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**MAYER HAWTHORNE TO HEADLINE NEW YORK STATE'S
NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 7**

Robert Randolph and the Family Band Also to Appear

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced the lineup for the New York State New Music Festival, which will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 7 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

"We are excited to be gearing up for some of the final performances at this year's Summer At The Plaza concert series," Commissioner Destito said. "The upcoming New Music Festival will let us meet Governor Cuomo's goal of using state assets such as the Empire State Plaza to benefit the public and will introduce New Yorkers to some of the most entertaining artists the music world has to offer."

Visitors will be entertained by an exciting lineup of musical acts, headlined by retro soul artist Mayer Hawthorne. The classic Motown sound that provided the blueprint for Hawthorne's self-produced independent debut, "A Strange Arrangement," remains, but is joined on his latest release, "How Do You Do," by music reminiscent of late 1960s California pop and the best work from the likes of Steely Dan and Chicago.

American funk, blues/rock and soul band Robert Randolph and the Family Band will be taking the stage at 5:45 p.m. The band is led by Robert Randolph, the slide guitar phenomenon who's been captivating global audiences for a decade.

The festival will begin at 2 p.m. with local favorite Graham Tichy taking the stage. Tichy lays out his nimble licks for rockabilly legends and has also toured and released records as a member of several top-notch rockabilly and rock and roll groups.

The self-described "pop band from the future," Albany's premier garage rockers, The Mysteios, will begin their performance at 3:15 p.m.

Recently added to the lineup and now touring with Mayer Hawthorne, the Superhumanoids perform "music to help kiss the doldrums away" and are scheduled to

perform at 4:30 p.m. The L.A.-based band makes dreamy pop that shouts summery '60s harmonies, garage rock's raw tonality, slick new-wave electronics, and the adventurous dissonance of '90s indie rock.

Free parking will be available in the Cathedral lot off Madison Avenue and in the East Garage, located on the corners of Madison Avenue, Eagle Street, and Philip Street. The fee for parking under the Plaza in the V-lot will be \$5.

No alcoholic beverages, coolers (defined as rigid insulated containers), or glass containers of any kind; animals or pets (excludes ADA-defined service animals) will be allowed. Alcohol will be served by vendors to adults with proper identification.

Sponsors include CBS 6, Metroland, EXIT 97.7 - WEXT, Saranac Brewery, Saratoga Spring Water Co., and Albany.com.

For more information and performance updates on any of the Summer At The Plaza events, visit us online at www.empirestateplaza.org, on Facebook at [facebook.com\empirestateplaza](https://facebook.com/empirestateplaza), on Twitter at twitter.com/plazaevents or call the OGS Convention & Cultural Events Office toll free at 1-(877) 659-4ESP.

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