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## A2SF Announces Its Full 2025 Season Lineup at Top of the Park

ANN ARBOR, MI (May 1, 2025) — The Ann Arbor Summer Festival (A2SF) has announced its full season of events taking place at Top of the Park for the 2025 season.

The 2025 A2SF season at *Top of the Park* opens with a vibrant celebration as two-time GRAMMY Award winner **Rhiannon Giddens** brings her signature blend of old-time music and contemporary folk to the O&W Grove Stage, in partnership with the University of Michigan Arts Initiative Artist-in-Residence program. Known for her mastery of fiddle and banjo, Giddens leads a foot-stomping community jam. Boundary-pushing jazz bassist **Josef Deas** precedes Giddens, opening the evening. The Rackham Stage continues Americana energy with **Frontier Ruckus** and ramps up with **Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers** (June 13).

Throughout the season, both stages host a diverse lineup of acclaimed national, international, and local talent. Highlights include genre-bending marching band <a href="Mucca Pazza">Mucca Pazza</a>, brass-powered metal cover band <a href="Brass Against">Brass Against</a> (June 14), and family-friendly *Kids Rock* performances with <a href="Little Miss Ann">Little Miss Ann</a> (June 15) and <a href="Gemily">Gemily</a> (June 22), presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor District Library.

June heats up on the Rackham Stage with Afro-Cuban jazz duo <u>OKAN</u> and second line celebration from <u>Gabriel Brass Band</u> (June 20), Salsa Night with <u>Armando Vega and the 313 Orchestra</u> (June 21), and the infectious rhythms of <u>Balkan Paradise Orchestra</u> (June 22). Swing Night includes <u>Aston Neighborhood Pleasure Club</u> and <u>Djangophonique</u> (June 24), followed by eclectic powerhouse <u>Veronica Swift</u> (June 25), Detroit's <u>Urban Art Orchestra</u> (June 26), and the esteemed <u>Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band</u> (June 28).

The O&W Grove Stage highlights some of Southeast Michigan's finest in jazz, chamber, bluegrass, and singer-songwriter stylings, including <u>Sakura Instrumental Group</u> (June 18), <u>Camilla Cantu</u> (June 21), <u>Sarah D'Angelo</u> (June 24), <u>Lauren Blackford</u> and <u>Schmaltz</u> (June 25). A2SF will also play host to ensembles from <u>Center Stage Strings</u> (June 26) and <u>American Saxophone Academy</u> (June 27).



Late nights light up with *After Dark* DJ parties on Fridays and Saturdays, featuring sets from local legends like <u>BATZ</u>, <u>Medusa</u>, <u>3Steez</u> and <u>Graffiti</u>, alongside Detroit favorites <u>EJay</u>, <u>On Time Tello</u>, and <u>Problematic Black Hottie</u>.

The season concludes with *So Long Sunday* on June 29, with the charismatic Afro-Cuban soul singer <u>Alex Cuba</u> on the O&W Grove Stage, and the Rackham Stage boasting local legends <u>Lady Sunshine</u> <u>and the X Band</u>, and perennial favorites <u>George Bedard and the Kingpins</u>.

A2SF is holding its annual season kickoff and fundraiser <u>debut</u> on Friday, May 16 at 7PM at HOMES Campus. The community can support the organization by purchasing a ticket to <u>debut</u>. Purchase tickets here.

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.

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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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