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## Media Advisory: Locktoberfest Events Along New York's Canals

The Annual Celebration of the Fall Harvest Season Will Take Place in Lockport, Phoenix, Rome, and Fort Edward

The New York State Canal Corporation today announced Locktoberfest – an annual celebration of the community, history, and bountiful harvest produced by local vendors along the New York State Canal system kicks-off this weekend. Locktoberfest events will be held in <u>Lockport</u> and <u>Rome</u> along the Erie Canal, <u>Phoenix</u> along the Oswego Canal, and in <u>Fort Edward</u> on the Champlain Canal. Each event will feature community markets, art exhibits, craft beer and wine tastings, canal lock demonstrations and musical entertainment.

#### Event Schedule:

# Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10 am to 7 pm Canal Street, Lockport

Celebrate the Erie Canal and the community of Lockport that was built on its banks during this festival of food and artisan markets, demonstrations, special partner events, and exclusive dining options. Activities include the Flight of Five Locks demonstration, Locks District tours, and more.

# Saturday, September 30, 2023, 11 am to 10 pm State Street, Phoenix

Enjoy six bands on two stages; plus 75 vendors, crafters, and food trucks; pony rides; children's games; and a large fireworks display to celebrate the Oswego Canal and the

arts. Phoenix's Locktoberfest was the Winner of the 2019 SAMMY People's Choice Award for Best Music Festival.

### Saturday, October 7, 2023, 12 pm to 4 pm Bellamy Harbor Park, Rome

Head to the waterfront to enjoy live music, an artisan craft fair, arts and activities for children as well as local craft beer. Inflatables for the kids. Yoga & wellness booths. Music by 'Trigger Finger.'

### Saturday, October 14, 2023, 12 pm to 5 pm Canal Street Marketplace, Fort Edward

Celebrate the autumn harvest and the Champlain Canal Bicentennial on the grounds of the Canal Street Marketplace, a renovated nineteenth century canal barn. The festival features regional farm and artisan products, educational booths, fabulous food, free horse and wagon rides, a local beer tasting tent, and live music.

All Locktoberfest events are co-sponsored by the <u>Canal Corporation</u> and the <u>Erie</u> <u>Canalway National Heritage Corridor</u>.

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#### About the New York State Canal Corporation

New York's Canal system includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga – Seneca. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes and Lake Champlain. The canals form the backbone of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and connect hundreds of unique and historic communities.

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