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Free Hochstein at High Falls Noontime Concert Series Features Local Musicians

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— The **Hochstein at High Falls** lunchtime summer concert series returns to the city's High Falls District with the sounds of local music beginning **Thursday, June 13, 2024**, and running through August 8 (except for Thursday, July 4). The series kicks off with the eclectic acoustic band Watkins & the Rapiers. The featured musical talent will vary each week, with styles ranging from Latin jazz, blues, and Americana to rock, folk, and bossa nova.

The 8-week series includes: Watkins & the Rapiers (June 13), Debbie Kendrick Project (June 20), John Dady and Benny Bleu (June 27), A Girl Named Genny (July 11), Mambo Kings (July 18), Big Blue House (July 25), Bossa Nova Bradley Brothers (August 1), and Flying Object (August 8). [**See calendar listing below for full descriptions of the performers.**]

Hosted by Ryan Yarmel of The Route/WRUR 88.5, the concerts begin at 12:10 pm in the outer parking lot at 4 Commercial Street, corner of Browns Race. **Please note that this is an alternate location for this summer**, due to ongoing construction on the Pont du Rennes.

Concerts take place rain or shine. The rain location is MCC's Downtown Campus, just a few blocks away. In the event of inclement weather, the change in venue will be announced by 10:30 am on

Hochstein's website at <https://hochstein.org/Calendar/Hochstein-at-High-Falls> and via Hochstein's social media. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own seating and lunch. Each performance will run approximately 40 minutes.

Hochstein at High Falls concerts are presented by High Falls Business Association, The Hochstein School, and The Route/WRUR 88.5. The new look for this year's Hochstein at High Falls concerts was designed by Brandtatorship. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org or The Hochstein School's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HochsteinSchool or call 585.454.4596.

Hochstein at High Falls concerts are made possible by a number of local organizations, including Brandtatorship, LaBella Associates, Monroe Community College, and The Zoghlin Group.

Photographs of the performers are available in this folder on Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ArPaJ-loE3hP9sGxbidfz-jhUpEwfoP?usp=sharing>

About High Falls Business Association: The High Falls Business Association is a diverse group of businesses located in downtown Rochester's High Falls District, home to the future High Falls State Park. Members are proud to support business development in the historic environment and spectacular natural surroundings that make High Falls unique.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School is a vibrant organization in Rochester, NY, offering high-quality instruction in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 to commemorate the artistry, life, and service of David Hochstein – a prodigious violinist who died serving in World War I – the School welcomes students of all ages, abilities, proficiency levels, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds in an inclusive and accessible environment that provides artistic opportunities for all. More than 100 years after its founding, Hochstein annually serves more than 3,500 students from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester. The School is active throughout the community and provides tuition assistance to more than 50% of its students. The acclaimed Hochstein Performance Hall, located within the school's historic downtown building, hosts concerts and events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

About The Route/WRUR 88.5: A broadcast partnership between WXXI Public Media and the University of Rochester, WRUR-FM 88.5 is a non-commercial, member-supported radio service. Dedicated to music discoverability, the station introduces listeners to new and significant artists - both locally and globally - in the genres of rock, blues, roots, folk, and more. For more information, visit <https://www.wrur.org>.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Hochstein at High Falls: Watkins & the Rapiers

Thursday, June 13; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Watkins & the Rapiers play an eclectic mix of acoustic music incorporating echoes of Cajun, country, jug band music, reggae, soul, and swing. The band's repertoire includes more than 60 quirky original songs written by band members, as well as covers of songs by artists as diverse as The Band, Travelling Wilburys, Steve Earle, and Colorblind James, among others. The band has been rocking out in the Greater Rochester area since January 1996, when the band was formed on a lark to fill an empty performance slot at the Rose & Crown Pub. The band includes Scott Regan, Kerry Regan, Tom Whitmore, Marty York, Steve Piper, and Rick McRae. <https://watkinsandtherapiers.com>

Hochstein at High Falls: Debbie Kendrick Project

Thursday, June 20; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Vocalist Debbie Kendrick is Rochester's Queen of the Blues, carrying on a tradition of many great blues and gospel artists that goes back to the legendary Son House. Her group has an acoustic vibe and its influences harkens back to the early days of blues, gospel, folk, and jazz music. The Debbie Kendrick Project includes drummer Pete Monacelli, a veteran of the local jazz scene; bassist Mike Patric, who also accompanies the legendary Joe Beard; guitarist Aleks Disljenkovic, whose acoustic fingerstyle guitar provides a solid rhythmic background for Debbie's powerful vocal melodies; and vocalist Ann Culbreth. Kendrick inspires audiences across New York and Canada with her improvisational performances, laughing with the band and chatting with the crowd.

