



ECHDC Announces Grants for 2013 Buffalo River Programming

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The waterfront is coming alive with each passing summer season. We've see advancements at the Inner Harbor, the Outer Harbor, parks along Black Rock Channel, the Erie Basin Marina, and of course The Buffalo River. To add to the momentum, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) has announced a chunk of funding that will be allocated to a number of organizations so that they may conduct programming along the Buffalo River. By taking full advantage of access sites that have recently come into play, the hope is to connect the dots by activating parcels of land that are now on the radar of the collective Buffalo community.

The Arts Services Initiative has made its recommendation for the 2013 Buffalo River Assisted Programming grants, meaning that activities will begin to unfold starting in July. "The Buffalo River is an ideal place for entertainment, educational, recreational and related experiences and these recommendations capitalize on the community's desire to enhance this outdoor space."

For anyone not familiar with ASI, Buffalo Rising posted [this article](#) earlier in the year. "The sites along the Buffalo River, such as Silo City, River Fest Park, and the new Mutual Riverfront Park, are quickly becoming a hub for creative and cutting edge programming that ranges from family and community events to major programs by some of our leading cultural organizations," said ASI Executive Director Tod A. Kniazuk. "Only along the Buffalo River will you see a performance by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, a commemoration of the historic Tewksbury incident, and poetry and performance art among the grain elevators. ASI would like to thank the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation for the opportunity to enhance the river area with such diverse programs and activities."

Programs include:

Wellness on the Water (Valley Community Association, Inc.) Buffalo River Fest Park - Yoga classes every Monday in July, August, & September (except Labor Day)

Historic Tours by a Native Old 1st Warder (Valley Community Association, Inc.) Mutual Riverfront Park - Every Tuesday in July; August 1, 3, 8, 15; September 7; & October 5

Rockin' on the River (Valley Community Association, Inc.) Buffalo River Fest Park - Every Wednesday in July & August; & September 4 & 13

Explore & More Imagination Playground (Explore & More Children's Museum) Buffalo River Fest Park & Father Conway Park - July 13 & September 7 & 14

Two Row Cultural Canoe Paddle (Neto Hatinakwe Onkwehowe) Buffalo River Fest Park - July 14

Adult & Youth Learn to Row Summer Program (Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association) 301 Ohio Street, Boat House | July 15-27 & August 5-17

Sketching & Photography Field Trips (Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes) Silo City & Mutual Riverfront Park - July 20, 27 & August 3

From Earth to Sky (Buffalo Aerial Dance and New ALT Theatre) Buffalo River Fest Park - July 29

Family Movie Nights (Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources) Buffalo River Fest Park - August 6 & 13

City of Night (Emerging Leaders in the Arts Buffalo) Silo City - August 17

Motion Picture (Torn Space Theatre) Silo City & Mutual Riverfront Park - August 23 & 24

Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Presents Van Taylor (Buffalo Music Hall of Fame) Buffalo River Fest Park - August 27

Grain Dances, Steel Floats (David Butler) Mutual Riverfront Park - August 31 & September 1

My Future Ex: Float My Resident (University at Buffalo Art Galleries) Various sites along the Buffalo River including Mutual Riverfront Park - September 2 to September 28

Ghost Ships and the Flood: Remembering the Tewksbury Incident (Valley Community Association, Inc.) Buffalo River Fest Park - September 7

Friends of Harmony Concert (Friends of Harmony) Buffalo River Fest Park - September 10

Hallwalls River Fest Concert (Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center) Buffalo River Fest Park - September 12

BPO at River Fest Park (Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra) Buffalo River Fest Park - September 22

100,000 Poets & Artists for Change (Just Buffalo Literary Center) Silo City - September 28

Pyromancy Fire Performance Troupe will also perform at several events at Buffalo River Fest Park and Mutual Riverfront Park in July and August.

A complete listing can be found at: <http://www.asiwny.org/programs/buffalo-river-programming/>

**ASI recommends 21 grant applications for a total of 75 programs, allocating the full \$64,500 allotted in its contract with ECHDC and far exceeding the goal of 30 programs.*

<http://buffalorising.com/2013/07/echdc-announces-grants-for-2013-buffalo-river-programming/>