



# 2011 EVENTS

## MAY 7

**SAMBA FEST** – Join us for this brand-new event, in partnership with Trinity College, which celebrates Brazilian heritage with international musical performances and cultural activities. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **FREE**

## MAY 28, JUNE 25 & JULY 30

**HARTFORD POPS: OLMSTED SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** – The Hartford Pops, a professional concert band featuring wind, brass and percussion instruments, will excite the crowd with their musical talents. East Hartford's Great River Park Amphitheater, 7 p.m. Rain date 8/26. **FREE**



## JUNE 11

**SPORTING CHANCE FOR YOUTH DAY** – Youth of all ages and abilities try rowing, fishing, football, soccer, climbing wall, orienteering, golf, baseball and basketball, and receive a free healthy lunch! Riverside Park, Hartford, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain or shine. **FREE**

## JUNE 18

**JAZZ & STRINGS TRIBUTE TO ELLA FITZGERALD** – Gene Bozzi and strings from the Hartford Symphony Orchestra perform their tribute to “Ella & Gershwin.” Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 7:30 p.m. Rain date 6/19. **FREE**

## JUNE 23, JULY 28 & AUGUST 25

**X-TREME 5K SCRAMBLE SERIES** – The Hartford Marathon Foundation brings three 5K runs to the Riverfront with live entertainment, food and beer. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 5 p.m., rain date 8/11; fee for race registration at [www.hartfordmarathon.com](http://www.hartfordmarathon.com); viewing and entertainment are **FREE**

## JULY 9

**RIVERFEST** – Celebrate the area's oldest fireworks tradition with entertainment and activities beginning at 4 p.m. in three locations – Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Hartford, and Founders Plaza and Great River Park in East Hartford. New this year – the spectacular Atlas Fireworks will be fired from **three barges** on the CT River beginning at 9 p.m. Rain date 7/10. **FREE**

## JULY 23

**RAY GONZÁLEZ LATIN JAZZ & SALSA FESTIVAL** – In partnership with Guakía, this festival features Hartford's own Ray Gonzalez and his orchestra with other local Latin jazz favorites. Viva la música! Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Rain date 7/24. **FREE**

## JULY 23 & 24

**KICK IT 3 VS 3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT** – Bring the whole family to this two-day event where local youth compete in soccer matches that are played without a goalie. It's fast paced, high scoring and exciting to watch. Riverside Park, Hartford, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fee for team competition; viewing is **FREE**

## AUGUST 6

**TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN & JERK FESTIVAL** – Authentic Caribbean cuisine, cool island beverages, spectacular costumes and dance, and island rhythms bring a festive Caribbean atmosphere to the Riverfront. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 1 p.m. – 11 p.m. Rain date 8/7. **FREE**

## AUGUST 13

**CONNECTICUT BALLET'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE CARAVAN** – Celebrate 30 years of the Connecticut Ballet with a mixed program featuring greatest hits from the company's repertoire! Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Rain date 8/14. **FREE**



## AUGUST 20 & 21

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIVERFRONT DRAGON BOAT & ASIAN FESTIVAL** – Colorful and competitive dragon boat races with Asian entertainment and food. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford. Entertainment runs Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fee for competition – register your team at [www.dragonboathartford.com](http://www.dragonboathartford.com); festival and race viewing are **FREE**

## SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

**RIVERFRONT U.S. TITLE SERIES POWERBOAT RACE** – Watch the world's best drivers compete at speeds of more than 100 mph in this heart-pounding, high-speed PRO powerboat race on the CT River! Viewing from Great River Park, East Hartford and Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **FREE**

## SEPTEMBER 10

**GUITAR UNDER THE STARS** – The Connecticut Guitar Society brings classical guitarist Daniel Salazar, Jr. and his orchestra to the Riverfront for this special evening of world-class music. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford. Entertainment begins at 4 p.m. Rain date 9/11. **FREE**

## SEPTEMBER 17

**PILOBOLUS** – Members of this world-renowned dance company will captivate you with their amazing body contortions, movements and sense of humor. Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 7:30 p.m. Rain date 9/18. **FREE**

## SEPTEMBER 24

**PIPES IN THE VALLEY CELTIC FESTIVAL** – This culturally rich festival featuring the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Ten Penny Ale also includes Highland games, bagpipers, Celtic dancing, birds of prey, Highland cows and delicious Celtic food. Fun for the whole family! Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. **FREE**



## OCTOBER 2

**HEAD OF THE RIVERFRONT ROWING REGATTA** – Come enjoy the spectacle of New England's 3rd largest rowing event as you cheer on your favorite collegiate, high school, club, individual and masters rowers. Viewing from Charter Oak Landing, Hartford, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; race viewing is **FREE**

*PLEASE NOTE: Events are subject to change, relocation and cancellation. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information. Food, beer and wine are available for purchase at most concerts and festivals. Riverfest is an alcohol-free event.*

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