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**Ann Arbor Summer Festival Announces Mike Michelon as New Executive Director**

ANN ARBOR, MI (November 16, 2017) – The Ann Arbor Summer Festival Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Mike Michelon has been appointed as the new Executive Director effective immediately. Formerly the festival’s General Manager, Michelon has been managing the festival’s business and operations since joining the staff in 2014. He succeeds Amy Nesbitt in leading the 35 year old organization.

Mike Michelon said, “I am honored to become the next director of the festival, an organization and community celebration that I’ve cared deeply about since first coming to Ann Arbor as a student. The Ann Arbor Summer Festival represents what’s best about our city and I cherish our opportunity to continue to engage the creativity, curiosity, and passion of our community and region through high caliber arts experiences.”

Wendy Lawrence, chair of the board of trustees and search committee remarked, “When we began the search process in June, we were extremely pleased with the caliber of the candidate pool. Mike’s leadership, diverse experience in arts administration and live event production, and his vision for the organization stood out. We are thrilled he has accepted our offer and we look forward to the organization under his leadership.”

Ken Fischer, President Emeritus of UMS added, "I've known and worked with Mike Michelon for nearly a decade. Given his leadership qualities, ability to build teams and empower people, and extensive experience in programming and production, Mike Michelson is exceptionally well prepared to lead the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and to continue and enhance its unique and highly valued place in our community."

**Mike Bio**

Mike has been a part of the senior leadership of the festival since 2014. Prior to the festival, Mike worked in the programming and production departments at the University Musical Society. Additionally, Mike has extensive experience in freelance Production Management, is active in student leadership development at the University and is a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club. Mike is a graduate of the University of Michigan.



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### **About A2SF**

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment, and community spirit. An annual international arts gathering in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the nearly month-long festival offers an array of ticketed and free events, both indoors and out, featuring a progressive mix of local, national, and international artists.

Presenting over 175 events each season and attracting a diverse audience of more than 80,000 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 festival's 35th season of Top of the Park runs from June 8 through July 1, 2018. For more information on all festival events, please visit the festival website: [www.a2sf.org](http://www.a2sf.org)

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A head shot of Mike Michelin can be [downloaded here](#).

For official summer festival photos and additional promotional materials, [please click here](#).