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Be inspired at Lewiston Art Festival



A popular River Region weekend has arrived. The Lewiston Art Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, showcasing the work of more than 200 top artists, musicians and performers who come from near and far to be part of the village's celebration of creativity and skill.

The Lewiston Council on the Arts organizes this annual Center Street happening. Executive Director Maria Fortuna Dean said, "We at the LCA are thrilled to be able to once again bring this fantastic community event to Lewiston, and we acknowledge with gratitude the continuing support of our elected officials from all levels of government."

To accommodate patrons and vendors, Center Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 3 a.m. Saturday until Sunday evening.

Find complete Lewiston Art Festival details, and more photos, online at www.wnypapers.com. Click the QR Code for instant access.

Dean is shown with Niagara County Legislature Chairwoman Rebecca Wydysh, and the Town of Lewiston and Village of Lewiston boards. (LCA photos)



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Air base concert to celebrate Air Force Reserve's 75th year

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The public is getting an opportunity to visit the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for a special evening of free entertainment. It's also a chance to see the air base itself, a key part of Western New York's ongoing history of military service.

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The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band will present Rhythm in Blue, the unit's dynamic jazz ensemble, as the featured performer.

"This group presents exciting and uplifting music to inspire patriotism and tell the Air Force story," according to the press release from the base.

The group consists of 18 musicians and a sound engineer.

Members are based at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The concert will be open to the public; however, seating is limited, and only those with tickets will be allowed access to the installation and event site. For ticket information, go to www.NiagaraFSS.com.

The concert will take place on the lawn of the Col. John Moriarty Memorial Air Park on base. Rhythm in Blue will also be the opening act of the Lewiston Jazz Festival on Friday, Aug. 25.

Air Refueling Wing Chief of Service Michael Williams said the 75th anniversary event gives the base an opportunity to publicly recognize the major milestone while also honoring the entire Western New York military community, past and present.

He said the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the last remaining federal military installation in New York state.

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