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Summer Festival Announces 2013 Top of the Park Schedule

Featuring three weeks of free outdoor music, movies, and special attractions

Plus, Ira Glass added to Mainstage lineup in a Midwest premiere of his latest show

When: Tuesday through Sunday nights from June 14 through July 7, 2013
Opens: 5:00 pm Tuesday–Sunday; closed Monday
Where: Most events at Ingalls Mall: Washington Street between Fletcher and Thayer Streets
Admission: Suggested donation per visit of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family
More Info: www.A2SF.org

ANN ARBOR (May 6, 2013) – The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is pleased to announce the schedule for Top of the Park, which runs from Friday, June 14 through Sunday, July 7, 2013.

One of Ann Arbor’s favorite community gatherings, the festival’s Top of the Park offers admission-free concerts, movies under the stars, open-air spectacles, and unique family attractions. Focusing primarily on regional artists, this annual outdoor performance series is held in conjunction with the festival’s ticketed Mainstage series held at different indoor venues across campus and in downtown Ann Arbor.

This year’s Top of the Park season is anchored by 91 musical talents, 8 guest DJs, 13 feature films, 6 tasting events, 2 interactive, open-air installations, a meandering performance troupe and a roving chalk artist. The lineup features 33 talents making a Top of the Park debut, as well as many returning local favorites, with the majority of the artists based in the area.

Musical highlights include: **Wild Belle, Vishten, Third Coast Kings, Theo Katzman & (((LOVEMASSIVE))), The Sun Messengers, The Ragbirds & Friends, The Not-Its!, The New Orleans Bingo! Show, The Macpodz, The Guggenheim Grotto, The Dunwells, The Detroit Pleasure Society, Orquesta RITMO, Orpheum Bell, Misty Lynn & The Big Beautiful, Measured Chaos, Los Gatos, Joshua Davis, JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound, Jo Serrapere & John Devine, Hullabaloo, Horse Cave Trio, Great Divide, Funkadesi, Elliot Street Lunatic, DJ Ross Federman of Tally Hall, DJ Maxx, Derek Fawcett of Down The Line, Dave Boutette & Peter Madcat, Dan Henig, Carolyn Striho, The Brothers Groove, Black Jake & The Carnies, Alexis, Al Hill & The Love Butlers** and many more.

In what promises to be three season highlights, the festival will host a trio of special outdoor family attractions: **Body Masterpiece** extreme face painters, from June 14–16; **Tangle**, a messy, fun-filled, elastic weaving event created live by children, from June 19–23; and **Superhero**, an interactive projection mapping experience for the kid in everyone, from June 28–30. All attractions will take place outdoors at Ingalls Mall as part of this year's Top of the Park activities.

The nationally renowned face painting troupe Body Masterpiece returns to Ann Arbor for this year's opening weekend celebration on June 14, 15 and 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm. These talented artists push the limits of face and body painting to transform kids and adults into colorful creations of art and spectacle. One-on-one extreme makeovers take five minutes per person. The cost is \$5 per face and reservations are required. Friday and Saturday sessions for children only (ages 2+); Sunday session for children and adults. To sign up, please contact the festival office at (734) 994-5999 starting Monday, June 3 at 10:00 am.

Presented by Melbourne-based Polyglot Theatre, Tangle is a beautifully chaotic and ever-morphing art installation. Part performance, part playground, part dance party, Tangle gets kids and their families busy creating, playing inside and getting tangled up in a bouncy, colorful web made of giant elastic bands wrapped around 25 vertical poles of various heights. Tangle is presented on Ingalls Mall from June 19 through June 23 at 4:30–6:30 pm and 7:30–9:30 pm, with 40-minute play sessions in each of the 2-hour time blocks. Admission is \$5 per child; adults with children are free. Tickets are available onsite at the event entrance during the five days of exhibition; admission is on a first-come, first-play queue basis.

