



Ann Arbor Summer Festival

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A2SF Announces Scott Silven's *The Journey*

ANN ARBOR, MI (December 15, 2020) — The Ann Arbor Summer Festival (A2SF) will welcome back renowned illusionist Scott Silven, who performed a sold-out run of his critically acclaimed *At the Illusionist's Table* in 2018.

Scott Silven's new production of *The Journey* features a live, virtual theater experience which takes the audience from their living room to Silven's home in rural Scotland through beautiful cinematic imagery and high-definition immersive sound. Hear a long-forgotten story, interact directly with Silven in a cutting-edge digital space, and help shape the evening's extraordinary illusions and mesmerizing events. *The Journey* has been featured in October as New York Times Critic's Pick (quote below).

"Is it astounding? Absolutely. A graceful pivot to a new medium? Sure. Just when you think you know how Silven might have faked an effect, he complicates the trick, then complicates it again and you are abandoned to wonderment." – The New York Times

With a maximum of 30 guests per show, each intimate, interactive event is constructed by the audience, with their own sense of home and connection, and with fellow travelers inhabiting the same digital space from across the world.

"We're all missing human connection and in-person performance. While it will still be some time before we can all gather again, we're thrilled to offer this special production for our audiences – it's a virtual experience unlike anything else you've experienced during the time of COVID. Scott is a unique talent who left audiences mesmerized after his 2018 Ann Arbor run. Through *The Journey*, he's created something really special for an audience of 30 at a time," Executive Director Mike Michelon shares.



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TICKET INFORMATION

Donor Presale: Monday, January 18 at 9:00 am EST

General Public: Tuesday, January 19 at 9:00 am EST

Tickets start at \$46 and will be available at <http://www.a2sf.org/>.

PERFORMANCE DATES

Tuesday, February 23: 7:00 pm EST & 8:30 pm EST

Wednesday, February 24: 7:00 pm EST & 8:30 pm EST

Thursday, February 25: 7:00 pm EST & 8:30 pm EST

Friday, February 26: 7:30 pm EST & 9:00 pm EST

Saturday, February 27: 7:30 pm EST & 9:00 pm EST

Sunday, February 28: 5:00 pm EST & 7:00 pm EST

Learn more here: <https://a2sf.org/scott-silvens-the-journey/>

The Journey is generously supported by Erin McKean & Steve Sullivan.

A2SF is an exhilarating celebration of performing arts, outdoor entertainment, and community spirit. An annual international arts gathering in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the three-week festival offers two parallel programs—one indoor and one outdoor—at various venues and spaces across the University of Michigan campus and in downtown Ann Arbor. Each season features a progressive mix of over 200 events showcasing local, national, and international artists and a diverse audience of more than 80,000 people.

The indoor ticketed series includes performances of world-class music, contemporary circus, dance, family entertainment, public radio shows, and comedy. The outdoor program, Top of the Park, is held along a beautiful campus green and offers admission-free concerts, Movies by Moonlight, open-air street spectacle, culinary treats, and unique family attractions. A2SF's admission free series located at Top of the Park was originally scheduled to run nightly from June 12-July 5, 2020 (dark on Mondays) and was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A video recap of the Festival's



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adapted 2020 season can be found [here](#). More details on the 2021 season will be shared in early spring.

A2SF, which was originally formed as a partnership between the University of Michigan and City of Ann Arbor and produced its first, full season in 1984.

The Journey is the first experience of the 2021 season that A2SF has announced. With just thirty seats per performance, limited tickets are available for this one-week special engagement.

For more information on all festival events, please visit the Festival website: www.a2sf.org.

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