



Young Audiences Western New York

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YOUNG AUDIENCES PRESENTS FREE CANALSIDE PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES

BUFFALO, NY (5/23/10) – Young Audiences WNY, the region’s leading arts education organization, will bring the sights, sounds, and cultural diversity of Buffalo to audiences of all ages this summer, through a series of free family events hosted at Canalside. Weekly programming, led by outstanding local artists, will feature interactive performances and hands-on workshops that emphasize the diverse history and culture of Buffalo. The series will be presented free of charge, through funding provided by the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, and will take place on Saturdays and Sundays beginning May 26 and ending September 9.

“Our summer programming will provide a unique opportunity for children and families to become a part of our region’s ‘creative history,’” said Young Audiences WNY Executive Director Cynn timer Gaasch. “As one of our city’s most beautiful and historic locations, Canalside offers the perfect setting to engage audiences in the unique story of Buffalo.”

Saturday programming will feature a diverse line-up of local artists whose work contributes to making this region one of America’s top arts destinations, while Sunday programming themes on local history, including the Erie Canal, Underground Railroad, and architecture. This Saturday will feature an interactive Ballroom Dance workshop with Kip Ralabate at 11 a.m. and a high-energy juggling performance by Nels Ross at noon. On Sunday, professional storyteller Celes Tisdale presents *From Africa to America* at noon and The Stringmen perform their *Erie Canal Show* at 1 p.m.

All programming will take place Canalside at 1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, NY 1402 on either the Great Lawn or in the Historic Ruins located near the Whipple Bridge. Performances and workshops are free and open to the public. Additional information, including a downloadable schedule of events, is available online at www.yawny.org. Funding for these programs has been provided by the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation.

SATURDAY

Local Artist Programming

5/26	11am: Kip Ralabate Noon: Nels Ross
6/2	11am: <i>Programming TBA</i> Noon: Eric Crittenden
6/9	11am: Le Ballet Touba Noon: Poetic Voices
6/16	11am: Melissa Kate Noon: Kevin McCarthy
6/23	11am: Diaspora Drumming Noon: Diaspora Drumming
7/7	11am: Sarah Haykel Noon: Glenn Colton
7/14	11am: Robin Brox Noon: Ladies First
7/21	11am: Gayle Danley Noon: Gayle Danley
8/11	11am: LehrerDance Noon: Babik
8/18	11am: Miriam Minkoff Noon: Differential Flavor Crew
9/2	11am: Configuration Dance Noon: Celes Tisdale
9/8	3pm: Defiant Monkey 4pm: <i>Programming TBA</i>

SUNDAY

Local History Programming

5/27	Noon: Celes Tisdale 1pm: The Stringmen
6/3	11am: Annette Daniels Taylor Noon: Annette Daniels Taylor
6/10	Noon: Annette Daniels Taylor 1pm: Hill Brothers
6/17	Noon: Architecture + Education 1pm: Rodney Appleby
6/24	Noon: Robin Brox 1pm: Wondermakers
7/1	Noon: Susie Rozler 1pm: Gretchen Murray Sepik
7/8	Noon: Architecture + Education 1pm: Gretchen Murray Sepik
7/15	Noon: Annette Daniels Taylor 1pm: Njozi Poets
7/22	Noon: Annette Daniels Taylor 1pm: Rodney Appleby
8/12	Noon: Annette Daniels Taylor 1pm: Annette Daniels Taylor
9/9	11am: Architecture + Education Noon: Susie Rozler 1pm: Annette Daniels Taylor 2pm: Njozi Poets