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The 20th season
of NJPAC's
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You know it, and you love it: It's *Sounds of the City*, the hottest summer music scene in New Jersey's largest city, and supported by two leading partner institutions for NJPAC's 20th season.

The Arts Center announced the addition of M&T Bank as the presenting sponsor which, along with ongoing support from Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and other sponsors, helps underwrite the costs of the free-admission concert series. Held outdoors on Chambers Plaza each Thursday evening in July and August, *Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City, Presented by M&T Bank* continues to attract thousands of music and dance lovers who enjoy great entertainment under the stars.

The traditional opener, Felix Hernandez's *Rhythm Revue Dance Party*, started things rolling shortly after July 4. The diverse music for 2017 encompassed soul, hip-hop, Latin and jazz, performed by such artists as Jon B., Tower of Power, Kurtis Blow and Universal Hip-Hop Museum, Louis Prima Jr. & The Witnesses, and Talib Kweli.

"There is something magical about how music brings the community together," said Jonathan R. Pearson, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation, which was celebrating its 85th anniversary. "More than 3,000 of our employees come to Newark every day to work. They have become invested in the city and are donating thousands of volunteer hours for community projects in Newark."

"We have a long track record of supporting events that contribute to the quality of life in the communities we serve," said M&T Bank Regional President Tom Comiskey. "*Sounds of the City* has become a familiar sign of summer in Newark and we look forward to working with NJPAC to present this free concert series and other programs that benefit the entire community."

M&T Bank also collaborates with Arts Education to enhance music learning opportunities for K-12 public school students throughout the State.

Horizon Foundation Sounds of the City, Presented by M&T Bank was made possible through a special collaboration between NJPAC, Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and M&T Bank. Generous sponsors also included BD, RWJ Barnabas, the Gia Maione Prima Foundation, Inc., Newark Downtown District, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers-Newark. ■

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hosts NJ's hottest
summer music scene