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BOOTSY COLLINS AND SHAGGY TO PERFORM AT THE PLAZA JUNE 18

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) today announced the legendary Bootsy Collins and Grammy Award winner Shaggy will take the stage Wednesday, June 18 for the next Summer '14 At The Plaza Capital Concert presented by Saranac. This new free concert series features performances each Wednesday in June from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza.

Known as the “man who put bass in yer face,” Bootsy Collins is one of the all-time great funk and R&B bassists/singers/bandleaders. His first group, the Pacesetters, functioned as James Brown’s backup band, and Bootsy’s inspired, clever progressions and patterns on the bass were a vital part of James Brown’s recordings. Bootsy later joined George Clinton’s Parliament/Funkadelic, before launching Bootsy’s Rubber Band as a spinoff to P-Funk.

Shaggy is a reggae fusion singer, widely known for his hit album “Boombastic” that won the 1996 Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album. Other hits include *It Wasn't Me* and *Angel*. In 2012 Shaggy received a Grammy nomination for his 10th studio album “Summer in Kingston” and in 2013 Sly & Robbie Presents Shaggy released a collaborative album titled “Out of Many, One Music.”

Local DJ Nate da Great will open the show. Nate’s journey as a DJ started during his formative years, when he began scratching records and selling mixtapes around his hometown of Albany. After many years of radio, DJ battles and live performances, Nate continues to be a staple in the music and art scene.

Free parking is available in the East Garage after 5 p.m. For event updates, follow @plazaevents on Twitter or call (518) 474-0549. Rain location will be in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. For additional information about Summer at the Plaza events, including directions and ground rules, visit www.ogs.ny.gov.

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