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**THE 2010 RIVER TO RIVER® FESTIVAL SHOWCASES**  
**STELLAR LINE-UP OF FREE MUSIC CONCERTS**

*Highlights include **Bang on a Can Marathon**, **Beth Orton**, **Duncan Sheik**, **YACHT**, **Antibalas**, **Bear in Heaven**, **Burning Spear**, **Jimmy Webb**, **The Apples in stereo** & **Tiempo Libre***

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**New York, NY – May 17, 2010** – Lower Manhattan’s spectacular waterfront will provide the backdrop for a series of free concerts by a wildly diverse mix of world-class musical artists during this summer’s River To River® Festival. Boasting dozens of free concerts spanning the spectrum from rock, pop, and jazz to world, Latin, classical, and experimental, the 2010 River To River Festival promises to provide music to the ears of concert-goers throughout the summer.

Highlights range from established stars like **Beth Orton**, **The Apples in Stereo**, and **Burning Spear**, to hotly-tipped artists like **YACHT**, **Tiempo Libre** and **Thee Oh Sees**, as well as special appearances by **Orchestre Septentrional**, Haiti’s oldest big band orchestra.

- The Grammy®-nominated **Eroica Trio** kicks off the festival’s music line-up on June 22 at the World Financial Center Winter Garden. Whether performing great piano trio standards or daring contemporary works, the three young women who make up this celebrated trio thrill audiences with their technical virtuosity, irresistible enthusiasm, and sensual elegance. (June 22)
- Hailed as “the country’s most provocative and consistently entertaining new-music event” by the Village Voice, the annual **Bang on a Can Marathon** at the World Financial Center Winter Garden draws huge crowds for a 12-hour marathon of mind-boggling, genre-bending music. This year’s line-up includes the highly-anticipated U.S. premiere of Fausto Romitelli’s *Professor Bad Trip*; a Bang on a Can All-Stars premiere with Mira Calix; and Balinese Gamelan. (June 27).

- With tall ships as the backdrop, **The Seaport** continues to showcase rising and established indie music stars with **YellowFever** and **Woven Bones** (July 2), **Bear in Heaven** with **Zola Jesus** (July 9), **Thee Oh Sees** with **Golden Triangle** and **So Cow** (July 16), **Free Energy** and **Best Coast** with **Loose Limbs** (July 23), **Avi Buffalo** and **Chad VanGalen** (July 30), and **YACHT** (August 6).
- The early evening concert series at Rockefeller Park, complete with stunning Hudson River sunsets, includes: **Renaissance & Steve Hackett** (June 23); **Beth Orton** (June 30), Poets House's celebration of the poetry and music of Haiti starring **L'Orchestre Septentrional** (July 7), Haiti's oldest big band orchestra; **Jimmy Webb** and **Martin Rivas** (July 14); and **Burning Spear** (July 21).
- The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert at Battery Park expands this year with music for all ages, including **Dan Zanes and Friends** performing Broadway classics, acclaimed Colombian band **La Cumbiamba eNeYé!**, and a participatory parade of 76 Trombones.
- The Broadway2Battery theme continues at Castle Clinton National Monument with a trio of concerts that includes **Madeleine Peyroux** (July 8), **Duncan Sheik** (July 15), and **Antibalas**, the band behind the Broadway hit **FELA!** (July 22).
- The annual **Children's Day at the Seaport** culminates with the spectacular Target Fireworks, featuring a special performance by **The Apples in Stereo** accompanied by the **Brooklyn Youth Chorus** and members of the **Brooklyn Philharmonic**. (June 26).
- **Tiempo Libre**, three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group, performs with **Julito Martinez** (August 4) at the World Financial Center Winter Garden and with **Román Díaz**, **Pedrito Martinez** and **Marvin Diaz** (August 5) at Rockefeller Park.
- Wagner Park, with its view of the Statue of Liberty, hosts its wildly popular Latin music series with **Plena Libre** (July 28), **Conjunto Imagen** (August 4), and **Nino Segarra and his Orchestra** (August 11).

“The 2010 River To River Festival offers something special for audiences of every musical taste, style, and genre,” said Robin Schatell, Executive Director of The River To River Festival. “And best of all, it’s completely free.”

