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ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR (Allegheny 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, Allegheny) 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

ANTIQUÉ FARM FAIR (Jefferson Street/Town Hall, Ellicottville) July 22, homemade food, music, farm auction, live animals, music by Blue Mule (378-0916)

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, 99-acre garden (1-877-642-7275) www.niagaraparks.com

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, children's 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, street-inspired poetry of [ONE], Alex Mead, Pseudo-Slang and more, proceeds go to People United for Sustainable Housing (907-8493).

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DECONSTRUCTING WOODY

Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band



have raised Allen to icon 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.

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

The performance of **Woody Allen's New Orleans Jazz Band** on the opening night of the Rochester International Jazz Festival highlights the lengths that the event's organizers have gone to create an intriguing and varied lineup. It also may seem like a bit of a publicity grab in a festival that boasts such revered jazz figures as McCoy Tyner, Wayne Shorter and Toots Thielmans.

It's been said that every successful musician secretly wants to be an actor and vice versa. While there have been a number of entertainers who have leapt headlong into the world of cinema with some modicum of good fortune, the cases of actors making any sort of lasting impression in the music world are far less frequent. It would be easy to make a short list of crummy groups that were spawned by the egos of well-known thespians, but we'll rise above those easy pickings and take the high road here. (Well, okay, just a couple: Keanu Reeves' not-so-action-packed turn as bass player for the alterna-also-rans Dogstar, Russell 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

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.

Rochester International Jazz Festival

Woody Allen and His New Orleans Jazz Band

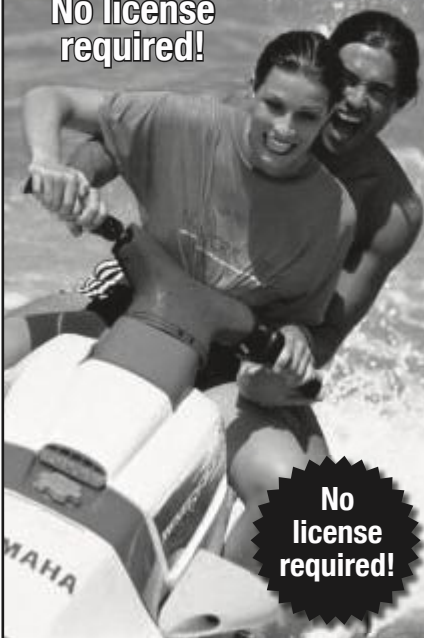
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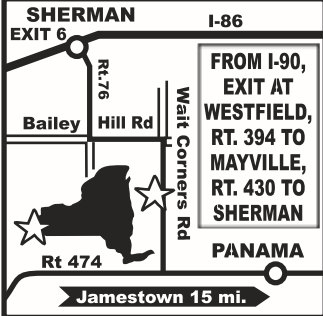
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HARBOURFRONT CENTRE (235 Queens Quay West, Toronto, Canada) June 16-Sept. 4; each weekend has a theme. Two ticketed concerts June 30 & July 6. June 16-June 18 Barbados on the Water. July 1-3, Power of Place, international music, dance, film and family activities. July 7-9 Bud Light Beats, Breaks & Culture, an electronic music festival. Aug 11-13 Hot & Spicy Food Festival. Aug 18-20 Taiwanese Cultural Festival. Aug 31-Sept 4 Ashkenaz Yiddish Festival. More summer events online. (416-973-4000) www.harbourfrontcentre.com

HARLEM BOOK FAIR BUFFALO (Lafayette Square and Buffalo & Erie County Central Library) July 8, 11am-7pm. Exhibit booths, storytelling, book signings, vendors, celebrity authors, lectures. Free. Literacy Gala, July 7 at 8pm. Black tie event, call for tickets. (881-6066) www.hbfb.org

HARLEY HAPPENING AT THE HOLLEYWOOD (Main St., Gowanda) June 2-4, Live music featuring Rolling Stones tribute band, Sticky Fingers, Ciara Lynn, motorcycle stunt show, wildlife exhibit, tattoo contest, and more (532-4584) www.gowandaharley.com

HAWK CREEK WILDLIFE CENTER ENRICHMENT DAYS (Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 655 Luther Rd. East Aurora) Aug 26-27. Open house to

