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### **FREE JAZZ ON THE PLAZA CONCERT SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13**

The Jazz Series presented by Cornerstone at the Plaza, a new addition to the Summer at the Plaza series of events, will feature free Wednesday evening performances from 5 to 7:30 by Alex Torres on September 13 and Hot Club of Saratoga on September 20.

The performance stage will be located between The Egg and the Corning Tower. The viewing area will include Cornerstone at the Plaza's patio where the restaurant's patrons can order and enjoy food and drinks while watching the musicians perform. Those who don't plan on sitting on the patio should come prepared with their own chairs.

**Alex Torres** is a Bronx-born bassist who formed a Latin orchestra in Amsterdam, N.Y. in 1980. Torres performs an original blend of Afro-Caribbean rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Cha-cha, Bomba, Plena, and Latin jazz at hundreds of festivals and other events annually.

**Hot Club of Saratoga** is the Saratoga-Capital Region's premier swing ensemble. Playing a repertoire that reflects the spirit and style originated in the 1930s and kept alive through a long line of hot club swing artists since that time. The driving rhythms under dynamic soloing give the Hot Club of Saratoga's music a life and vibrancy sure to bring a smile and often an irresistible desire to move.

Cornerstone at the Plaza will have a special menu for the jazz series, and the bar inside will be open for happy hour until 7:30 p.m. when the concerts end. Beer will also be served by a vendor on the Plaza to adults with proper identification.

Concertgoers are not allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages, coolers (defined as rigid insulated containers), or glass containers of any kind onto the Plaza.

Free parking in the East Garage begins at 4 p.m. Paid parking is also available at the visitor or V lot underneath the plaza.

For additional information on Summer at the Plaza events, including ground rules and parking locations, visit our website at [www.empirestateplaza.org](http://www.empirestateplaza.org). For event updates, people can follow @plazaevents on Twitter, visit Empire State Plaza on facebook, or call (518) 474-4759.

**About Cornerstone at the Plaza:** Cornerstone at the Plaza offers an elegant event space at the base of the Egg on the Empire State Plaza. Whether you are looking to host your dream wedding, corporate cocktail reception or fundraiser, or an afternoon luncheon, this versatile event space will allow you to host up to 250 guests. Floor to ceiling glass windows offer a stunning 360 view of downtown Albany and the Empire State Plaza, and will provide a gorgeous

sunset backdrop for your early evening cocktail reception. Please contact our event planners for more details at (518) 463-0568 or visit our website at [www.cornerstoneattheplaza.com](http://www.cornerstoneattheplaza.com).

In addition to Cornerstone at the Plaza, the Jazz Series sponsors include CDTA, Renaissance Albany Hotel, Allstate, The Spot 518, and 88.3-FM The Saint.

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