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**ARTS WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER SERVES UP FREE LUNCHTIME MUSIC**

**SERIES, JULY 7–29, AS PART OF THE RIVER TO RIVER FESTIVAL**

*Midday musical feast to showcase artists of all genres, from jazz and blues to folk and flamenco, in Lower Manhattan*

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**New York, New York – June 18, 2010** – Giving downtown New Yorkers a reason to go out for lunch, Arts World Financial Center will present a month-long series of midday outdoor concerts in Lower Manhattan throughout July as part of the River To River Festival.

Named “one of the city’s most compelling summer series” by *The New York Times*, the River To River Festival is New York’s largest free summer arts festival. The Festival draws hundreds of thousands of people each year to venues throughout Lower Manhattan.

The midday series will take place from July 7th through July 29th at various venues in Lower Manhattan, including the World Financial Center Plaza, One New York Plaza, and Zuccotti Park. The lineup features a hearty sampling of musical genres, from jazz piano prodigy Emmet Cohen to blues guitarist Jason Green to violin-guitar duo Left on Red to Gimagua’s Afro-Cuban/flamenco mix.

The concerts are:

**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.

**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.

#### **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, One New York Plaza, Water Street between Whitehall & Broad Streets. 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 between Cedar and Liberty Streets. Free.

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 22**

##### **KJ Denhert**

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

KJ Denhert 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 Friday, July 23, 12:30pm at One New York Plaza, Water Street between Whitehall and Broad Streets. 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.

#### **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. 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.

The full River To River Festival schedule can be found at [www.RiverToRiverNYC.com](http://www.RiverToRiverNYC.com).

Founded in 2002 with funding by American Express to help revitalize Lower Manhattan after September 11th, 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.

### **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.

Free admission to River To River® events is underwritten by a wide range of funders led by the Festival's Founding Sponsor, American Express.

Major support is provided by the Festival's Producing Partners, including NBC Local Media New York and WNYC New York Public Radio. Vital support comes from our Supporting Funders, including Century 21 Department Stores, EmblemHealth, JetBlue Airways, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council, Target, and The Village Voice. Participating Funders are CB Richard Ellis, The Moody's Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, New York Marriott Downtown, New York State Council on the Arts, New York Stock Exchange Foundation, Pace University, and TKTS Seaport.

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