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TONIC AND RARE EARTH TO HEADLINE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA FOOD FESTIVAL AUGUST 15

The New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the line-up for the Empire State Plaza Food Festival which will be held on Wednesday, August 15, from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. The free day-long event that will feature food, music, and fun will conclude with the popular alternative rock band Tonic.

“The Plaza Food Festival is one of the most popular of our free summer events,” said OGS Commissioner RoAnn Destito. “It’s a day of feasting, fun, and music with something for everyone. Festival goers will also be able to support local farmers, buying locally grown, top quality, fresh, wholesome and healthy produce at the Plaza’s farmers’ market.”

Visitors can eat their way around the Plaza with more than 40 vendors serving a variety of exotic fare and traditional treats including Cajun alligator nuggets, South American empanadas, wood-fired pizza, fresh fruit crepes and gourmet tacos. There will also be beverage vendors offering everything from homemade lemonade to New York State craft beers and wine.

The early part of the day will feature the popular Plaza Farmers’ Market, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, along with artisan cheeses, homemade breads, pastries, jellies and other goods. The Mike McMann Duo will be performing their quintessential bluegrass and acoustic music alongside the farmers’ market. There will also be master gardeners and experts from Cornell Cooperative Extension available to answer any questions and provide advice. The Festival’s lunch time show will feature the classic rock sounds of Message from Vega.

Keep on rocking through dinner with great music featuring local alternative rockers, Alta Mira. Kicking the evening into high gear will be 1970s multiplatinum rockers, Rare Earth, known for their classic rock hits “I Just Want to Celebrate” and “Get Ready.” Headliners of the show are 90’s alt rockers Tonic, who had monster chart topping hits including “If You Could Only See” and “Open Up Your Eyes”.

Performance Schedule

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mike McMann Duo (Farmers’ Market)
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Message from Vega
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Alta Mira
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Rare Earth

7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tonic

All *At the Plaza* events are FREE at the Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany. Free parking is available in the East Garage after 3 p.m.

For more information on the Food Festival find the Empire State Plaza on Facebook at [facebook.com\empirestateplaza](https://www.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.

For information on the Dunn Memorial Bridge work or travel and road conditions, please call 511 or visit www.thruway.ny.gov.

Sponsors of the festival include: Saratoga Eagle, NYS Lottery, County Waste & Recycling, Hampton Inn & Suites, PYX 106, Fox23 News, Albany.com, Metroland, Big Top Tent Rentals, Smile Monster and the Times Union.

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