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DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES NEW FALL MUSIC SERIES

Albany Street Plaza Will Host Midday Performances Including Classical, Chamber, Doo-Wop, Inventive Instrumental and 1920's Jazz

(September 24, 2014) – Lower Manhattan will become a destination for midday live music performances this October, with the launch of a new outdoor performance series. The performances will take place at the newly opened Albany Street plaza, just one block from the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. The concerts will run daily throughout the month of October, through October 30th, and will take place between 12:00 and 2:00 pm.

“This October, Albany Plaza will broadcast the sounds of a virtuoso dulcimer player, the rhythmic harmonies of doo-wop vocals, melodic tunes of classical strings and hot jazz that will make you want to get up and dance,” said Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin. “We’re bringing incredible talent to Lower Manhattan’s doorstep, a perfect way to kick off the fall season.”

Participating musicians and groups include:

(Mondays) **Members of the Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra** – Members from the orchestra, comprised of 25 top musicians, will perform in small ensembles. The Knickerbocker Orchestra performs classical orchestral pieces throughout Lower Manhattan, in addition to providing education outreach programs. The Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra is a meshing of the old and new – classical music played by top contemporary musicians, in the fast-growing neighborhoods of old New York, among cobblestone streets and skyscrapers alike.



(Tuesdays) **House of Waters** – This innovative three-person ensemble embraces the multi-layered sounds of the world and consists of virtuoso dulcimer, percussion and six string electric base players. Their unique style amazes and entertains, and the power of their music is infectious.



(Wednesdays) **The Tin Pan Band** – The five-man group describes themselves as Ray Charles and Tom Waits at a Bourbon Street Parade. Tin Pan plays 1920’s style swing, jump and blues that is truly accessible and a joy to

experience. The band has been praised by The New York Times and their powerful, lively music has generated a strong following.



(Thursdays) ***Spank Doo-Wop*** – The quartet of superb vocal talent first began performing more than 20 years ago. One of the hardest working doo-wop groups around, they bring their strong talent for harmony to their performances of the great R&B music of the 1960's.

(Fridays) ***Members of The Greenwich Village Orchestra*** – For the past 25 years, the 70-person orchestra of amateur and part-time musicians has brought the best possible performances of music to its audiences. The Orchestra's performances are emotionally charged, exhilarating and truly delight. Members of the orchestra will offer a variety of small group ensembles



The musical performances are part of continued programming at Albany Plaza, opened earlier this month. The plaza also features some of the region's freshest food offerings at a weekly GrowNYC greenmarket and daily outdoor gaming including table tennis, giant Connect Four, shuffleboard, corn hole and miniature golf. The plaza is open daily from 8 am until dusk.

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