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## A2SF Announces 2025 Special Attractions at Top of the Park

ANN ARBOR, MI (April 11, 2025) — Each year, A2SF brings together beloved local artists and awe-inspiring international acts for a sensory celebration like no other. This season, A2SF is thrilled to present *four* extraordinary attractions designed to surprise and delight!

From giant interactive squeeze boxes to endearing twin clowns, playful shadow puppets, and the whimsical chalk creations of David Zinn, every event promises wonder, joy, and a touch of magic. Additional events and series will be announced throughout the spring, with the full 2025 season to be unveiled on **May 1**.

Jam Side Up! : Kif-Kif Sisters

June 14 & 15 • Various Times | Top of the Park

### Full schedule:

Saturday, June 14 at 5:30PM & 8:30PM Sunday, June 15 at 4:45PM & 7:15PM

The Kif-Kif Sisters, identical twin sisters from Montréal, Canada, have been captivating audiences worldwide since 2007 with their innovative visual shows for both stage and outdoor public spaces. Renowned for their tender yet intelligent humor, their performances resonate with both children and adults alike. Their unique blend of physical theater, circus arts, music, puppetry, and performance art has been showcased over 1,000 times across 20 countries.

Jam Side Up! is co-presented with the Ann Arbor District Library.

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# Sidewalk Chalk Day Sunday, June 15 • Starting at 5:00PM | Top of the Park

Sidewalk Chalk Day returns this summer with chalk artist David Zinn leading the charge at Top of the Park. Join us on June 15 for an extravaganza of personal expression. Chalk at Top of the Park, on your own sidewalk, or wherever you choose to make your canvas!

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David Zinn Chalk Art June 15, 18, 22, 24, & 29 • Starting at 5:00PM | Top of the Park

David Zinn's chalk work began in 2001 as an excuse to linger outdoors, but has since achieved global notoriety through the sharing of photos on Facebook, Huffington Post UK, The Cheezburger Network, Street Art Utopia, and Archie McPhee's Endless Geyser of Awesome. Be inspired by his ability to incorporate 3-D illusions into familiar scenery and have fun searching for his most frequent characters, Sluggo, a bright green monster with stalk eyes and irreverent habits, Philomena, a phlegmatic flying pig, and many entertaining mice.

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Squonk: Brouhaha

June 20-22 • Various Times | Top of the Park

Full schedule:



Friday, June 20 at 5:45PM & 8:00PM Saturday, June 21 at 5:45PM & 8:00PM Sunday, June 22 at 4:15PM & 6:45PM

Brouhaha is an immersive outdoor spectacle bursting with rollicking music, dazzling imagery, and the thrill of audience participation! At the center of this riotous romp is the Squonkcordion, an enormous musical instrument powered by behemoth bellows topped with towering tuba bells. At the peak of the performance, Squonk invites the audience to play this foghorn organ, welcoming them to experience the joy of a brass band and the fireworks of community. The show ends with a 30-foot head made of brilliantly colored banners, comically blinking its eyes and shooting smoke out of its ears.

Brouhaha is co-presented with the Ann Arbor District Library.

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Matt Sandbank • Still Life
June 27-29 • 7:00PM, 8:00PM, & 9:00PM | The Annex

#### Full schedule:

Friday, June 27 at 7:00PM, 8:00PM, & 9:00PM Saturday, June 28 at 7:00PM, 8:00PM, & 9:00PM Sunday, June 29 at 7:00PM, 8:00PM, & 9:00PM

What do we do when the world refuses to behave as we expect it to? Matt Sandbank takes on this question in his charming collection of nonverbal shadow puppetry stories, *Still Life*. Using lighthearted humor and intricately expressive puppets, *Still Life* delights audiences of all shapes and sizes! A2SF is pleased to have Matt return after an amazing engagement in 2022.

Still Life is co-presented with the Ann Arbor District Library. Still Life is sponsored by Launch Trampoline Park.

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A2SF events are supported by a generous community of individuals, foundations, and businesses. The 2025 Title Sponsors are the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Ann Arbor District Library, City of Ann Arbor, Destination Ann Arbor, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, Muth Law, O&W, and the University of Michigan.

Events at Top of the Park will take place between June 13 – 29, 2025.

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 <u>A2SF.ORG</u>.

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