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**LINEUP FOR
NEW YORK STATE'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION PRESENTED BY PRICE CHOPPER
*Tommy James and The Shondells to Headline***

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the entertainment schedule for New York State's Fourth of July Celebration presented by Price Chopper. This family-friendly event will be held at the Empire State Plaza from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4. A day full of live music and activities will be capped off by the largest display of pyrotechnics in the Capital Region.

"We are pleased to partner with Price Chopper again this year to present another wonderful Independence Day celebration," OGS Commissioner Destito said. "The Empire State Plaza is the perfect public space to host this Capital District family tradition and we are looking forward to the great line-up of music, activities entertainment, and the spectacular fireworks show."

New York State's Fourth of July Celebration Presented by Price Chopper will kick off with an inspiring naturalization ceremony of new American citizens at 3:00 p.m. Tommy James and the Shondells, known for their hit songs, "Mony, Mony" and "Crimson and Clover," will rock the house starting at 8:15 p.m. Other musical guests include Blue Machine and the Back 40 Band.

New this year will be exciting aerial trapeze artists, Airly Acrobatics; a rock-climbing wall, pony rides and petting zoo. There will also be lots of activities for kids all day long including flight simulators from the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville, bounce rides, games, face painters, hands-on art projects, and sports games with the Valley Cats and the Siena Saints Mobile Experience. Area artisans, crafters and lots of local food vendors will be on hand to round out this fun-filled day.

"Price Chopper is thrilled to be entering its 38th consecutive year as the title sponsor of New York State's July 4th Celebration and provider of the area's biggest and best fireworks show of the year," said Mona Golub, Price Chopper Vice President, Public Relations and Consumer and Marketing Services, "As an American-owned, family-managed company that has grown up here in the Capital Region, it's a privilege to insure that our hometown community has a spectacular place in which to gather, be entertained and share acknowledgment of the many freedoms we enjoy in this country."

Schedule

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Naturalization Ceremony, presided over by Judge E. Michael Kavanagh
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Airly Acrobatics
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Nanny's Double Dutch

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Blue Machine
6:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Airly Acrobatics
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Nanny's Double Dutch
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Back 40
7:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Airly Acrobatics
7:45 pm – 8:00 pm	Official Program with National Anthem and Honor Guard Presentation
8:15 pm – 9:20 pm	Tommy James and the Shondells
9:20 pm – 9:55 pm	Fireworks

Ongoing activities, beginning at 2:00 p.m. include: unicyclists, bounce rides, face painting, Albany's Tulip Queen, rock climbing wall, Siena Saints game, Albany Pine Bush activities, Empire State, Zumba demonstrations, ARNG Humvee display, carnival games, Girl Scouts activities, Valley Cats Street Team activities, Tiny Tots Tearoom crafts, Price Chopper coloring, mural and necklace crafts. Additional activities are being provided by radio stations WGNA, Crush 105.7, Q 103, ESPN & Hot 99.1.

Free parking will be available at all Empire State Plaza surface lots, East Garage and underground parking areas.

For more information and performance updates on New York State's Fourth of July Celebration Presented by Price Chopper find the Empire State Plaza on Facebook at [facebook.com\empirestateplaza](https://facebook.com/empirestateplaza), on Twitter at twitter.com/plazaevents, call the OGS Special Events Office toll free at 1-(877) 659-4ESP, or visit our website at www.empirestateplaza.org.

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