Named “one of the city’s most compelling summer series” by the *The New York Times*, the River To River Festival is New York’s largest free summer arts festival. Founded in 2002 to help revitalize Lower Manhattan after September 11<sup>th</sup>, the festival draws hundreds of thousands of people each year to Downtown’s spectacular waterfront. The events span venues from the World Financial Center and Rockefeller Park on the Hudson River to Castle Clinton National Monument, Wagner Park, and Battery Park at Manhattan’s tip to The Elevated Acre and The Seaport on the East River.

All of the following events are FREE, though tickets are required in some instances. The full 2010 schedule can be found at [RiverToRiverNYC.com](http://RiverToRiverNYC.com). Additional Festival events will be announced and added to the website as they are confirmed.

The 2010 River To River Festival preliminary music schedule is as follows:

## **JUNE**

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

#### **Summer Stars: Bright New Talent in Classical Music and Beyond**

##### **Eroica Trio**

##### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

The most sought-after trio in the world, the Grammy®-nominated Eroica Trio thrills audiences with flawless technical virtuosity, irresistible enthusiasm, and sensual elegance. Whether playing the great standards of the piano trio repertoire or daring contemporary works, the three young women who make up this celebrated ensemble electrify the concert stage with their passionate performances. 7pm. World Financial Center Winter Garden, 220 Vesey Street. Free.

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23**

#### **Sound Bites Lunchtime Series**

##### **Presented by The Seaport**

Go local! Kick off another season of the Fulton Stall Market with lunchtime concerts. Grab a snack from one of the market's farmers and purveyors, then head over to the Seaport stage for a set from some of New York's freshest bands -- playing in rawer form than you may be used to. Shows include The Beets (June 23) and the Toys and Tiny Instruments Band (June 30). Noon. South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

#### **Renaissance & Steve Hackett**

##### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Steve Hackett, best known as the Genesis guitarist, continues to shine as a star performer and composer in his own right with an original and extraordinary acoustic and electric playing style. Art-rock ensemble Renaissance, led by vocalist Annie Haslam, perfected a synthesis of folk pop and symphonic influence on their classic albums Prologue, Turn of the Cards, and the remade Scheherazade. 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

#### **Children's Day & Fireworks with Special Guests The Apples in stereo**

##### **Presented by The Seaport**

This beloved event returns for its 18<sup>th</sup> year with performances by Gordon from Sesame Street, Angelina Ballerina and more. Kids can meet their favorite storybook characters like Clifford the Big Red Dog, Curious George and Madeline. In the evening don't miss The Apples in stereo, with special guests the Brooklyn Youth Chorus and members of the Brooklyn Philharmonic - part of our Summer Stars series - plus the spectacular Target Fireworks. Noon, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 27

### **Bang on a Can Marathon**

#### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

Bang on a Can returns with its incomparable 12-hour super-mix of genre-defying music from around the corner and globe. Come hear the highly anticipated U.S. premiere of Fausto Romitelli's *Professor Bad Trip* performed by Talea Ensemble; a Bang on a Can All-Stars premiere with Mira Calix; African crossover innovators Burkina Electric; Balinese Gamelan; music from Kyrgyzstan and much more! Noon - Midnight, World Financial Center Winter Garden, 220 Vesey Street. Free.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

### **Beth Orton**

#### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

English singer/songwriter Beth Orton brilliantly combines the passionate beauty of acoustic folk with the electronic beats of trip-hop, creating a fresh, distinct fusion of roots and rhythm. Her stunning debut *Trailer Park* was followed by *Central Reservation*, *Daybreaker* and *Comfort of Strangers*. 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

## JULY

## FRIDAY, JULY 2

### **YellowFever and Woven Bones**

#### **Seaport Music**

The Seaport kicks off their summer music series by digging deep into the heart of Texas with two of Austin's most exciting new bands. This night goes straight to the heart of all that is young and dirty, fuzzed up and blues-punked, with a golden smattering of surf. 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## SUNDAY, JULY 4

