July 31 – August 6

Music, Arts & Entertainment

July 31 – August 1: Carnegie Art Festival: A Virtual Art Experience
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In lieu of an in-person art festival, the Carnegie Art Center (CAC) will host the Carnegie Art Festival: A Virtual Art Experience on their website where visitors can browse and purchase artwork, crafts, and other handmade items created by hundreds of artists from the comfort of their own homes. The website will be laid out as an online gallery where visitors can easily click on images and visit artists’ websites to purchase artwork. Join the CAC for this unique opportunity to browse, support, and celebrate the arts.

July 31, August 3-6: Flight of Five Lock Tenders Tour ($)
Erie Canal Discovery Center, 24 Church St., Lockport / 716-495-7998
11am. Learn all about the people who labored and lived on the waters of the Erie Canal on this 1 1/2-hour walking tour. Listen to the stories of the drivers, boat crews and captains, longshoremen, lock tenders and how they impacted the "artificial river" as it moved people and freight across New York State and celebrate their contributions. Each guest will have an opportunity to step into the shoes of a Flight of Five Lock Tender and go to work to move the balance beams, to open the gates and allow the "Erie Traveler" to pass through the restored locks! Reservations required. Tour starts at the Erie Canal Discovery Center.

August 1: Strawberry Moon Festival
Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375
3pm. Artpark’s Strawberry Moon Festival celebrates the Native American traditions and culture that are deeply rooted in Artpark’s grounds and surrounding region. As part of a new adapted festival program, Artpark will host a special event to unveil the Native American Peace Garden: A reflection space for healing, celebrating and tranquility. The celebration will begin with the traditional Thanksgiving Address, songs, and a special Wampum Belt Gifting ceremony to Artpark and will also feature storytelling, music and other performances, and special talks / Q&A sessions. The free event is open to the public and in order to adhere to current social gathering/distancing guidelines, we request that interested attendees RSVP in advance. Capacity is limited to 50.

August 1: Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises
Main St., Olcott
5-8pm. Cars are parked and hoods raised. Come check out your favorite classic cars as they fill Main Street. Family fun for all ages.

August 1: Live at the Drive ($) Transit Drive-In, 6655 S Transit Rd., Lockport / 716-625-8535
2pm. Presented by Buffalo Iron Works and Transit Drive-In, this drive-in concert series features Tropidicale with Daze Ago. General Admission and VIP tickets available. Gates open at 1pm.

August 2: Jazz & Art in the Vineyard ($) Spring Lake Winery, 7373 Rochester Rd., Lockport / 716-439-5253
2-8pm. Grab a glass of wine, sit by the lake, and enjoy music by some of the greatest local Jazz musicians. Due to the latest Covid-19 regulations in New York State given on July 16, 2020, all patrons who wish to consume alcohol must purchase food. In complying with the latest regulations Spring Lake Winery's Jazz Fest now has a “Ticket + Food” Option available with preset ticket and food item pricing. Those who do not wish to drink are encouraged to purchase a general admission ticket. Bring a chair and dress for the weather, as this is an outdoor event.

August 2: Music in the Woods Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375
4pm. Music in the Woods is a series of FREE, eclectic and intimate Sunday performances set outdoors in Artpark’s scenic Lower Park Emerald Grove area (unless noted otherwise), overlooking the Niagara River. This social distanced concert features UB Faculty Jazz Quartet. Attendance is free but limited. RSVP no later than 24 hours prior to reserve your spot by emailing artpark@artpark.net.

August 2: Drum Circle with Stephen Bell Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375
2pm. Join this free drum circle, set outdoors Artpark’s scenic Lower Park Emerald Grove area, led by Stephen Bell of Unity Through Rhythm. Chairs and drums will be provided. Participants are also welcome to bring their own. Attendance is free but limited. RSVP no later than 24 hours prior to reserve your spot by emailing artpark@artpark.net.

