

Stilt walker returns to downtown for encore

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Holland, MI — Thursday, June 12, brought the first of 12 performances of the fourth Annual Street Performer Series.

“We know that the community appreciates and values the Street Performer’s series based on the great attendance at last Thursday’s kick-off event,” said Jim Bishop, senior vice president/marketing manager of event co-sponsor, The Bank of Holland.

This week it was announced that organizers are bringing back stilt-walker Daniel Falicki.

“When people saw Daniel, they stopped in their tracks,” said Mimi Fritz, marketing director for Downtown Holland. “Everyone wanted to take their picture with him and ask him what he was about. Many people didn’t know what to think. They’ve never seen any stilt-walker like him before.”

“Having the performers participate in such a fun event that is free for anyone and everyone helps to create a fun and cool sense of place,” said Bob Schulze, owner of Globe Design & Vision. He spends time wandering the sidewalks each Thursday to tip participating performers. “It’s important to show the performers that the entertainment they provide is valued.”

Organizers highly encourage the tipping of performers.

“Street performers make their money by busking — the idea of putting out a hat or instrument case to accept donations,” Fritz said. “If it puts a smile on your face, your child’s face or you just want to say thank-you, go ahead and please tip to say thanks.”

The series takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. each Thursday night through Aug. 28. It spotlights more than 40 different street performers and acts. A rotating schedule of performers can be seen within 19 different locations along Eighth Street.

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