### **Dan Zanes Jam & Jubilee**

#### **Broadway2Battery**

#### **The Battery 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert and Family Festival**

#### **Presented by Alliance for Downtown New York**

Celebrate the Fourth of July family style with Grammy®-Award-winning artist Dan Zanes and his incredible array of musical friends. Spend the day dancing to the infectious rhythms of La Cumbiamba eNeYé!, marching with the parade of 76 Trombones, and singing along to Dan's own special brand of Broadway classics! Bring a blanket and enjoy the lawn along with jugglers, stilt walkers, and a cast of larger than life characters. 1pm doors, 2pm, La Cumbiamba eNeYé!, 3pm Dan Zanes and Friends / 76 Trombones, Battery Park, State Street and Battery Place. Free.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

### **Left On Red**

#### **Presented by Arts Brookfield Properties**

Left on Red simply means "to take your own direction." Featuring vocalist/guitarist Liah Alonso and Kelly Halloran on vocals and violin, this duo began in the subway stations of New York City and released their self-titled debut album in 2009. 12:30pm, Zuccotti Park. Free.

**Poets House Celebrates the Poetry and Music of Haiti  
with special guest L'Orchestre Septentrional  
Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

L'Orchestre Septentrional, Haiti's oldest big band orchestra, has grown from a group of seven to a band of 18 since their inception in 1948. Their boule du feu (ball of fire) rhythms and Cuban flavor never fail to bring everyone to the dance floor. 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

**THURSDAY, JULY 8**

**Broadway2Battery: Madeleine Peyroux  
Music at Castle Clinton  
Presented by Alliance for Downtown New York**

As noted by NPR, Madeleine Peyroux became famous, in part, for putting her idiosyncratic touch on time-tested standards. With a repertoire that extends from personal, original songs to a breadth of rare classics from a bygone era, Madeleine Peyroux's standards are anything but standard. Tickets will be distributed two per person outside Castle Clinton on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 5:00pm on the day of the show. 7pm, Battery Park at State Street. Free.

**FRIDAY, JULY 9**

**Bear in Heaven with Zola Jesus  
Seaport Music**

Bear in Heaven's self-described psychedelic, minimalist, pop represents endless hours of stream-of-consciousness, conceived and recorded by Jon Philpot, Adam Wills, Sadek Bazaraa, and Joe Stickney. All Southern transplants, the band now makes its home in Brooklyn and produces music described as "a powerful, functional mix of This Heat, 70s soft rock, early Genesis, and oddly, later Pink Floyd." 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

**The Dan Martin/Nick Russo Duo  
Presented by Arts Brookfield Properties**

Bassist Dan Martin has played with Marc Ribot, Bruce Barth, Makoto Ozone and Lenny Pickett. He is the founder of Dan Martin Music, providing jazz groups for corporate and nonprofit clients. Guitarist Nick Russo has worked with Jimmy McGriff, Teddy Charles and Sonny Dallas, among others. His album *RO* features Mark Turner, Miles Griffith and Ari Hoenig. 12:30pm, Zuccotti Park, Broadway between Cedar and Liberty Streets. Free.

**Jimmy Webb with Martin Rivas  
Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Singer and pianist Jimmy Webb is one of the few artists of the 1960s to achieve stardom and professional acclaim not performing, but composing and producing hits such as *Wichita Lineman*, *Up, Up and Away*, and *MacArthur Park*. Rising NYC singer/songwriter/guitarist Martin Rivas, of Serious Pilgrim, has found acclaim opening for Aimee Mann, Hootie & the Blowfish, and Joan Jett. 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

## THURSDAY, JULY 15

### **Emmet Cohen**

#### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

At 20, jazz piano prodigy Emmet Cohen plays with the maturity and confidence of a seasoned veteran. With astonishing technique and an innovative harmonic palate, Emmet shares a deep musical bond with his audience. He has shared the bandstand with a plethora of jazz luminaries including Christian McBride, Joshua Redman, Patti Austin and Maceo Parker. 12:30pm, World Financial Center Plaza, 220 Vesey Street, Also Friday, July 16, 12:30pm, 1 New York Plaza, Water Street between Whitehall & Broad Streets. Free.

### **Broadway2Battery: Duncan Sheik**

#### **Music at Castle Clinton**

#### **Presented by Alliance for Downtown New York**

Tony and Grammy® award-winning composer and songwriter Duncan Sheik has navigated both the Great White Way and the world of pop and indie rock. Sheik's achievements include Tony Awards for Best Orchestration and Best Original Score, and a Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album for *Spring Awakening*. His latest release, *Whisper House*, hones his integrated voice – it is as much pop as it is a musical theater composition. 7pm, Battery Park at State. Free.