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 national jazz acts. (754-9500) www.lewistonjazz.com

INFRINGEMENT FESTIVAL (Streets of Allentown) July 27-Aug 6. Celebrating the great quantity and quality of small-scale theater and other art forms around in Western New York. www.infringebuffalo.org

INSIDE THE FENCE EVENT (118 Summit Ave, Buffalo) June 1, 22, July 13, Aug 3, 24 & Sept 21 from 6-8pm. Wine and appetizers on the verandah at the Barton House, tour of three original buildings on the Martin House estate from the architect Frank Lloyd Wright, last chance to see the buildings while under construction. Space is limited, \$50/person. (856-3858) www.darwinmartinhouse.org.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL (Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse, Dunkirk) Aug 20-22, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-5pm, live bands, food.

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FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS

Every weekend's a carnival in Western New York

If you're searching for a fun, affordable, family activity, the small-time, parking-lot carnival is undeniably a summer-time favorite for young and old alike. As much a staple to the warm weather as lemonade, sprinklers and the coconut scent of suntan lotion, the carnival is a great way to bring everyone together.

Between the rides, the clowns, the games and the food, what's not to love about a day at the fair? For Western New Yorkers seeking excitement this summer, there are a number of these festivals happening throughout the area. Larger fairs such as the Erie County Fair are crowd-pleasers, too, but if you're looking to get your cotton candy fix without leaving the neighborhood, many businesses and organizations hold carnivals, fairs and fetes during the summer months. Check out your local church, school and volunteer fire department for upcoming events, or head to one of these locations for a day of family fun:

- 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
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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 CRAFTSMEN 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 Adrenaline, 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 bbq.

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., Blasdel). 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.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR (Empire Expo Center, 581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse) Aug 24-Sep 4. Gates open 8am-midnight daily, buildings 10am-10pm (9pm on Labor Day). Midway rides open daily until midnight. General admission \$10, \$6 in advance, \$5 for parking, children under 12 free. (1-800-475-FAIR) www.nysfair.org

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

NORTHERN MIGRATION (101 Old Falls St. Niagara Falls) June 9-11. Will feature performances by the most innovative and talented bellydancers in the country.

OATKA FESTIVAL (Main St., Leroy). July 16 & 17, 10am-6pm. Sat at 11am, parade, magic, food and crafts; backyard family circus and other entertainment. (585-768-7433)

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

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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)

OUTDOOR SHOW & SALE OF FINE ART, (Main Street Middle School, East Aurora). June 24-25, 10am-5pm. More than 100 artists display and sell. (652-2167)

PARTY AT THE PAN-AM (Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, 25 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo) June 25, noon-5pm. Entertainment, food, refreshments, exhibits, tours, trolley car, historical games. Free. (873-9644) www.bechs.org

PARTY ON THE PORTICO (Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, 25 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo) June 16, July 14, Aug 18, 5pm-7pm. Live music, refreshments, tours of the museum. Free to members, \$10 non-members. (873-9644) www.bechs.org

PERSEIDS STAR PARTY (Pfeiffer Nature Center, meet at Pavilion on Lilibridge Tract, Portville) Aug 12. Stargazing, storytelling, refreshments, prizes, trivia, handouts. (933-0187) www.oleanny.com

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

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)

RIGIDIZED METALS RIVER FEST (Father Conway Park, Buffalo). June 24, 11am start. Canoe, kayak, build and "float your boat." Pre-registration cutoff June 9. \$15/person, \$20 day of event. Check in at 10am at launch point. (823-4707 ext. 10) www.rigidized.com

rites of Spring Literary Festival (Stevensville Conservation Area, Sodom Road exit off QEW, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada) June 10, 10am-4:30pm. Author readings, Niagara Symphony woodwind quintet, activities for children, food and more. \$5 donation (905-871-2546 ext. 306) www.forterrie.library.on.ca

ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL (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.rochesterjazz.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 en-

gine, 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 contemporary 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. (434-7433)

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) www.cdats.com

TASTE OF BUFFALO (Niagara Square, Downtown Buffalo). July 8 & 9. Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm; The second largest Taste in the country, featuring more than 50 restaurants and 15 ethnic varieties. Four stages of live entertainment. (831-9376) www.tasteofbuffalo.com