The following weekend, from June 28 through June 30, the festival will transform visitors into airborne superheroes, 3-D mapping their bodies across the facade of one of Ann Arbor's most iconic buildings, the Burton Memorial Tower. Created by Wildbytes, a Madrid-based collective Superhero is an interactive projection mapping experience in which participants are given the opportunity to exhibit super powers, including throwing light balls, shape shifting, and, of course, flying. Taking place on Ingalls Mall from 9:45–11:45 pm during the three nights of exhibition, festival-goers are invited to experience this extraordinary digital art installation, which uses Kinect cameras and customized software to detect human gestures in real time and project the user's image across the building's facade. Participation is free; admission is on a first-come, first-play queue basis.

In addition to the Body Masterpiece, Tangle and Superhero engagements, the festival will offer a number of other outdoor attractions for young and old alike. Other special projects at Top of the Park include the performance art collective **Spontaneous Art** on June 20, June 27 and July 4. These Ann Arbor-based urban interventionists create interactive performances that bring bystanders together for moments of communal laughter, social connectivity, and flashes of creativity. To reach their full potential, Spontaneous Art's performances both investigate and depend upon the inventiveness of strangers, and celebrate the people and environment of the festival.

Returning from a successful season with the festival in 2012, Ann Arbor's **David Zinn** will create a new festival-long installation of whimsical chalk drawings on the streets and sidewalks around Top of

the Park. Zinn creates clever work seen around the world and can be found in book illustrations, educational cartoons, and throughout the festival site during the season.

Other featured programs at Top of the Park this year include: **AADL's Kids Rock**, a Sunday family concert series presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor District Library; **KidZone**, an activity tent for children and their parents with nightly hands-on activities; **Retreat**, a wellness program featuring mind-body workshops every weekend in the courtyards surrounding Ingalls Mall; and **Global Parties**, a cultural celebration every Wednesday night that features world grooves and international beats.

Expanded by popular demand, the festival will now offer a nightly series of intimate acoustic concerts on its smaller Grove Stage on Tuesdays through Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, just before the entertainment begins on the larger Rackham Stage. Other activities in The Grove include: **Wind Down Wednesday**, a weekly wine tasting event, along with its companion, **Tasting Tuesdays**, a weekly craft beer sampling; and the return of **After Dark @ Top of the Park**, a late-night DJ series on the weekends.

Other notable Top of the Park events include the festival's opening night celebration, **First Friday**, which takes place on June 14, and features **Spencer Michaud, Jetty Rae, Laith Al-Saadi Trio, The Bluescasters, Lady Sunshine and the X-Band** and **DJ Chuck Sipperley**. The closing night festivities of **So Long Sunday** on July 7 include **Shari Kane and Big Dave Steel, Annie and Rod Capps, Hoodang, and George Bedard & the Kingpins** playing their traditional closing night set, capped off by a screening of the '70s classic **Grease**.

This year's outdoor movie lineup features a mix of genres, ranging from classics and cult favorites to more recent blockbusters. The festival's outdoor cinema schedule was selected by online voters in a promotion that ran earlier this year. The winning titles include: **Skyfall, Edward Scissorhands, Life of Pi, Young Frankenstein, The Goonies, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Moonrise Kingdom, The Hunger Games, The Iron Giant, Big, Vertigo** and **Sixteen Candles**. The festival will also partner with University of Michigan Museum of Art to screen digital film shorts from the 'Many Voices' project each Tuesday night, prior to the evening's feature film.

Besides an eclectic mix of entertainment and activities at Top of the Park, the festival features a variety of food offerings available for purchase from some of Ann Arbor's favorite restaurants and eateries, including: **Hut-K Chaats, Noodles & Company, Oasis Grill, Pizza House, Ray's Red Hots, Satchel's BBQ, Stucci's, Sugar Shack, and Sweetwaters**. Many of the food vendors offer special kids menus and picnic dinners available for purchase. Festival beverages available also include Coca-Cola products, beer, and wine.

On Dark Mondays, when Top of the Park is closed, the festival will bring back its popular **33 1/3 Series** to Arbor Brewing Company. The weekly reading-and-listening party will feature local writers, music aficionados, and industry insiders sharing excerpts from Continuum's 33 1/3 series of books about classic rock albums, followed by guest DJs from WCBN mixing from the songbook of that

evening's celebrated artist. The 33 1/3 events are admission-free and take place on June 17, June 24, and July 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Tap Room at Arbor Brewing Company.