## FRIDAY, JULY 16

### **Thee Oh Sees with Golden Triangle and So Cow**

#### **Seaport Music**

Thee Oh Sees' psychedelic sound weaves "AM radio howl with the catchiest of driving tunes" to create "gorgeous harmonies, heightened fidelity, thick spring-reverbed bombast, [and] mighty drums." Brooklyn's Golden Triangle, a band of three girls and three boys, plays loud and spooky, reverb-drenched distorted girl group pop, mixing male/female vocals with gnarly surf guitar jangle. Ireland's So Cow tops off this cool line-up. 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## SUNDAY, JULY 18

### **Summer Stock NYC 2010 at Pace University:**

#### **An Evening of Broadway Blockbusters**

#### **Presented by Pace University and CAP21**

Summer Stock NYC 2010 at Pace University: An Evening of Broadway Blockbusters. This 70-minute event will feature some of the biggest hits from classic musicals and showstoppers currently on Broadway, performed by young actors and famous guest artists. The evening will include songs such as *New York, New York* and numbers from the best-selling shows currently on Broadway. 5pm, Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts, Pace University, 3 Spruce Street. Free.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

### **Gimagua**

#### **Presented by Arts Brookfield Properties**

Using the MTA's *Music Under New York* program as a launch pad for their NYC career, these twins from Colombia also perform their Rumba Flamenco and Afro-Cuban stylings at private and corporate events. The duo has appeared on several local and national TV shows, and recently recorded music for the Broadway hit "El Zorro, The Masked Musical." 12:30pm, Zuccotti Park, Broadway btw Cedar and

Liberty Streets. Free.

### **Burning Spear**

#### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

One of the most brilliant and respected roots artists in Jamaica's history, Burning Spear (a.k.a. Winston Rodney) has recorded a host of classic dread records over the years. Part Rastafarian preacher, part black historian, Burning Spear brilliantly illuminates Rastafarianism in song. 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 22**

### **KJ Denhart**

#### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

KJ Denhart has been making audiences laugh, dance and cry for over three decades. Her special blend of urban folk and jazz has earned her multiple Independent Music Awards and in 2009 she was named one of Jazz.com's top female vocalists. Her pathos, originality and impeccable musicianship make KJ one of a kind, not to be missed. 12:30pm, World Financial Center Plaza, 220 Vesey Street. Also July 23, 12:30pm at One New York Plaza, Water Street between Whitehall and Broad Streets. Free.

### **Broadway2Battery:Antibalas**

#### **Music at Castle Clinton**

#### **Presented by Alliance for Downtown New York**

Antibalas - Spanish for "bulletproof" - is a high-energy, highly celebrated Afrobeat orchestra from Brooklyn. The band anchors this year's Broadway hit *FELA!* with their musical direction and energetic instrumentalists, arranging and performing the music of Afrobeat legend Fela Kuti and originals alike. Tickets will be distributed two per person outside Castle Clinton on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 5pm on the day of the show. 7pm, Battery Park, State Street and Battery Place. Free.

## **FRIDAY, JULY 23**

### **Free Energy and Best Coast with Loose Limbs**

#### **Seaport Music**

Free Energy, dubbed "one of the best live bands in America," by SPIN, Pitchfork, and Rolling Stone, delivers "guitar-heavy and totally unironic AM-rock sound" reminiscent of Tom Petty and Mick Jagger. Best Coast, among the most promising new indie acts of 2010, draws its sound from the '50's and '60's aesthetic of The Beach Boys and The Everly Brothers. Seaport Music Record's own Loose Limbs starts the night off. 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

### **Jason Green**

#### **Presented by Arts Brookfield Properties**

Hailing from Cleveland, Ohio, this veteran guitarist has been playing blues and jazz professionally around the world since the age of 17. After spending six years on tour, he relocated to NYC in 2004 and has worked with many popular local acts, including fronting his own band, Jason Green and the Labor of Love. 12:30pm, Zuccotti Park, Broadway between Cedar and Liberty Streets. Free.

