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GE's KIDS DAY TO FEATURE CHOO CHOO SOUL ON JULY 9

Free family event, free parking

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito today announced that Choo Choo Soul will fill the Empire State Plaza with the music from classic Disney films when the duo perform at the 2016 GE's Kids Day. This free, kid-centric, outdoor event will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 9.

"The faces of thousands of smiling children light up the Empire State Plaza each year when GE's Kids Day arrives, and all the fun and free performances and activities make it a truly special day for families to enjoy," Commissioner Destito said. "I am happy we are able to partner once again with General Electric and all of our sponsors to offer this wonderful event."

This year's fun also includes Choo Choo Soul. Imagine parents honestly being able to enjoy the music that their children enjoy. Imagine soulful and current renditions of the ABCs, 1-2-3s, and learning how to be polite. Imagine a diverse, and incredibly hip duo, teaching children through music on an animated train ... and Choo-Choo Soul is born. Join the Choo Choo Soul gang as they perform songs from classic Disney films, such as "Under the Sea," "Supercalifragalistic," "Let's Go Fly A Kite," "When You Wish Upon a Star," and many more.

GE's Kids Day will also feature:

- Train rides around the Plaza on the Roaming Railroad.
- Amazing animals, including hopping kangaroos, flying lemurs, hilarious monkeys, pythons, parrots and goats at the Two by Two Zoo.
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo with John Keal Music Co. that will give aspiring young (and young-at-heart) musicians an opportunity to try out various instruments at the zoo.

GE has sponsored Kids Day for many years as part of its extensive Capital District community sponsorship program. The company is among the region's largest private-sector employers, with approximately 7,000 employees at GE Power, GE Global Research, GE Renewable Energy, GE Healthcare and various corporate operations.

GE's Kids Day Schedule

Main Stage

Choo Choo Soul – All Aboard! Disney's Choo Choo Soul brings Genevieve and her partner, DC, to dance and sing on the Kids Day stage.

- 1:00 p.m. Show (30 minutes)
- 2:30 p.m. Show (30 minutes)
- 3:10 p.m. Meet and greet
- 4:00 p.m. Show (30 minutes)
- 4:40 p.m. Meet and greet

All day on the Plaza: noon to 5 p.m.

- GE balloons
- Roaming Railroad
- Two by Two Zoo
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo
- Pony rides
- Face painters
- "Touch a Truck" – sponsored by CDTA – check out a Zamboni, a mini excavator, a street sweeper and a NYS Trooper vehicle
- Watkins Glen International will be bringing a stock car
- Lucky Strike Social play area
- Bounce rides
- Fun putt mini golf
- Damien's Rockwall
- NYS Troopers' Dive Tank
- Joey D the Strolling Magician
- Craft activities with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- AAA Hudson Valley's Otto The Auto – talking car that provides traffic safety tips
- Triple Threat All-Stars cheerleading and dance

Free parking will be available in the east parking garage and cathedral lot, each located off Madison Avenue near the entrance to the Empire State Plaza. Parking is also available in the visitor or V-Lot beneath the Empire State Plaza for a fee of \$5.

For event updates and additional information on opening acts, people can follow @plazaevents on Twitter, visit Empire State Plaza on facebook, or call (518) 474-4759. **Rain location will be in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.** For additional information, including ground rules, visit our website at www.empirestateplaza.org.

Sponsors include: General Electric, New York's 529 College Savings Program, New York State of Health, 99.5 the River, Renaissance Albany Hotel, CDTA, NYSUT, and Watkins Glen International.

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