The event also provides the opportunity for attendees to sample the return of Festival Saison, a craft beer developed in partnership between the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and Arbor Brewing Company. The popular summer ale will be sold exclusively at Arbor Brewing Company throughout the summer months, with a portion of sales proceeds (\$1 per pint) going to support Top of the Park. In celebration of the 30th season, a limited edition 750ml bottles will be available for sale at Arbor Brewing Company.

Top of the Park activities are presented at Ingalls Mall, located directly in front of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies on Washington Street near the Burton Memorial Tower. New this year, the festival now opens at 5:00 pm on Tuesday through Sunday allowing the festival to program more fantastic events and making the transition from the work day to the festival evening with friends just that much easier. Top of the Park is closed on Monday nights.

As a multi-arts celebration that brings a whole region together, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival remains an important cultural destination that continues to present accessible and affordable arts and entertainment experiences to the broadest audience possible. With over 90 percent of its events free to the public, the festival's community impact is deep and far-reaching.

Although Top of the Park continues to be admission-free and open to all, the festival will once again be encouraging attendees to make a per visit donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family. All guests making an onsite donation will receive a sticker showing their financial contribution, which helps to support the 21 nights of admission-free concerts, movies, and family attractions. This year, the festival has set a goal of raising \$60,000 from its "Give \$3, Keep Top Free" onsite donation program, which is slightly higher than the nearly \$50,000 in onsite donations collected last year.

As announced in March, the festival's Mainstage series features a wide variety of headlining artists that includes: the nationally beloved radio program **A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor**; British electro art-pop quartet **Django Django**; the Big Easy's **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** with musical gameshow cabaret **The New Orleans Bingo! Show**; Montreal's rebel circus collective **Les 7 doigts de la main**; lounge mini-orchestra **Pink Martini**; NPR's storytelling show **Snap Judgment**; live-action graphic novel **The Intergalactic Nemesis**; Malian superstars **Amadou & Mariam**; political satirists **The Capitol Steps**; and the all-male drag ballet corps **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo**.

As a late addition to its Mainstage lineup, the festival is very pleased to welcomes back public radio favorite **Ira Glass** and his newest collaborative project entitled **One Radio Host, Two Dancers: Ira Glass, Monica Bill Barnes, Anna Bass** on Saturday, July 6 at 8:00 pm at the Power Center.

This American Life host Ira Glass has been working with Monica Bill Barnes & Company to invent a show that combines two art forms that - as Glass puts it - "have no business being together - dance and radio." One is all words and no visuals. One is all visuals and no words. The result is a funny,

lively and very talky evening of dance and stories that brought down the house in its first test run at Carnegie Hall this past February. Now the full show comes to Ann Arbor this summer for its Midwest premiere.

Tickets for One Radio Host, Two Dancers range from \$35 to \$65 and are available by phone at (734) 764-2538, online at A2SF.org, or in person at the Michigan League Ticket Office. There is a student discount of \$10 off per ticket, up to two (2) tickets, in any price section. Tickets must be purchased in person at the Festival Ticket Office, and a current student ID must be presented at the time of purchase to receive discount.

A detailed schedule of Top of the Park, Mainstage and supporting events follows.

To help navigate this year's Ann Arbor Summer Festival, the festival is releasing a free and easy to use mobile phone app so that festival-goers can make the most of their experience. The app features the entire schedule of over 100 performances and events accessible and searchable by date, genre, venue and artist name; the capability to read and share artists bios and event descriptions with links to music, videos, artist websites, and to purchase tickets for indoor events; an option to create your own personal calendar of favorites and share it with your friends via Facebook or email; a dynamic GPS map that lets you explore the festival grounds and venues, get directions, find parking, and more; option to create and share your own A2SF poster images with PhotoBooth feature; options to set-up automatic alerts for upcoming concerts and events so you wont miss a thing. The new festival app is available for download directly to a mobile device from the App Store or Google Play starting May 6.

