

A2SF Mission



To present a world-class celebration of arts and entertainment that enriches the cultural, economic, and social vitality of the region.



Photos by Myra Klarman

FOREVER SUMMER

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is an international arts gathering connecting people, exceptional performance, sunshine, and a little something for everyone. For three weeks of incredible summer nights, Ann Arbor is transformed into an open celebration, a place where friends, family, neighbors, and visitors can connect and share in a celebration of artistic inspiration, creativity, and community spirit.

Now entering our fourth decade, the festival has grown from a summer concert series into a leading multi-arts festival that offers dozens of performances, activities, exhibitions, and screenings representative of the best in music, dance, comedy, film, street arts, and family entertainment. We attract the highest caliber artists working locally, nationally, and internationally—artists who are entertaining and accessible, as well as those that push creative boundaries.

With the green of Ingalls Mall continuing to serve as the nucleus of all festival activity, our vision is to bring the entire city of Ann Arbor to life, transforming our streets, parks, buildings, riverfront, and even sky into stages, canvases, and exhibition spaces for performances, spectacles, and eye candy of all sizes.

To support this vision, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival is embarking on an endowment-building program to help ensure the long-term sustainability and continued impact of the festival. **These funds will directly support Top of the Park activities in perpetuity.** Our goal is to raise at least a half a million dollars to seed an endowment, forming the keystone to a reliable funding source to stimulate and sustain our innovative outdoor programs for generations to come.

Together, let's make it forever summer.



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AN ENDOWMENT-BUILDING INITIATIVE



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Why Endowment?

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is embarking on an endowment-building initiative to help fund Top of the Park activities in perpetuity. The campaign is called Forever Summer, and the money raised will help support the festival's innovative outdoor programs for generations to come.

Endowment gifts are to an organization what retirement funds are to an individual – they represent set-aside resources for the future. The festival will always have a need for annual gifts for operational purposes. However, endowment dollars can make it possible to underwrite special programs and projects that might be impossible to maintain otherwise. A strong endowment program provides financial depth and permits confident planning.

Endowment gifts can be given in remembrance of someone or in gratitude to the festival through a gift of cash, stock, a bequest, insurance or a life income gift.

An endowment gift is a gift in perpetuity. It leaves a lasting impression of your personal values and beliefs for both the organization and for family and friends.

A2SF's Opportunities

Endowment Fund

This restricted permanent endowment provides continuity of purpose and supports existing and new initiatives, creates and sustains new resources for the festival, and stabilizes funding for the organization.

Rainy Day Fund

This unrestricted quasi-endowment provides flexibility to meet ever-changing, sometimes unexpected needs and seed funds to explore emerging opportunities. This fund will grow primarily through investment, unrestricted bequests, and annual operating surpluses.

Ways to Give

Current Gifts

Outright gift of cash, stock or appreciated securities

Deferred Gifts

Bequest in your will or provision in your living trust

Designation in your IRA or qualified retirement plan

Gift of a new or existing life insurance policy

Provision of a beneficial interest in a charitable remainder trust

Contact

For more information or to discuss a gift, please contact us at **(734) 994-5999** or visit **a2sf.org**.



All contributions made to the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's endowment campaign shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account until the minimum threshold for establishing the Endowment Fund has been reached. Once that threshold has been met, a trust officer or investment advisor will be responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the fund in accordance with the festival's investment policy and under the supervision of the festival's board of trustees.

Those who make outright gifts of \$1,000 or more for endowment, or inform the festival in writing of estate gifts, will be permanently recognized as members of the festival's Legacy Circle.

Because of the complexity of estate law, please consult your tax advisor or legal consultant for specific questions relating to charitable contributions.