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Mayor Pappas Announces Line-Up For "North Tonawanda's Rockin' On The River" Concert Series at Gratwick Riverside Park

NORTH TONAWANDA - Mayor Arthur G. Pappas has announced the line-up for the four-concert series entitled "North Tonawanda's Rockin' On The River" at Gratwick Riverside Park on Fridays, July 10th, July 17th, July 31st, and August 7th.

The featured bands scheduled for the 2015 concert series will include; USS, SOJA, Lou Gramm, and Warren Haynes with Railroad Earth who will play at what is regarded as one of the most beautiful venues along the Niagara River.

All of the concerts will be free for everyone attending, and VIP passes will be available for purchase from the concert website www.ntrockinontheriver.com. There will be a \$5 charge for parking at the park for all of the concerts. Food and beverage will be sold at the venue, and no food, backpacks, or coolers will be permitted at the park for this event. Kathy Paradowski from Canal Concerts, Inc. is the promoter for this concert. Miller Light, The DDS Companies, WKBW-Channel 7, Mainstreethost, Coca-Cola, Transitowne Auto Group, Dwyer's Irish Pub, Lumber City Development Corporation, Painters Plus, KIPO Automotive Group, Tread City Tire, Lipsitz Green Scime & Cambria, Taylor Devices, Remington Lofts on the Canal, Double Tree Hotels, Lafarge, Modern Corporation, along with other sponsors, will also be participating in this summer event.

Mayor Pappas stated, "I am happy to announce that the concerts will continue at Gratwick Riverside Park for the fourth year in a row with the new name "*North Tonawanda's Rockin' On The River*." Last year, nearly 35,000 people attended the four concerts here in North Tonawanda, and having the shows move to Fridays this year will continue to make this concert series a great success."

USS (Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker) is a Canadian alternative dance musical duo that began working out of Parkdale, a neighborhood situated in the west end of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The band is composed of vocalist, guitarist, and erhu player Ashley Buchholz (aka Ash Boo-Schultz) and turntablist/hype man Jason "Human Kebab" Parsons. The USS sound is a mixture of drum and bass beats, grunge-like riffs, and 2-step rhythms.

SOJA, formerly known as Soldiers of Jah Army, is an American Grammy-nominated reggae band based in Arlington, Virginia. Formed in 1997, their music is currently produced under ATO Records. The eight-member band has released a number of singles, albums, and DVDs, including *SOJA – Live in Hawaii*. Their third full-length album *Born in Babylon* peaked at #11 on the Top Heatseekers chart, while their 2012 album *Strength to Survive* topped the Billboard Reggae Album Chart. The band continues to tour and record new music.

Lou Gramm is an American rock vocalist and songwriter best known for being the original lead singer and co-writer of many of the songs for the rock band Foreigner. He also had a successful solo career. Gramm was the vocalist for many top-40 hits including "Cold as Ice", "Waiting for a Girl Like You", "I Want to Know What Love Is", "I Don't Want to Live Without You", and his solo hit "Midnight Blue." In 2009, the Lou Gramm Band released a self-titled Christian rock album.

Warren Haynes is an American rock and blues guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. Haynes is best known for his work as longtime guitarist with The Allman Brothers Band and as founding member of the jam band Gov't Mule. Early in his career he was a guitarist for David Allan Coe and The Dickey Betts Band. Haynes also is known for his associations with the surviving members of The Grateful Dead, including touring with Phil Lesh and Friends and The Dead. In addition, Haynes founded and manages Evil Teen Records.

Railroad Earth is a roots and Americana-based newgrass band from Stillwater, New Jersey. Railroad Earth's music combines elements of bluegrass, rock and roll, jazz, celtic, and more, and the group is also known for its extensive live improvisation and lyrical songwriting within an acoustic base. In 2014, Railroad Earth released their seventh album, "Last of the Outlaws," to rave reviews from media and fans alike. The members of Railroad Earth have also released numerous solo albums.

Parking at Gratwick Riverside Park will open up at 2PM on the day of each concert. Additional information such as start times, names of opening bands, VIP passes, etc. can be found at www.ntrockinontheriver.com.

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