August 4: Drive-In Film Series at Artpark ($) Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375
8pm. Projected on LED screens, watch Almost Famous at Artpark. Audio for the films will be transmitted via car FM radio. Gates open one hour prior to showtime. Tickets will be sold in advance only. All guests must remain inside of their vehicles at all times, except for bathroom breaks and to visit the snack bar. All guests must wear a face mask whenever they are in a public area within 6 feet of other guests.

August 5: Animal Tales: Sea Snails ($) Aquarium of Niagara, 701 Whirlpool St., Niagara Falls / 716-285-3575
9:30am. Have you ever picked up a shell and noticed a slimy body inside? Join the Aquarium as they talk about what kind of animal a snail is and why. Enjoy story time, color a sea snail, and meet a resident sea snail! This class is for children ages 2-7. Parents are asked to participate with your child and provide technical assistance throughout the program. This is a virtual program that takes place with other online participants and is a split screen experience. The staff will interact live with you through a video conference, while also leading you through a digital lesson.

August 6: Drive-In Film Series at Artpark ($) Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375
7:30pm. Projected on LED screens, watch Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets at Artpark. Audio for the films will be transmitted via car FM radio. Gates open one hour prior to showtime. Tickets will be sold in advance only. All guests must remain inside of their vehicles at all times, except for bathroom breaks and to visit the snack bar. All guests must wear a face mask whenever they are in a public area within 6 feet of other guests.

August 6: Live at the Drive: Concert & Movie Combo Night ($) Transit Drive-In, 6655 S Transit Rd., Lockport / 716-625-8535
4:30pm. This themed drive-in concert and movie combo series features local and regional bands followed by a movie. Grateful Dead Night – Workingman’s Dead with Spinial Tap. Gates open at 4:30pm.

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Outdoors

August 1: Saturdays in the Park
Niagara Falls State Park, Niagara Falls / 716-282-5154
10am. It’s Saturday, and there is nothing better than a morning walk on Goat Island! Enjoy the views and listen to some fun facts and stories about the oldest state park in the country. Registration required. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.
August 1-2: Art of Walking ($)  
Artpark, 450 South 4th St., Lewiston / 716-754-4375  
Sat., 4pm & 6:30pm | Sun., 4pm. Much more than a traditional walking tour, the Art of Walking is a moving meditation combining walking, stillness, listening and site-specific performance in which all are active participants exploring the nature, poetry and story of Artpark. Two trained performers will lead groups of up to ten and headphones will be provided through which you may listen to your guides, ambient sounds and music of the park. In addition to sanitation measures, all participants will be required to wear masks and socially distance at check-in and for the duration of the tour. Participants will meet in at the picnic shelter nearest the Emerald Grove/Percussion Garden area. An option for a picnic shelter meal will be offered for purchase upon pre-registration.

Culinary

August 6: Food Truck Thursdays! ($)  
Niagara Falls Train Station, 825 Depot Ave West, Niagara Falls  
11am – 1:30pm. Take a Mobile Lunch Break at Food Truck Thursdays! Featuring Steaksters. While you are there, visit the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, located inside the Train Station, and the new murals along neighboring Main Street. Food Truck schedule subject to change. Rain or shine; seating inside and out. Customers must follow Covid-19 Safety Guidelines.

Shopping

July 31, August 3, 5: Niagara Falls City Market  
Market Square, 15th St., and Pine Ave., Niagara Falls  
8am – 3pm. Fresh fruit and vegetable market every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

August 1: Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market  
Academy Park, 841 Center St., Lewiston / 716-579-4838  
9am – 1pm. The Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market celebrates the regions’ local farmers and artisans. Each week vendors will be offering a vast array of fruits, vegetables, hand crafted jewelry and so much more.

August 1, 4, 6: North Tonawanda City Market  
Corner of Payne Ave., & Robinson St., North Tonawanda  
7am – 1pm. Fresh produce, flowers, pastries and more.