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FLAME TO PLAY ROCK FOR ABILITIES CONCERT
Proceeds to benefit the purchase of a new bus for Flame's travels.

Gloversville, NY – Flame, Lexington's world-renowned rock band, will perform a concert for the community on March 16, 2018 at Lexington's Gloversville facility, 127 East State Street, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The concert is open the public.

Flame will present the concert as Lexington celebrates National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Flame performs around the state and country and last year were the headliners of a concert celebrating abilities in Carpi, Italy, in northern Tuscany. The band performs more than 75 concerts a year, traveling on a specially designed motor coach that has racked up several hundred thousand miles and is due for replacement. Having produced six albums featuring their own music and cover pieces, the band of talented musicians is dedicated to sharing their music and helping people see that everyone has both abilities and disabilities. Celebrating abilities is what motivates the band and makes them sought after as performers.

Lexington celebrates National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to showcase not only Flame, but the success of many men, women and children with different abilities. Lexington is very proud of the accomplishments of the many individuals whose success in daily life, work, volunteerism, school and college work, and raising families shows how capable they truly are. Flame's concert is part of this month-long celebration highlighting all that the men and women supported by Lexington do to give back to their community.

Tickets for the community concert cost \$5 each and are available at Lexington's Johnstown location, 465 N. Perry Street; Lexington's Gloversville location, 127 E. State Street; Lexington's Oppenheim location, 405 County Highway 114, St. Johnsville; the Fulton-Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville; and Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market, 20 N. Main Street, Gloversville. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. Audience members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate in exchange for the chance to win a door prize. All donated non-perishable food items will benefit local food pantries. Lexington participates in fundraising and food collection throughout the year to benefit a variety of community agencies. Proceeds from this concert will go to the fund to purchase a new Flame tour bus.

In addition to the concert, Lexington is sponsoring a poster contest to help raise public awareness for the importance of equality in our society. Students at Fulton County elementary, middle and high schools are welcome to submit art that celebrates equality and differing abilities. This year's theme is "Together We Have No Limits." Entries will be judged and top winners chosen from each age group. Winners will receive two free tickets to the Rock for Abilities Concert, where they will be publicly recognized, receive a gift basket and get the opportunity to meet the members of Flame. Top posters will be on display at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative

Arts in the Flame recording studio until April 25. In addition, the school with most entries will win a free Flame concert. For information about the contest and how to enter, contact Lynette May at (518) 661-9932 or MayL@lexcenter.org. Entries are due by March 8.

For more information about Flame, please visit www.flametheband.com.

Lexington, Chapter of The Arc New York, is a private, not-for-profit agency providing a wide range of services to adults and children who have disabilities in Fulton and Albany Counties. Created in 1953 by a group of concerned parents, Lexington is recognized as one of the leading agencies of its kind in New York State.

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