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**BLUES TRAVELER TO HEADLINE NEW YORK STATE'S ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL
PRESENTED BY NATIONAL GRID ON AUGUST 14**

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced the lineup for the annual New York State Food Festival, presented by National Grid, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

"The annual New York Food Festival is without question one of the most popular and most flavorful events at the Empire State Plaza each summer," Commissioner Destito said.

"Governor Cuomo has made it his mission to promote foods and beverages produced in our state, and this festival is a wonderful opportunity to support local farmers at our afternoon farmers' market and taste some of New York's great craft beers and wine."

The festival will begin with the popular Plaza Farmers' Market, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, including mouth-watering New York State corn, along with artisan cheeses, yogurt, breads, pastries, jellies, and other goods. Be sure to catch lunch or dinner at one of the more than 50 specialty vendors serving up delicious fare to satisfy many palates, including sliders, 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 wine and beer.

Visitors will be entertained by an exciting lineup of musical acts, headlined by jam band favorite Blues Traveler that will keep the vibe flowing with hits including "But Anyway," "Run Around," and "Hook."

Throughout the day, the sounds of local musical talent will fill the air, beginning with lunchtime performances featuring Latin jazz and Afro-Caribbean music by the Alex Torres Trio followed by rockabilly band The El Dorados. The music will start up again in time for dinner with Wild Adriatic, a band of four friends from Saratoga Springs who seek to carry forth the torch of

timeless rock and roll infused with tons of soul and captivating guitar work, and local rockers, The Daley Brothers Band.

Free parking will be available beginning at 5 p.m. 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.

In addition to presenting sponsor, National Grid, other sponsors include PEF, Albany.com, County Waste & Recycling, Fidelis Care, NYSUT, Metroland, Jamz 96.3, New York Lottery, PYX 106, Saranac, and Times Union.

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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