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Cortland Main Street Music Series turns up for 2019

Free local music series to feature local, regional, national and international talent in July

{Cortland, New York} – The Cortland Main Street Music Series continues to grow with its 2019 line-up featuring the best in local talent and world-class bands. A total of 12 groups will grace the CFCU Community Credit Union stage over the course of four free concerts, taking place in the city lot between 64-76 Main Street Cortland. The series celebrates sixteen years of bringing local, regional and national acts to Downtown Cortland with genres ranging from rock, americana, folk, country, Celtic rock, blues and many points in between. Gates open at 5pm for all shows and music begins at 5:30pm every Friday in July.

The series will kick off on Friday, July 5th with the local duo of Grammy-award winner Lonnie Park and fellow internationally touring artist John West. The Fall Creek Brass Band follows with the sounds of New Orleans via Ithaca, NY and headlining the night is The Alternate Routes, from Connecticut. The Alternate Routes' music has been featured in placements from television shows to the Olympics, and the band has also made numerous appearances on late night television, including "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien".

The second week of the series follows on July 12th with local Americana rock band The Beauchesnes (bo-Shaynz) and fellow Cortland rockers, The Cousins, a brand new local group fronted by the songwriting and singing combo of Quona Hudson and Clint Bush. Headlining the night is the internationally acclaimed Todd Hobin Band from Syracuse. Their music has been called 'Distinctly American' and makes a timely arrival in town to coincide with SUNY Cortland Alumni Weekend. Having performed on the SUNY campus more than any other band in the school's history, the group returns as part of a collaboration with their Music Legacy group's unveiling of a commemorative sculpture for this year's alumni weekend celebrations.

The series turns up a little more the third week, when Enter The Haggis headlines the Friday, July 19th show. Based in Toronto, Canada, the high-energy band of Celtic-rockers combines bagpipes and fiddles with a rock rhythm section to create a distinctively eclectic sound, praised by The Boston Globe, The Washington Post and many others. The show opens up with the Starmer Brothers, a staple of the Cortland music scene with a legacy as long as their extensive repertoire of songs that effortlessly blends rock, jazz and blues music. Immediately after the Starmer brothers, The Old Main will take the stage. Hailing from the Adirondack region, the band has drawn favorable comparisons to the Avett Brothers with their brand of foot-stomping folk and alt-Americana music.

The final night of the series cranks things up even higher on July 26th with headliner Brandon "Taz" Niederauer, a virtuosic guitar prodigy making waves on the national festival circuit. The sixteen-year-old, nicknamed "Taz" for his ferocious guitar playing, is living proof that dreams really do come true. Having performed in some of the most legendary venues in America, the young guitarist has shared the stage with greats such as Buddy Guy, the Tedeschi Trucks Band, Umphrey's Magee, and Twiddle among many more. The opening sets of the night will feature a solo performance by Marc Ryan, front man for Tribal Revival and fixture of the local music scene, followed by Mike Powell and the Black River. Mike Powell became a lacrosse legend at Syracuse University before going pro and becoming the most decorated college lacrosse player in the history of the sport. Powell left his life in athletics years later to pursue a full-time career in music, quickly earning critical acclaim and a devoted following of fans for his masterful storytelling and soulful delivery of country, rock, blues, and heartfelt Americana music.

The City of Cortland, home of the Main Street Music Series, is centrally located in the scenic seven valleys of Central New York. Historically known as the Crown City, for its position as the highest elevation city in the state, Cortland is a gateway to the Finger Lakes Region and destination spot for live music and cultural events. The Cortland Main Street Music Series, presented by CFCU Community Credit Union, is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to enrich Cortland's culture and contribute to a vital downtown by providing an annual series of concerts by local, regional and national artists. More information can be found by following the series on Facebook and Instagram or by visiting their website at www.MainStreetMusicSeries.com.

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