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EVERCLEAR TO HEADLINE NEW YORK STATE'S ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 8

Full day of food, drink, and free entertainment

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced the lineup for the annual New York State Food Festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany and feature a performance by Everclear.

“Our annual food festival at the Empire State Plaza provides a great opportunity for people to treat their palates to a wide variety of delicious food and tasty New York beverages while enjoying an exciting lineup of entertainment, which will feature a performance by the alternative rock band Everclear,” Commissioner Destito said. “This is our most flavorful and one of our most popular events of the summer, and I want to thank all our vendors and sponsors for their support of this special festival.”

The festival will begin with the popular Plaza farmers market, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, along with breads, pastries, and many other specialty items. The entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. with Lunchtime at the Plaza performances by the Olde Time Dance Band and the Dominant Five Brass Quintet.

Be sure to catch lunch, dinner, or both at one of dozens of food vendors who will be serving up a wide variety of delicious international and domestic fare, from Guyanese, Greek, South American, Cuban, Lebanese, and Jamaican cuisine to wood-fired pizza and crepes. There will be something to satisfy most everyone’s palate.

Repeat festival-goers will see several of their favorite food vendors returning this year and will have an opportunity to try the culinary creations prepared by vendors who are new to the Plaza, including Penny Lane Ices, Deep Roots Roti Hutz, It’s a Utica Thing, and Chef’s Consortium Mushroom Ventures.

Although alcoholic beverages purchased in the festival’s outstanding products of New York tent are not for consumption on site, there will be a NYS tap tent where adults with proper identification will be able to purchase and then sample several New York State beers, wines, and ciders, including Saranac Belgian White 100, Ithaca Brew Company’s

Brew York Pale Ale, Adirondack Brewery's Lake George Cider Project, Druthers' All-In IPA, Brooklyn Summer Ale, and Heron Hill Winery Riesling, Chardonnay, and Cabernet.

Those attending the event will be entertained by an exciting lineup of musical acts, headlined by Everclear, a band that has written and recorded some truly iconic '90s alt-rock hits such as "Santa Monica" and "Father of Mine." With plans to mix it up and dig into the catalogue, Everclear's performance promises to offer fans a rare treat into past material – especially the "deep cuts."

Music on the festival's main stage will start cooking at 5 p.m. with a performance by the Albany-based Annie in the Water. Annie in the Water is a high-energy, acoustic-jam group that blends blues, hip-hop, funk, rock, reggae, and bluegrass to deliver a unique sound and an unforgettable performance. Next to hit the main stage will be Wild Adriatic, a rock and soul band whose members grew up together in the Adirondacks. Rooted in the rowdy spirit of rock and roll, Wild Adriatic has built an international audience on a combination of groove, grit, and guitar-heavy swagger.

Performance schedule:

Lunchtime at the Plaza Stage (By State Agency Building 2)

11:00 a.m. Performances by the Olde Time Dance Band and the Dominant Five Brass Quintet

Main Stage

5:00 p.m. Annie in the Water

6:15 p.m. Wild Adriatic

7:45 p.m. Everclear

Free parking will be available after 2 p.m. in the Grand Street lot and after 4 p.m. in the East Garage on Philip Street off Madison Avenue. Paid parking is available in the visitor or V-lot underneath the Empire State Plaza.

For event updates, follow @plazaevents on Twitter, @EmpireStatePlaza on Facebook, or call (518) 474-4759. For additional information about Summer at the Plaza events, including directions and ground rules, visit <https://www.ogs.ny.gov/ESP/Summer>.

Sponsors of the New York State Food Festival include PYX106, New York Lottery, BlueShield of Northeastern New York, I Love NY, Druthers Brewing Co., Times Union, Saranac, Brooklyn Brewery, Ithaca Beer Co., Miller Lite, and Renaissance Albany Hotel.

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