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VALENTINE'S DAY AND FEBRUARY SCHOOL BREAK AT THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA SKATING RINK

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced a special Valentine's Day Rock & Skate at the Empire State Plaza Ice Rink on Friday, February 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring live music by the Soul Session Quartet and free skate rentals courtesy of Hannaford. In addition, a number of activities have been scheduled for next week's school break.

"For people looking for something truly romantic this Valentine's Day, an evening of free skating to live music at a rink with a giant red heart in the middle is pretty hard to beat," Commissioner Destito said. "And thanks to our friends at Hannaford who will pick up the cost of skate rentals, this is one Valentine's Day activity that won't break the bank."

Soul Session Quartet, featuring Garland Nelson, is a high energy and spirited ensemble that performs multi-genre soul music with entertaining commands and spontaneous originality. Led by "soulist" Garland Nelson, the former lead vocalist of the New York Players, Soul Session emotes supernatural passions from material by Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, Bill Withers, and many others.

For those on February break from school next week, a reminder that the Empire State Plaza ice rink is open every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Skating is always free, and skate rentals are free each Friday courtesy of Hannaford Supermarkets. Hot chocolate and snacks are available at Phil's Kitchen at the Pavilion, located right next to the rink.

RINK ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY BREAK

- Feb 20 (2-4 p.m.) A special afternoon Rock & Skate with Rob Skane.
- Feb 22 (9-11 a.m.) Learn to skate clinic sponsored by Blue Shield of Northeastern New York. Registration is required at www.ogs.ny.gov.

For more information about Winter at the Plaza events and the status of the rink, please visit www.ogs.ny.gov and follow us on Twitter @plazaevents.

Rink sponsors include I Love New York, Hannaford Supermarkets, Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, PYX 106 and 99.5 The River.

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