

# NBT Bank Summer Concert Series Announces 2026 Lineup

## Free Thursday Concerts Return to East Park in Downtown Norwich from July 2 to August 27

NORWICH, N.Y. – (June 3, 2026) – The Chenango Blues Association has announced the 2026 lineup for the NBT Bank Summer Concert Series, bringing nationally touring artists to East Park in downtown Norwich, N.Y. every Thursday throughout July and August. All concerts are free and open to the public.

The annual series has become a signature summer tradition in Chenango County, welcoming residents and visitors alike to enjoy live music in a vibrant downtown setting. Weekly performances begin at 7:00 p.m. with a special double-header concert on August 20 that kicks off at 6:00 p.m. to kick off Chenango Blues Festival weekend.

“Each year, we work to build a lineup that offers something for everyone while staying true to the spirit of the series,” said Rachel Flanagan, treasurer of the Chenango Blues Association. “It’s incredibly rewarding to see East Park come alive with music and energy as people gather week after week to enjoy these performances together.”

“NBT Bank is proud to support a tradition that brings people into the heart of downtown Norwich and strengthens connections across the community,” said NBT Bank CEO Scott Kingsley. “Events like this not only create memorable experiences for residents but also help showcase the region and support local businesses throughout the summer.”

### 2026 NBT Bank Summer Concert Series Lineup

- **July 2 – Clay Street Unit** – Emerging band offering a fresh take on American roots music.
- **July 9 – The Dirty Dozen Brass Band** – Grammy Award-winning New Orleans ensemble celebrated for redefining brass band music with a fusion of jazz, funk and R&B.
- **July 16 – Robert Randolph** – Renowned sacred steel guitarist known for his high-energy performances blending rock, funk and gospel influences.
- **July 23 – Sierra Hull** – Acclaimed mandolinist and songwriter bringing a fresh, modern perspective to bluegrass music.
- **July 30 – The California Honeydrops** – A returning favorite delivering dynamic, improvisational performances rooted in soul, blues and R&B traditions.
- **August 6 – The Garcia Project** – A crowd favorite recreating the music and spirit of the Jerry Garcia Band.
- **August 13 – Eddie 9V** – Rising artist delivering soulful, vintage-inspired rock and roll.
- **August 20** – Chenango Blues Festival kicks off with a double-header starting at 6:00 p.m. and featuring **Desoto Tigers Testimony** and **John “Papa” Gros**, bringing a special evening of blues and New Orleans-inspired sounds.
- **August 27 – Shinyribs** – Known for their genre-blending sound and engaging live shows that mix roots music with humor and energy.

East Park provides an ideal setting for the series, offering a welcoming, family-friendly environment within walking distance of Norwich’s shops, restaurants and local businesses. Concertgoers can enjoy on-site food vendors, an outdoor beverage area with views of the stage, and opportunities to connect with artists following performances.

The series is made possible through the support of title sponsor NBT Bank, along with contributions from the Greater Norwich Foundation, the R.C. Smith Foundation and other local partners. “We’re grateful for the support that allows us to bring nationally recognized artists to Norwich and keep these concerts free for the community,” said Flanagan.

The Chenango Blues Association is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to presenting live music experiences “by fans, for fans.” In addition to the NBT Bank Summer Concert Series, the group produces the annual Chenango Blues Festival, now in its 33rd year, taking place August 21–22 at the Chenango County Fairgrounds. Headliners include Booker T. Jones, the Record Company and Charlie Musselwhite with GA 20.

For more information on the concert series and festival, visit [www.chenangobluesfest.org](http://www.chenangobluesfest.org).

All concerts are held rain or shine. Chenango County Parks are smoke-free, and attendees are asked to follow all posted guidelines. ➡