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Hochstein at High Falls Presents Virtual Concert on August 13

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ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Although the annual Hochstein at High Falls lunchtime concert series was cancelled this summer, the **Hochstein at High Falls Virtual Showcase** will take place on **Thursday, August 13 at 12:00 pm**. This online celebration of Rochester's historic High Falls district and local musicians will air on WXXI's and Hochstein's Facebook pages and will feature **John Dady, Hanna PK, and Womba Africa**. All three were on the schedule for this summer before the series had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

WXXI Classical 91.5's Mona Seghatoleslami hosts the concert, which will blend musical performances with live dialogues with each of the performers, giving insights into their music. The concert will also celebrate the Hochstein Centennial; the School was founded in 1920. Details on how to watch the live concert are posted on the Hochstein website at: <https://bit.ly/2WFLv8U>

Hochstein at High Falls concerts are presented by High Falls Business Association, The Hochstein School, and WXXI. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org or The Hochstein School Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HochsteinSchool and on Twitter @HochsteinSchool.

John Dady has been singing his way into our hearts since the 1970s when he and his brother Joe produced their first album as "The Dady Brothers." Many more albums followed, along with thousands of concerts throughout the eastern U.S. and across to Ireland, including numerous appearances at Hochstein at High Falls. Since Joe's untimely death in 2019, John has continued the tradition, performing solo or with several accomplished musician friends. Accompanying himself on guitar and ukulele, John has a vast repertoire of songs including original compositions, Irish and American folk songs, and popular tunes from the Big Band era to the Beatles and beyond. More info: <http://www.dadybros.com/index.html>

A 2019 International Blues Challenge Semi-Finalist, **Hanna PK** is a solid pianist, soulful vocalist, and vibrant performer who channels a wide variety of the blues and swing, old school folk, and

boogie-woogie, along with her original songs. She left her native South Korea and ended up in Rochester, NY, where she has become an active member of the local music scene. Her music tells a story, sometimes an age-old one, but she tells it from her unique perspective.

More info: <http://hannapk.com>

The eight-member **Womba Africa** came to the U.S. from Ghana in hopes of competing on “America’s Got Talent” and ended up in Rochester. They have been drumming and dancing, singing and playing in venues around town – although you’re as likely to see them playing now at the beach or in a park. Their joyful, exuberant music and dance draws an enthusiastic following. The group was founded by Fredrick Quaye Odai with a vision of promoting West African music and culture. More info: <https://www.democratandchronicle.com/in-depth/news/2020/01/15/womba-africa-agt-americas-got-talent-2020-ghana-drummers-dreams-rochester-ny/4102850002/>

About High Falls Business Association: The High Falls Business Association is a diverse group of businesses located in downtown Rochester’s vibrant High Falls District. Members are proud to support business development in the historic environment and spectacular natural surroundings that make High Falls unique. For High Falls’ news, events, and a business directory, please visit <http://highfallsroc.com>.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

About WXXI: WXXI is the essential, life-long educational public media resource that engages, inspires, and strengthens our community. It operates four digital TV channels and six radio services, including an NPR station, a full-time classical music station, and a radio reading service for the visually impaired. WXXI’s national productions include *Second Opinion*, public television’s only regularly scheduled healthcare series, and documentaries that explore arts, culture, and history such as *Tailor Made: The Story of Rochester’s Garment Industry*, *Restoring a Masterpiece: The Renovation of the Eastman Theatre*, and *Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival*. For more information, visit www.wxxi.org.

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