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**RE: Factory Court Concert Series Announced**

**Main Street Volunteers Announce Factory Court 2010 Brown Baggers Lunchtime Concert Series Schedule**

Mandy Barstow, chair of the Promotion Committee at Rochester Main Street is pleased to announce the schedule for the inaugural Factory Court Brown Baggers Concert Series. The 2010 concerts are made possible through a generous donation from underwriter Citizens Bank, with additional sponsorships from Federal Savings Bank and Rochester Main Street. The entertainment includes a wide mix of instruments and styles; from Irish and French Canadian, to rock, folk, jazz, blues and even comedy. Concerts will take place on Fridays, starting July 9<sup>th</sup> and running until August 27<sup>th</sup> , from 11:45 until 1:30 pm in Factory Court on North Main Street. The audience is asked to bring a lawn chair and buy or bring a lunch to enjoy while listening to the music. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will take place at the Roberge Center, located just off Bridge Street and directly behind the North Main Street Businesses. Convenient parking is available at the Union Street, North Main Street or Congress Street Parking Lots. Barstow says” We hope that Rochester residents, visitors, and downtown employees will the enjoy the music and the new Factory Court and spend time downtown, and that these concerts are only possible through the generous support of Citizens Bank and Federal Savings Bank, both downtown institutions.” The concerts feature local and seacoast regional performers.

The 2010 Factory Court Brown Baggers Concert Series Schedule is as follows:

- Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>- Reaganta- Regina Delaney (Irish harp, vocals, dance and poetry) and Claudia Altimus(Vocals, pennywhistle and storytelling)

-Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Bill Cormier, Acoustic guitar, singer

-Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Long Marsh Trio, featuring Chuck Goeller

-Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> –Pat O’Brien, Irish Singer, Songwriter

-Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Lucie Therrien-French Canadian recording and video/dvd artist, Singer, Songwriter and storyteller

-Friday, August, 13<sup>th</sup> – Two For The Road- Acoustic Folk/Jazz/Rock/Comedy

-Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Linda Pouliot-Jazz/Blues, Accompanied by Greg Vrettos

-Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> –Ernest Whaley & Tom Hanlon, Singers, Songwriters, Acoustic Guitars

The mission of Rochester Main Street is working together to make Rochester a destination and a source of pride. Rather than an entitlement program, the Main Street Model is a grassroots effort, depending upon the work of volunteers to plan and execute projects and activities. The Rochester Main Street Program is sponsored by the National Main Street Center at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC. Rochester is one of only 14 New Hampshire Communities that have National Main Street Programs, the others being Berlin, Concord, Dover, Enfield, Hillsborough, Goffstown, Jaffrey, Laconia, Lisbon, Meredith, Milford, Ossipee, Plymouth, Tilton and Wilton. For more information on the Rochester Main Street Program, or to volunteer, donate, or make suggestions, please contact our office by calling 603-330-3208 or email at [director@rochestermainstreet.org](mailto:director@rochestermainstreet.org) .

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