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A2SF Announces Internationally Celebrated *Amal Walks Across America*

ANN ARBOR, MI (August 23, 2023) — The Ann Arbor Summer Festival (A2SF) announces [*Amal Walks Across America*](#), produced in partnership with the U-M Arts Initiative, University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA), U-M School of Music, Theater & Dance, and the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL).

This engagement launches a multi-city tour of Metro-Detroit and Southeast Michigan in late September, and the Ann Arbor appearances include a walk on the University of Michigan campus from Thayer and N. University to UMMA at 3:30pm, and a second walk at 7:00pm from the Ann Arbor Farmers Market in Kerrytown to the AADL Downtown Branch.

About Amal Walks Across America: Little Amal, the internationally celebrated 12-foot-tall puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl who visited New York City last fall, will stop by Ann Arbor this September as part of an epic 6,000-mile journey across the United States. An international symbol of human rights, especially those of refugees, Amal is walking across the United States to learn firsthand about a country that has long been a refuge for those seeking safety and opportunity – but is simultaneously struggling with how to manage long-standing issues related to immigration. Amal’s engagement with hundreds of communities across the country will help spark meaningful conversations to help us better understand who we are and where we come from.

Date: September 23

Locations/Times:

The afternoon gathering begins on the south side of N. University at Thayer Street at 3:00pm, and the walk commences at 3:30pm.

The evening gathering begins at 6:30pm at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market in Kerrytown, and the walk commences at 7:00pm.



Amal Walks Across America is free to the public.

[Learn more](#)

The national tour of *Amal Walks Across America* is produced by The Walk Productions in association with the Handspring Puppet Company. U.S. Producing Partner THE OFFICE performing arts+film. Impact + Outreach The Soze Agency. Marketing Cause Lab. PR + Communications DKC.a

A2SF champions performing arts, outdoor entertainment, and community spirit. In addition to a nearly four-week festival each June that attracts a diverse audience of over 80,000 people and offers over 200 concerts, art exhibitions, kids activities, spectacle, and film screenings, A2SF presents compelling experiences throughout the year on the campus of the University of Michigan and throughout Washtenaw County.

The mission of A2SF is to present a world-class celebration of arts and entertainment that enriches the cultural, economic, and social vitality of the region. A2SF was founded as a partnership between the University of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor and produced its first season in 1984. For more information on all events, please visit the A2SF website at A2SF.ORG.

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[Little Amal press photo](#)