## **Plena Libre**

### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Fifteen years and thirteen albums later, this fine-tuned 12-piece Puerto Rican based ensemble is still captivating audiences with their high-energy rhythms. Plena Libre brilliantly combines a swinging rhythm section, horns, vocals, and dance to create an electrifying stage presentation that is both profoundly Puerto Rican and universally appealing. 7pm, Wagner Park, Battery Place and West Street. Free.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 29**

### **Chris Velan**

#### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

From the folk-rock of his youth, through the reggae of his college days, to time spent in Africa, Chris Velan has created a unique collection of songs that inspire repeat listening. Not often will you find an artist that juxtaposes the horror of sectarian strife with the hopeful musings of errant love. Thursday, July 29, 12:30pm, World Financial Center Plaza, 220 Vesey Street. Also, Friday, July 30 at 12:30pm, One New York Plaza, Water Street between Whitehall and Broad Streets. Free.

## **FRIDAY, JULY 30**

### **Avi Buffalo and Chad VanGalen**

#### **Seaport Music**

Avi Buffalo, the adopted name of nineteen year-old singer/songwriter/guitarist Avigdor Zahner-Isenberg, began as a solo act, but now includes the talented Rebecca Coleman (keyboards, vocals), Arin Fazio (bass) and Sheridan Riley (drums). The Guardian (UK) dubbed the band's self-titled debut album "one of 2010's most startlingly lovable albums." Recalling Neil Young at his most fragile and plaintive, and Thurston Moore at his most resolved and vital, Chad VanGalen completes the night. 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## **AUGUST**

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4**

### **Tiempo Libre and Julito Martinez: Una Noche Cubana, Trova con Timba**

#### **Presented by Arts World Financial Center**

Tiempo Libre, three-time Grammy®-nominated Cuban masters, team up with their compatriot, Cuban troubador Julito Martinez, for an unforgettable night of sensual, irresistible Cuban sounds combining the rich jazz harmonies and seductive rhythmic pulse of timba with the poetry and lyricism of trova. 7pm, World Financial Center Winter Garden, 220 Vesey Street; 212.945.0505. Free.

### **Conjunto Imagen**

#### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Founded in 1989 by Ernie Acevedo and Junior Rivera, Conjunto Imagen has recorded twelve albums and performed at a number of high-profile locations including Gracie Mansion, Lincoln Center and the NBC Rainbow Room. 7pm, Wagner Park, Battery Place and West Street. Free.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 5**

### **Tremenda Rumba! Tiempo Libre with Guest Drummers, Román Díaz, Pedrito Martinez & Marvin Diaz**

#### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Tiempo Libre, the three-time Grammy®-nominated Cuban music group known for its joyful, incendiary, dance-inducing performances of timba music, which mixes jazz harmonies with driving, hypnotic Afro-Cuban beats, joins forces with master drummers Roman Diaz, Pedrito Martinez and Marvin Dias for a night of Rumba! – the ultimate Afro-Cuban dance party. Strictly “BYOD” – bring your own drum and join in! 7pm, Rockefeller Park, River Terrace and Warren Street. Free.

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6**

### **YACHT**

#### **Seaport Music**

YACHT, formed in 2002 by Jona Bechtolt and Claire L. Evans, who claim Portland and Marfa, Texas as homes, is best known for combining music with live visual shamanistic, video, audio and PowerPoint performance. Driven to change drastically every six months, or die, the 2010 version bears no resemblance, except biologically, to previous versions. 6pm, South Street Seaport, Pier 17. Free.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**

### **Nino Segarra and his Orchestra**

#### **Presented by Battery Park City Authority**

Nino Segarra, renowned Puerto Rican singer, arranger, musician, composer and producer, has recorded arrangements with diverse orchestras all across Puerto Rico. “Esa Mujer” and “Como Amigos si, Como Amantes no” are among the countless songs that have made him a star in the world of salsa.

7pm, Wagner Park, Battery Place and West Street. Free.

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### **About The River To River Festival**

The River To River Festival is presented by a collaboration of Lower Manhattan’s major cultural event producers including the Alliance for Downtown New York, Arts World Financial Center, Battery Park City Authority, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and The Seaport. Co-presenters for the 2010 season are the Joyce Theater and IMG Artists. All partners are firmly committed to using the arts as a tool for economic revitalization and the development of new audiences for the arts.

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