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**A2SF Announces 2022 Live Here Now and Special Attractions Series**

ANN ARBOR, MI (April 21, 2022) — The Ann Arbor Summer Festival (A2SF) has announced their 2022 *Live Here Now* series of pop-up performances throughout Washtenaw County taking place from May 20-June 4 and their Special Attractions series happening during Top of the Park from June 10-July 3.

The full season, including all activities at Top of the Park will be fully announced by May 3.

***LIVE HERE NOW***

Launched in 2021, *Live Here Now* is a series of pop-up concerts throughout Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti parks and neighborhoods. This year, six *Live Here Now* events will take place prior to the opening of Top of the Park, from May 20-June 4. *Live Here Now* is sponsored by Toyota with additional support by Destination Ann Arbor.

**Friday, May 20 at 7pm**

Heather Black Project

South Maple Park (Ann Arbor)

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**Saturday, May 21 at 7pm**

Monique Ella Rose

West Willow Park (Ypsilanti Township)

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**Thursday, May 26 at 7pm**

Laura Rain and the Caesars

Arbor Oaks Park (Ann Arbor)

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**Friday, May 27 at 7pm**

Salmagundi

Ford Heritage Park (Ypsilanti Township)

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**Friday, June 3 at 7pm**

Katie Stanley Band

Recreation Park (Ypsilanti)

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**Saturday, June 4 at 6:30pm**

Gabriel Brass Band

Fireman's Park (Superior Township)

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*Please note: Filling out the interest form is encouraged but not required. Entry is first come first served, but signing up for the interest form helps you stay up-to-date on show information.*

**SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS**

**Sidewalk Chalk Day**

Sunday, June 12 | All Day

Sidewalk Chalk Day returns this year with local favorite David Zinn leading the charge at Top of the Park. Join us on June 12 (rain date June 14) for an extravaganza of personal expression. Chalk at Top of the Park, on your own sidewalk, or wherever you choose to make your canvas!

[Learn more](#)

**Circus: Jonathan Rinny**

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 14-15 5:45-8:30pm

Hold your breath as renowned circus performer Jonathan Rinny displays his mastery of Rolla Bolla at Top of the Park, considered to be one of the most difficult and dangerous circus acts to master. Watch in awe as Rinny balances on stacked cylinders and rollers 5-15 feet off the ground. You won't want to miss this!



**About Jonathan Rinny:** Jonathan has been performing since the age of five. He began clowning as a child in a family-owned circus in Argentina. He then spent his teenage performance career as part of his family's troupe entertaining in Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico, and the majority of South America.

Since then, he has been featured in renowned circuses, fairs, festivals, variety productions, and TV shows Around the world such as America's Got Talent, Festival Elefant d'Or in Girona Spain and Half time performances for the NBA. Now 30 years old, he is an established **Rolla Bolla artist**, **Unicyclist**, and **Juggler**, touring 48 of the United States with his wife, Caroline.

[Learn more](#)

### **Circus: Bobby Cookson - *Simple***

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 14-15 6:45-10pm

World Champion circus performer Bobby Cookson's ***Simple*** is a 15 minute circus arts performance about the inherent complexity in the concept of simplicity, along with the softness and power of circus technique. With one simple wheel and three juggling clubs, thousands of possibilities emerge in the center of Ingalls Mall adjacent to the Michigan League.

**About Bobby Cookson:** Born in Atlanta, GA, Bobby Cookson never would have imagined a circus life as his future. He graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 2016 with a mechanical engineering bachelor's degree. His circus journey began in his last year of high school where he found a circus program in the theater department. It was there that he began cyr wheel, and the rest is history.

Bobby first performed on an international stage at age 18, and went on to become the 5-time US Cyr Wheel National Champion. He graduated from the National Circus School of Montreal in 2020, specializing in cyr wheel and working with other disciplines. After school, he became a co-founder of the collective La Quadrature and has worked with Cirque Eloize and Les 7 Doigts de la Main.

[Learn more](#)



## **Canopy by Pneuhaus and Bike Powered Events**

Tuesday, June 21-Saturday, June 25

Canopy is a grove of illuminated tree-like sculptures that continuously transform, illuminating and expanding as participants power them with bike-driven generators. Canopy empowers its visitors by giving them a first hand experience of green electricity generation. As Canopy's players pedal and see their efforts transformed into large-scale beauty and are invited to be amazed with themselves.

[Learn more](#)

Visit [a2sf.org](https://a2sf.org) to learn more.

Additional season support is provided by a community of business and organizational support: <https://a2sf.org/sponsors-and-funders/>

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Events at Top of the Park will take place between June 10 – July 3, 2022 and are free to the public.

A2SF is a performing arts presenter and beloved community institution. 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.

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. Outdoor programming primarily takes place at Top of the Park, is held along a beautiful campus green on Ingalls, and offers admission-free concerts, Movies by Moonlight, open-air street spectacle, culinary treats, and unique family attractions.



A2SF is 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 the A2SF website: [www.a2sf.org](http://www.a2sf.org).

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