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment, and community spirit. A boutique music and arts festival, the three-week gathering offers an array of ticketed and free events, both indoors and out, featuring a progressive mix of local, national, and international artists. Presenting over 100 events each season and attracting a diverse audience of more than 75,000 people, the festival continues to grow as a major cultural event in the Ann Arbor community, and as a leading multi-arts celebration, that enriches the cultural, economic, and social vitality of the region. The 30th season runs from June 14 through July 7, 2013.

Festival Ticket Information:

In Person: Michigan League Ticket Office, 911 N. University Avenue

By Phone: (734) 764-2538

Online: A2SF.org

Festival Venue Information:

Arbor Brewing Company 114 E. Washington Street

Hill Auditorium 825 N. University Avenue

Ingalls Mall, Top of the Park 915 E. Washington Street

Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher Street

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-- FULL SCHEDULE FOLLOWS --

**2013 Ann Arbor Summer Festival
Top of the Park Lineup, Mainstage Events and Supporting Activities**

Saturday, June 1

5:45 pm A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, Hill Auditorium

Friday, June 14

5:00 pm Body Masterpiece Extreme Face Painting

5:00 pm Spencer Michaud

6:00 pm Jetty Rae

7:00 pm Laith Al-Saadi Trio

8:00 pm The Bluescasters

9:30 pm Lady Sunshine & The X-Band

11:00 pm DJ Chuck Sipperley

Saturday, June 15

5:00 pm Body Masterpiece Extreme Face Painting

5:00 pm Retreat: Prana Vinyasa

5:00 pm Frankie D'Angelo

6:00 pm Jo Serrapere & John Devine

7:00 pm Whit Hill & The Postcards

8:00 pm Al Hill & The Love Butlers

9:30 pm The Sun Messengers

11:00 pm DJ Nick Ayers of the Macpodz

Sunday, June 16

5:00 pm Body Masterpiece Extreme Face Painting

5:00 pm Retreat: Aikido

5:00 pm Matt Jones

6:00 pm Kate Peterson

7:00 pm Ice Cream Vendors

8:30 pm The Macpodz

10:00 pm Skyfall

Monday, June 17

7:00 pm 33 & 1/3rd: Grace, Arbor Brewing Co

Tuesday, June 18

5:00 pm Tasting Tuesday

5:00 pm Erik Santos

6:00 pm Timothy Monger

7:00 pm Detroit Pleasure Society

8:00 pm Django Django, Power Center

8:30 pm The New Orleans Bingo! Show

10:00 pm Edward Scissorhands

Wednesday, June 19

4:00 pm Tangle

5:00 pm Wind Down Wednesday

5:00 pm Tom Butwin

6:00 pm Paledave & Jenny Fair

7:00 pm Eastern Blok

7:30 pm Tangle

8:00 pm Preservation Hall Jazz Band with The New Orleans Bingo! Show, Power Center
8:30 pm October Babies
10:00 pm Life of Pi

Thursday, June 20

4:00 pm Tangle
5:00 pm Bill Edwards
6:00 pm Spontaneous Art
6:00 pm The Understorey
7:00 pm Misty Lynn & The Big Beautiful
7:30 pm Tangle
8:30 pm Black Jake & The Carnies
10:00 pm Young Frankenstein

Friday, June 21

4:00 pm Tangle
5:00 pm Khalid Hanifi
6:00 pm Ryan Racine
7:00 pm Wayward Roots
7:30 pm Tangle
8:00 pm The Appleseed Collective
9:30 pm The Ragbirds & Friends
11:00 pm DJ Hardy

Saturday, June 22

4:00 pm Tangle
5:00 pm Retreat: Capoeira
5:00 pm Cello-Bella
6:00 pm Dave Boutette
7:00 pm Dick Siegel & The Brandos
7:30 pm Tangle
8:00 pm Les 7 doigts de la main in "Sequence 8", Power Center
8:00 pm The Lucas Paul Band
9:30 pm Third Coast Kings
11:00 pm DJ Michael Dykehouse