Hochstein at High Falls: John Dady & Benny Bleu

Thursday, June 27; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

John Dady – one half of the Rochester Music Hall of Fame inductees The Dady Brothers – brings his unique blend of Irish and American folk music back to Hochstein at High Falls. Joining him for this concert will be Benny Bleu, an award-winning banjo player, songwriter, and singer who is also a member of The Brothers Blue. John and Benny have been friends and musical kin for years. Both are songwriters and multi-instrumentalists, so you can expect lots of spontaneous moments of musical magic. <https://dadybros.com> - <https://bennybleu.com>

Hochstein at High Falls: A Girl Named Genny

Thursday, July 11; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Based in Rochester, NY, the six-piece band A Girl Named Genny incorporates traditional folk instruments to produce a new sound that encompasses several genres and styles. Dynamic instrumentation and upbeat melodies drive this high-energy Americana band that can also provide tender moments and ultimately music that lifts the human soul. The band includes Ray Mahar, vocals and guitar; Zac Lijewski, fiddle; Brad DeLano, banjo; Sean Grief, guitar; Aubrey Baldauf, upright bass, and Dylan Niver, drums. <https://www.agirlnamedgenny.com/>

Hochstein at High Falls: Mambo Kings

Thursday, July 18; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Together since 1995, Mambo Kings are enjoying great success as Upstate New York's foremost Latin jazz ensemble, and have earned a national reputation for their explosive blend of Afro-Cuban rhythms and jazz improvisation. They have appeared in Pops concerts with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, at the Rochester International Jazz Festival, and with orchestras in Baltimore, Vancouver, Detroit, Dallas, Naples (FL), Portland (OR), Alabama, Chicago, Austin, Virginia, and Buffalo. The band consists of Mambo Kings' musical director and pianist Richard DeLaney, percussionist Freddy Colón, saxophonist John Viavattine, bassist Hector Diaz, and percussionist Tony Padilla. www.mambokingdom.com

Hochstein at High Falls: Big Blue House

Thursday, July 25; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Big Blue House is a group of seasoned musicians with experience in a variety of genres, merging styles and voices into a unique gumbo of folk, rock, blues, jazz and reggae. They offer a blend of voices, acoustic rhythm and lead guitar and stand-up bass. The band includes Brian Burley on vocals and acoustic guitar, Bob DeRosa on bass, Harvey Possemato on lead guitar and backup vocals, and Dave Paprocki, washboard. <https://www.bigbluehouseband.com/>

Hochstein at High Falls: Bossa Nova Bradley Brothers

Thursday, August 1; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Collectively and individually, the Bradley Brothers have performed for 30 years across the United States, Canada, and Europe. The Bossa Nova Bradley Brothers is the brainchild of singer and guitarist Todd Bradley, who has painstakingly studied the works of Brazilian musicians Antonio Carlos Jobim, Luis Bonfá, and Baden Powell, among others. Mark Bradley (sax and vocals), Julio Pabon (percussion), and Brian Williams (bass) are in demand throughout the Rochester area as sidemen and session players. Pianist and trumpeter Scott Bradley is a songwriter whose work with the Bill Tiberio Band can be heard on local and internet jazz stations.

Hochstein at High Falls: Flying Object

Thursday, August 8; 12:10 pm; 4 Commercial Street (corner of Browns Race), Rochester, NY; free.

Flying Object is a lyric-driven, song-based, and groove-oriented psychedelic indie rock band. The band consists of founder, singer/songwriter, and bass player Matt O'Brian (Thunderbody); Matt's brother, Chris O'Brian (Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad), on drums; and Mike Martinez on guitar. The band's goal is to achieve an enticing sound to guide Matt's original songs.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mattobriansflyingobject/>

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