084) www.piercearrow.com.

PORT STANLEY TERMINAL RAIL. INC.. (309 Bridge St, Port Stanley, ON). June, Sat & Sun at 12, 1:30 & 3pm; July & Aug daily at 12, 1:30 & 3pm. \$6.50-\$11. Murder mystery train trips, the red caboose can be reserved for parties. (519-782-3730) www. pstr.on.ca.

PRESERVATION COALITION OF ERIE COUNTY Offering walking, bicycle and boat cruises throughout Buffalo. Times, location & prices vary. Reservations may be needed. Unless noted, \$10 for coalition members/\$12 for non-members: Downtown Walking Tours: Tuesdays 1:15-3:15pm; Fridays 1-2pm, June 2-August 25; Rose Garden Neighborhood Tours: tours begin at the Delaware Park Rose Garden; Boat Tours: Saturday, June 17; Saturday, July 1; Saturday & August 5; Summer Neighborhood Tours: May 14 through November 19; Inside Four Landmarks: Saturday, June 3; Inside Three Mansions: Saturday, September 23. (852-3300) www. preservation coalition.org

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Rodeo comes from the Spanish word rodear, which means "to go around" or "roundup." Born on the ranches of the West, rodeos were informal skills contests between cowboys as they rounded up and sorted free-range cattle in the hardscrabble days before barbed wire. Calf roping, breaking broncos into saddle horses and riding hard were a part of daily life. And while it's true that the soft, bucolic hills of the Southern Tier haven't seen too many cattle recently, they still play host to the oldest running rodeo east of the Mississippi.

The Town of Gerry, located just north of Jamestown on Route 60, has been holding its annual rodeo since 1945, when former cowboy Jack Cox proposed it as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire department. Besides the events listed above, the Gerry Rodeo features other, nontraditional events that evolved out of the commercialization of rodeos in the early 1900ssteer wrestling and, of course, bull riding. Perhaps the most entertaining event of all, though, is mutton

bustin', when the kiddies strap on bike helmets and try to ride sheep for eight seconds. The Gerry Rodeo also serves up barbeque all day long using its famous, locally made barbeque sauce.

So put on your biggest belt buckle, bust out that mothballed cowboy hat and head down to Gerry this August. Or head just down the road to Ellicottville at the end of June for its annual rodeo (and you thought they were all yuppies there). And remember, as crazy as it is to mount an angry 2,000pound bull, the worst job award still goes to the rodeo clowns.

Gerry Rodeo

August 9-13, 2006

Route 60, Gerry, 985-5754

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