TASTE OF ELLICOTTVILLE (Ellicottville). August 12 & 13, noon-4pm. Sample the best that Ellicottville restaurants have to offer. (1-800-349-9099)

TASTE OF NIAGARA (Outwater Park, Lockport). June 16-18. Food, wine and live entertainment. (439-9388)

TORONTO GAY PRIDE PARADE/FESTIVAL (Toronto) June 19-25. Pride parade, hundreds of performers on multiple outdoor stages. (416-927-7433) www.pridetoronto.com

TOYFEST (East Aurora) Aug 25-27. EA's annual celebration is a tribute to its toy-making tradition, in particular to Fisher-Price. (687-5151) www.toytownusa.com

TWO NATION CELEBRATION (Niagara Falls, Ontario) July 1-4. Daytime activities include interactive theater performances, performances by leading musicians, fireworks, Niagara Symphony on July 1 with fireworks at 10pm. www.niagaraparks.com

VICTORIAN DAZZLE FESTIVAL (Fredonia) July 14-15. Experience the art, history and romance of the Victorian era. Period costumes, cemetery ghost tours, lectures and demonstrations, antique vendors, architectural tours and more. (1-888-373-3664) www.fredchamber.org.

WAR OF 1812 PARADE & COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES (Wehrle and Aero Drive, Cheektowaga) June 11, noon. Parade from Wehrle and Aero to the War of 1812 Cemetery. (897-7207) www.tocny.org

WATERFRONT ART FESTIVAL (Kershaw Park, on the north shore of Canandaigua Lake) July 29, 10am-5pm. Fine arts and fine crafts along with the natural beauty of the Finger Lakes Region. \$3 (www.waterfrontartfestival.com)

WILLOWFEST (Willow Creek Winery, Chapin Rd., Silver Creek) June 23-24, noon-11pm. Wine tasting, food vendors, live bands, midway rides, fireworks preview Friday night, and Chautauqua County's biggest fireworks display at dusk on Saturday. (934-9463)

WINES IN THE WILD (Buffalo Zoological Gardens, Delaware Park, Buffalo) July 26, 6pm-9pm. Sample food, beer and wine while enjoying live music, and animal ambassadors. Tickets are \$30

presale or \$35 at the door. Must be 21 years or older. (837-3900x131) www.buffalozoo.org

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.com

WESTFIELD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, (Moore Park, Rts. 394 and 20, Westfield). July 28 & 29. Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-4pm. More than 250 exhibitors, free parking and shuttle service. (326-2011)

WILDLIFE & RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, (Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, 655 Luther Rd., East Aurora). July 29 & 30, 11am-4pm. Live music, tours gardens, art auction, food, flying bird show and animal encounters, including eagles, owls, hawks, falcons, ocelot, porcupine and more. Adults \$12, child \$6. (652-8646) www.hawkcreek.org

WOOFSTOCK (The St. Lawrence Market Neighborhood, Toronto) June 10 & 11. The largest outdoor festival for dogs complete with fashion shows, makeovers, and a canine parade. Free. (www.woofstock.ca)

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

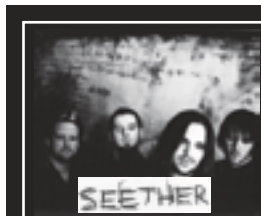
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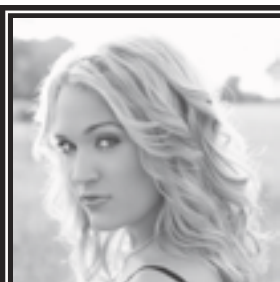
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INDIAN SUMMER

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.

Before heading out to one of the many in the area, there are points of etiquette to consider. Try to arrive early to the event so as not to interrupt the grand entry or

dance. No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the grounds. Also, before snapping photos or using any type of recording device at a powwow, be sure to ask permission. Generally it is accepted, but it's always courteous to ask. For more information on Native American events, tune to the Voice of Reason, AM 1270, at 9pm on Wednesday nights for *Native News*.

—rob metzler