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A2SF Announces Free #GivingTuesday Virtual Concert Series

ANN ARBOR, MI (November 19, 2020) – The Ann Arbor Summer (A2SF) will host a free virtual concert series for #GivingTuesday on **Tuesday**, **December 1**, over their social media channels.

"Since this year has been so difficult for so many people, we wanted to rethink how we approach our annual #GivingTuesday campaign," said Development Director Heather Steenrod. "We want to give the gift of music to our community who has faced the absence of live event experiences.

Throughout the day, A2SF will stream performances by Michigan-based artists on their <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> channels. See below for full lineup:

<u>Jordan Hamilton</u> - 1pm EST: Cellist and vocalist Jordan Hamilton merges musical styles to tell stories of the human experience through a variety of musical genres. A member of Last Gasp Collective and the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Jordan can be found performing primarily in the Midwest where he has opened for national acts such as Eric Roberson and Nappy Roots. His most recent release "My Thoughts are" is a compilation of thoughts that express themselves in hip-hop, folk, and soul music.

MYNA - 6pm EST: Inspired by her personal relationships, Indian heritage, and experiences of synesthesia, MYNA's artistic efforts have found grounding in the bubbling Detroit music scene. Influences of Jhené Aiko, Sade and SZA through her lens create relatable confessional lyrics responding to modern hip-hop, neo soul, and R&B.

<u>Sabbatical Bob</u> - 8pm EST: Sabbatical Bob is a hard-hitting, high-energy, funk outfit from southern Michigan that authentically blends traditional funk with elements of jazz and rock designed to provide a highly danceable and entertaining performance experience. Their sound is shaped by artists such as James Brown, Earth, Wind and Fire, Prince, and Lettuce.



In addition to providing free concerts, A2SF is looking to raise \$18,000 to strengthen and sustain the Festival as they move into 2021. You can make a gift of any amount to the festival by visiting a2sf.org/donate.

Follow A2SF on their <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> channels to tune in on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December</u> 1.

About #GivingTuesday: #GivingTuesday refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving in the United States and has been praised as an antithesis of consumer culture (Black Friday and Cyber Monday) and as a way for people to give back.

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 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.

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

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