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**AWARD-WINNING COLLEGE MAGICIAN TO PERFORM AT DOWNTOWN HOLLAND STREET PERFORMER SERIES THIS THURSDAY**

Holland, MI – Trino Schincariol, a magician, comedian and student at Central Michigan University, will bring his fun and unique show back to the streets of Downtown Holland this Thursday, June 18 during the weekly Street Performer Series. The Street Performer Series, sponsored by Gentex Corporation and Holland Christian Schools, is held every Thursday night this summer from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The event features close to talented performing artists and groups each week, including musicians, jugglers, caricature artists, aerial acrobats and much, much more. While the Series is free to attend, tipping the performers is highly encouraged!

Schincariol, began his journey in the art of magic at of 13 in Lawton, Michigan, and has been entertaining audiences ever since. He currently studies Event Management at Central Michigan University. While studying at CMU, Schincariol has won a number of prestigious awards for his magic, including performances as part of Curley’s Close-Up Magic Competition, Michigan Magic Day, Abbott’s Close-Up Magic Convention and FAB Magic Company’s MagicCelebration. He also finished in 1st place at West Michigan’s Got Talent.

Schincariol has been part of the Street Performer Series in Downtown Holland for the past two summers. While his act at the Series involves mainly close-up magic and audience participation, he’s also done everything from fire-breathing to escaping from a regulation straightjacket and making a Harley Davidson motorcycle appear out of thin air.

**“I can always count on Holland to provide an amazing crowd,” said Schincariol. “The Street Performer Series has allowed me to meet so many great people, and I’m really excited to be back for another summer!”**

Founded in 1974, Gentex Corporation (NASDAQ: GNTX) is the leading supplier of automatic-dimming rearview mirrors and camera-based active safety systems to the global automotive industry. Based in Zeeland, Michigan, the international company develops, manufactures and markets interior and exterior automatic-dimming automotive rearview mirrors that utilize proprietary electrochromic technology to dim in proportion to the amount of headlight glare from trailing vehicle headlamps.

Home of more than 1,700 students preschool – 12th grade, Holland Christian Schools embraces the educational excellence and a model of teaching and learning that integrates Christian faith into every experience. Holland Christian is a vibrant five-campus school system united by a common mission to equip minds and nurture hearts to transform the world of Jesus Christ. As part of their outreach to families in the community, staff from Holland Christian Preschool will host fun and interactive activities during the Street Performer Series free for children under the shelter in front of the Threads on 8th clothing boutique.

The complete lineup for the Street Performer Series on June 18 includes:

**Allison McDaid**Allison is seventh grade student from Baldwin Street Middle School and the only tap dancer at the Street Performer Series. Allison has been tap dancing for ten years and participating in dance competitions for the last seven years.

**Andrew Fathman**

Andrew is a senior at Hamilton High School who has been practicing magic and illusions for seven years, ever since he discovered his mother was once a magician as well. Andrew prides himself on performing an engaging, family-friendly performance, each and every time.

**The Balloon Guy**

Jim Perry, also known as “The Balloon Guy,” has been twisting balloons for more than 30 years. He can make more than 100 different animals, swords, flowers and hats and has been entertaining crowds at the Street Performer Series since 2006.

**Bangarang Circus**

Bangarang Circus Arts is a collective of performance artists who share a passion for all things circus and a desire for community. It is their goal to offer the circus arts to everyone who seeks it. Bangarang Circus specializes in aerial arts, hooping and acrobatics.

**Bear Hug**

Bear Hug started in the summer of 2011 as a group of recent Hope College grads busking together at the Holland Farmers Market. As they honed their craft of raucous bluegrass and indie folk, they expanded their performances to include weddings and benefit dinners. Bear Hug has recently reunited and is excited to return to its roots at the Street Performer Series.

**Beauty in a Blink**

For her first year in the Street Performer Series, Brittany Davito will be using an air compressor to create unique airbrush tattoos from her large selection of stencils and colors. She is a certified makeup artist, who attended Makeup First School of Makeup Artistry in 2011.

**Ben Comedy**
Ben's dad taught him how to juggle at the age of four. Since then, Ben has been seen on TruTV's hit show "Fake Off," on cruise ships and on random corners around the world street performing. He will be teaming up with Will Oltman for the Street Performer Series for a dual juggling performance.

**Breaktime**

Breaktime is a barbershop quartet composed of members of the Holland Windmill Chorus. They have performed at churches, schools, parties, corporate functions and the Street Performer Series for over three years.

**Circle Junkeez Crew**

The Circle Junkeez are a dynamic b-boy style dance crew from Holland who love to perform and entertain audiences. They travel throughout the Midwest and across the United States to battle in top-notch break-dancing competitions.

**Caricatures by Corey Ruffin**

Corey is a nationally-renowned caricaturist, having illustrated for events all over the country. Trained under MAD Magazine’s Tom Richmond, his flair for comedy and exaggeration is guaranteed to tickle your funny bone.

**Dan The Magic Man**

Dan Mutchler is a self-taught balloon artist who performs regularly at birthday parties, scouting events and art fairs. He also volunteers weekly at several nursing homes, performing card tricks and visiting with elderly residents.

**Danielle Stewart**

As a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University, Danielle has moved back to Holland and works with the American Red Cross as an AmeriCorps member. She will join the Series this year as an extraordinary acoustic guitar player and vocalist.

**Dying Will Be Easy**

Brothers James and Ben Woiwode, along with friend Cameron Hurd, have been playing music together on and off for more than 10 years. The three have compiled an extensive repertoire consisting of many originals along with covers of old blues tunes such as “Jesus Gonna Make Up My Dying Bed” by Blind Willie Johnson, their namesake song.