Sunday, June 23

4:00 pm Tangle
5:00 pm Retreat: Yoga
5:00 pm Les 7 doigts de la main in "Sequence 8", Power Center
5:00 pm Magdalen Fossum
6:00 pm Joshua Davis
7:00 pm The Candy Band
7:30 pm Tangle
8:30 pm Madcat, Kane, & Friends
10:00 pm The Goonies

Monday, June 24

7:00 pm 33 & 1/3rd: The Velvet Underground & Nico, Arbor Brewing Co

Tuesday, June 25

5:00 pm Tasting Tuesday
5:00 pm Bill Bynum
6:00 pm John Latini

7:00 pm Lac La Belle
8:00 pm Pink Martini, Power Center
8:30 pm Orpheum Bell
10:00 pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Wednesday, June 26

5:00 pm Wind Down Wednesday
5:00 pm Greater Alexander
6:00 pm Danielle French
7:00 pm Maison Bleue
8:30 pm Vishten
10:00 pm Moonrise Kingdom

Thursday, June 27

5:00 pm Billy Brandt
6:00 pm Spontaneous Art
6:00 pm Carolyn Striho
7:00 pm Hullabaloo
8:30 pm Wild Belle
10:00 pm The Hunger Games

Friday, June 28

5:00 pm John Whitaker
6:00 pm Chris Dupont
7:00 pm Gwenyth Hayes Trio
8:00 pm The Brothers Groove
9:30 pm JC Brooks & The Uptown Sound
9:45 pm Superhero
11:00 pm DJ Maxx

Saturday, June 29

5:00 pm Retreat: World Dance Workout
5:00 pm Olivia Millerschin
6:00 pm Diana Lawrence
7:00 pm Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz
8:00 pm Snap Judgment, Power Center
8:00 pm Tumbao Bravo
9:30 pm Orquesta RITMO
9:45 pm Superhero
11:00 pm DJ Chill Will

Sunday, June 30

5:00 pm Retreat: Yoga for Health
5:00 pm The Intergalactic Nemesis in "Book One: Target Earth", Power Center
5:00 pm Ralston Bowles
6:00 pm Jen Sygit
7:00 pm The Not-Its
8:30 pm Drivin' Sideways
9:45 pm Superhero
10:00 pm The Iron Giant

Monday, July 1

7:00 pm 33 & 1/3rd: Aja, Arbor Brewing Co

Tuesday, July 2

5:00 pm Tasting Tuesday
5:00 pm Corndaddy
6:00 pm Joe Riley
7:00 pm Jerry Mack & The Terraplanes
8:00 pm Amadou & Mariam, Power Center
8:30 pm Measured Chaos
10:00 pm Big

Wednesday, July 3

5:00 pm Wind Down Wednesday
5:00 pm Adam Plomaritas
6:00 pm Dan Henig
7:00 pm The Guggenheim Grotto
8:30 pm The Dunwells
10:00 pm Vertigo

Thursday, July 4

5:00 pm Capitol Steps, Power Center
5:00 pm Jennae & Elrod
6:00 pm Spontaneous Art
6:00 pm Alexis
7:00 pm Alejandra O'Leary & The Champions of the West
8:00 pm Capitol Steps, Power Center
8:30 pm Great Divide
10:00 pm Sixteen Candles

Friday, July 5

5:00 pm Brett Mitchell
6:00 pm Roland Remington
7:00 pm Horse Cave Trio
8:00 pm Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, Power Center
8:00 pm Los Gatos
9:30 pm The Saints of Soul
11:00 pm DJ Kirsten Carey

Saturday, July 6

5:00 pm Retreat: Hula Hoop Fitness
5:00 pm Derek Fawcett
6:00 pm Abigail Stauffer
7:00 pm Elliot Street Lunatic
8:00 pm One Radio Host, Two Dancers, Power Center
8:00 pm Theo Katzman & (((LOVEMASSIVE)))
9:30 pm Funkadesi
11:00 pm DJ Ross Federman of Tally Hall

Sunday, July 7

5:00 pm Retreat: FLEXYoga
5:00 pm Shari Kane & Big Dave Steele
6:00 pm Annie & Rod Capps
7:00 pm Hoodang
8:00 pm George Bedard & The Kingpins
10:00 pm Grease

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