

Tedeschi Trucks Band hosts food drive at July 12 Artpark concert

Tedeschi Trucks Band – the Grammy Award-winning 12-piece rock and soul band headed by Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi – has partnered with Artpark and Osteria 166 / Stockthefreezer.com to host a food drive at the July 12 concert in Lewiston. Proceeds will benefit FeedMore WNY.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring nonperishable food donations. Collection boxes will be located at the upper and lower gate entrances from 3-8 p.m.

Most needed items are: cereal, peanut or other nut butters, canned protein (tuna/chicken), canned soups, stews and chili, canned fruit and vegetables, canned or dried beans, pasta and rice, spaghetti sauce, baby food, formula and diapers.

“Tedeschi Trucks Band has a long history of playing at Artpark and in Western New York,” said Dave Wedekindt, Artpark’s vice president of concerts and marketing. “We know they have big hearts and a huge fanbase so, with more than 5,000 fans expected for the concert, we knew we could make a difference together and help our neighbors in need.”

Tedeschi Trucks Band performs July 12 at Artpark in Lewiston. (Photo by David McClister/courtesy of On Tour PR)

The July 12 concert at Artpark features Tedeschi Trucks Band, Los Lobos and Gabe Dixon. Tickets are still available at the box office (450 S. Fourth St.) and online. For more information, visit www.artpark.net.

FeedMore WNY’s food bank and Meals on Wheels programs have been feeding the community for a combined history of more than 90 years. In 2020, the Meals on Wheels program provided approximately 1.4 million meals to homebound neighbors and through congregating sites. A food bank program distributed more than 17 million pounds of nutritious fresh and shelf-stable foods to nearly 300 pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and other hunger-relief agencies throughout Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties.

Tedeschi Trucks Band is a powerhouse ensemble led by the husband/wife duo of guitarist Derek Trucks and singer/guitar-



ist Susan Tedeschi, “two of the best roots rock musicians of their generation” (NPR). With their own potent original songwriting, alongside an extensive canon of

influences, the all-star band owns a reputation for world-class musical expression bolstered by each album and every performance. The band’s new project, “I Am

The Moon,” is comprised of four albums and four companion films to be released throughout the summer of 2022.

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New jazz festival to debut in Falls

2022 Niagara Falls Jazz Fest presented by Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, Pappy Martin Legacy Jazz Collective & Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative

The Niagara Falls National Heritage Area and the Pappy Martin Legacy Jazz Collective are announcing the first Niagara Falls Jazz Fest will take place from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at Beloved Community Center (lawn), 1710 Calumet Ave., Niagara Falls.

Organizer said, “This event is a free community concert that highlights ‘Women in Jazz,’ and reflects on the influential history of jazz and music in Niagara Falls.”

Attendees can enjoy rhythmic performances by Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame Inductee Marsha McWilson, and Curtis Lundy and Umoja, featuring Harpist Cassie Watson Francillon. Food trucks Dirty Bird, Cater 2 U Kitchen, and Buffalo Burger Bros will serve their signature fares, and sweet treats will be available from 6-8 p.m. from Kona Ice and The Yummmm Truck.

The Niagara Falls Jazz Fest

was created in collaboration with Dawn Berry-Walker, daughter of jazz legend James “Pappy” Martin, and founder of the Pappy Martin Masten Jazz Festival. Pappy Martin and his brother, John “Spider” Martin, grew up in the Highland neighborhood of Niagara Falls, and famously played at renowned establishments including the Ontario House. To highlight Spider Martin’s story, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area commissioned Buffalo artist Edreys Wajed, in 2019, to create a mural of Spider Martin along Main Street, bringing his story into public space for the first time.

Honoring the Martins’ legacy, the Niagara Falls Jazz Fest will present its annual festival by celebrating women of jazz whose musical influence sparked a movement like no other.

“Musical storytelling resounds throughout our community, and we are excited for people to come

together to enjoy notes by jazz greats such as Marsha McWilson and Cassie Watson Francillon,” says Saladin Allah, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area project coordinator. “It will be an event not to miss.”

This concert is open to everyone. Attendees can bring a lawn chair or blanket and settle in for an early evening performance of jazz. For more information, visit the website.

A press release added, “For more opportunities to experience the power of women in jazz following the Niagara Falls Jazz Fest on Sunday, July 17, check out the Pappy Martin Legacy Masten Jazz Festival, taking place on July 24 and 31 at the Buffalo Museum of Science.”

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