**E2**

E2 is made up of friends and singers Emmalyse Kleyn and Esther Pleune, who also play the keyboard, ukulele and guitar. E2 started playing together six years ago and have performed in churches and camps around the area along with multiple local theatre productions.

**Face Painting by Dez**

Dezarae Begay draws a variety of face paintings, including flowers and cartoon characters, using fluorescent paints, facial glitter and stick on gems. She enjoys entertaining children, including her own son and other young family members, with her face painting.

**Grace VanZanten**

Grace is twelve years old and has performed in Downtown Holland for a number of years. She studies violin with Mary Hofland and has enjoyed the opportunity to share her love of music with the Holland community.

**The Guesstimation Band**

Joining the Street Performer Series for the first time, Jonas Edge and Camden Lechenet are two local area high school students who fell in love with street performing last summer. Although their talents are vast, Jonas plays the guitar and Camden plays his saxophone.

**Harrison Gugino**

Harrison uses Sharpie markers to create temporary tattoos on people in a creative and unique way. Harrison loves to meet new people while demonstrating her love of art for Street Performer Series audiences and is looking forward to her first year in the Series.

**Henna Tattoos by Anna Schierbeek**

Anna Schierbeerk is a senior at Kendall College of Art and Design who currently studies drawing and painting. She started her henna tattoo business six years ago and is grateful for the continued the opportunity to participate in the Street Performer Series.

**Henna Tattoos by Kennedy Conrad**

Kennedy is a 15-year-old student at Zeeland West High School. She loves to play sports and is an extremely talented artist. One of the ways she enjoys expressing her art is in the form of temporary henna tattoos.

**Juggler Gerry Bose**

Gerry has been a juggling enthusiast his whole life. Gerry is the former president of the Grand Rapids Juggling Club and has hosted four juggling festivals at the UICA in Grand Rapids. He is a member of the International Jugglers Association who had performed at a number of festivals and events and is particularly proud of his interview on National Public Radio.

**Justin and Abigail**

Justin Merriman and Abigail Postema have both been interested in music from an early age, starting with their school orchestra program in fourth grade. Despite being high school students, this duet shows a talent and knack for performing that is well beyond their years.

**Kalamazoo Saxophone Quartet**

The Kalamazoo Saxophone Quartet is made up of Gail Perkins, Todd Jones, John Blissard, and Scott Robins, who have been playing together for four years. Todd is a Holland resident, while the other three reside in Kalamazoo.

**Kayden Bryce**

Kayden has been singing all her life, and playing guitar for the last three years. She has performed at a number of venues, including local coffee shops, last year’s Street Performer Series and the Backpacks for Success Music Festival in Detroit. Kayden also loves art, theatre, animals and gymnastics.

**Lane Ellens**

Lane will be a junior at Hope College this fall. At Hope, Lane is a member of the Worship team, where he will serve as a vocalist and guitar player for this coming year.

**Lia Weiss-Gelmi**

Lia is a ten-year-old who has loved playing piano since the age of three. She loves her piano teacher and enjoys taking her piano lesson during school. She enjoys playing songs such as "Pachabelle in Cannon,” “Fur Elise,” and "Let it Go” from the movie “Frozen.”

**Lian Robinson**

Joining the Street Performer Series for the first time, Lian, a Holland Christian student, will hit 8th Street with her acoustic guitar and incredible vocals.

**Liv Panozzo**

As a student at Zeeland East High School, Liv got her first guitar at the age of ten and has developed her skills ever since. She is a singing, acoustic guitarist who plays music from a large variety of genres.

**Maciek the Magician**

Twelve-year-old Mackenzie loves to perform, and she is extremely excited to sing and play the guitar and ukulele in the Street Performer Series this year. She hopes to be a music artist when she grows up.

**Randy & Darlene Schaap**

Proud new owners of Poppin Huis on River Avenue, Randy and Darlene have been a part of the Street Performer Series for nine years. Darlene plays a number of different instruments including, flute and Irish penny whistle, while Randy plays cajon, Irish penny whistle, harmonica, congas, djembe, bodhran, keyboards, bass guitar, udu drum and hand percussion.

**Seasonal Ginger**

Peter Smedley, from Grand Haven, has been performing his juggling act since fifth grade. Over the years, Peter has expanded his skill set to include juggling balls, clubs, and knives. This is Peter’s first year in the Street Performer Series.

**Steph Gillett**

Steph has been apart of the Series for three summers now. She has been singing her entire life and has been studying voice for the past six years. She is so excited to bring her acoustic guitar down to 8th Street for another summer!

**String Fury**

Luke Westrate and Sky Lownds are a yo-yo duo out of Whitehall. They have been yo-yoing together for the past four years. On Thursday nights, they will be performing intermediate to advanced yo-yo tricks and skills to music.

**The Raveling Hearts**

The Raveling Hearts is a Holland-based band that covers top hits and creates their own folk/indie/pop music. The band consists of Kyrsten Van Wieren, Rachael Naylor-Tatterson, Adam Naylor-Tatterson, and Adam Burnett. They have played at a number of local venues, including the Holland Event Center, Lemonjello’s, and New Holland Brewery Side Car.

**Thumb Buddy Loves You**

“Thumb Buddy Loves You!” is a multi-generational family art project. Grandma Melody Peterson and her granddaughter Clarissa Kovacs work together to create artwork keepsakes out of a child’s own thumbprint.

**Will Juggle**

Will Oltman has been juggling for over 15 years. You will be impressed by the multitude of objects he can juggle while bantering with the crowd. Clubs, balls and rings, yes, but also traditional cigar boxes, shaker cups, Chinese yo-yo, knives, a hat, cane and more!