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HARC Festival Offers Live Entertainment for Area Families

The live entertainment slated for HARC's Life Is Beautiful Festival on Saturday, July 10, promises great music, award-winning magic and comedy, and a sizzling summer fashion show — free fun for the entire family at the event's band stand.

HARC's festival will be held at 129 E. Albany Street in Herkimer. Proceeds from the awareness walk, food and drink concessions, and prize drawings will benefit vital and meaningful programs for people with disabilities and others in the community.

Matt Episcopo, an award-winning professional comedian and sleight of hand artist, will dazzle the audience with comedy and magic from noon to 12:45 p.m. Matt is known for his love of comedy and he always has a joke or funny story to share. His mission is to bring happiness to others and improve the world around him through laughter and smiles. He promises a great show appropriate for the entire family.

Career Connections, HARC's employment division, will present a "Summer Mirage" Fashion Show from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. The models will feature new and gently-used career and summer fashions from the Goodwill HARC Store. The group presented a similar show at a Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce event. The event got such rave reviews, the fashion show committee is working to present another version for the community.

Back by popular demand, The No Name Dixieland Ragtime Swing Band will play from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The group features big band style, swing and jazz music. HARC is pleased to welcome back these musicians as they are a hit year after year.

Other July 10th activities include "A Walk in My Shoes" Disabilities Awareness Walk at 11 a.m., which will join with the Herkimer Days Parade, Frankie's Chicken BBQ from noon until the chicken sells out, NASCAR and Chinese raffles, food and bake sales, a beer concession from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and storewide and sidewalk sales and giveaways at the Goodwill-HARC Store. For more information regarding HARC's Festival and Walk, contact Tony Vennera, director of Special Events, at (315) 574-7355 or tvennera@herkimerarc.org. To learn more about HARC and the festival, visit the website: www.herkimerarc.org.



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