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The Ann Arbor Summer Festival Announces its 2018 Outdoor Spectacle

ANN ARBOR, MI (April 3, 2018) – The Ann Arbor Summer Festival is pleased to announce this season's free outdoor spectacle. From alien dinosaurs, aerialists suspended from a helium balloon, or superheroes flying up the bell-tower; the festival surprises, excites, and inspires our community with creative performances that we call 'spectacle' every summer. This year is no different. The festival's 2018 spectacle series includes Italian aerial theater company Eventi Verticali's 2-D and 3-D show Wanted, and Australian's Children's Theatre Company Polyglot for their roving, interactive performance called Ants.

All spectacle events are free and open to the public and take place at Top of the Park located at 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor MI 48109.

eVenti Verticali's Wanted

June 19 & 20 at 8 & 9:30pm at Top of the Park

Aerial theater combines with video projections on a giant outdoor screen and concocts a mind-bending visual comedy extravaganza for all ages. Suspended in a world of animation, two Italian brothers play "cops and robbers" by hanging from ropes and harnesses against a vertical stage. Blending 2-D and 3-D, the brothers adventure through an animated world of crazy desktops, vintage video games, and breathtaking landscapes. Constantly on the run, they cross the globe, scale high buildings, jump on roofs, and dive into oceans. Wanted has played 150 times in ten European countries, Russia, South Korea, and Taiwan. The whole family won't want to miss the spectacular vertical dance of this world-renowned Italian company!

Polyglot Theatre's Ants

June 26 & 28 at 4:30pm, 5:45pm, & 7pm at Top of the Park

June 27: Special, daytime pop-up performance. Times and location to be announced

Ants is an interactive roving performance where giant ants bring children together in a gentle and intriguing landscaping project. Faced with hundreds of giant breadcrumbs and three insects, children are irresistibly drawn in to discover what the ants want them to do. Gradually a world of meaning unfolds, illustrating the human desire for order by transforming any public spaces with wavering lines and patterns, crossing adult lines and disrupting the everyday. Perfect for kids ages 1-13, Ants is an enchanting investigation into the nature of work and children's relationship with their environment.



Polyglot Theatre is Australia's leading creator of experiential, interactive and installation theatre for children and families, encouraging kids to turn the simplest things into extraordinary creations. Inspired by the artwork, play and ideas of children, Polyglot creates imagined worlds where audiences actively participate in performance through touch, play, and encounter. At Polyglot, theatre is child's play.

The remainder of the festival's 2018 Mainstage ticketed line-up will be announced in early April and the other 175+ admission-free events will be announced ongoing through May 1st.

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 three-week festival offers two concurrent 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 175 events showcasing local, national, and international artists and a diverse audience of more than 80,000 people.

The indoor Mainstage series includes ticketed 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.

The Ann Arbor Summer Festival's admission free series located at Top of the Park runs nightly from June 8 – July 1, 2018 (dark on Mondays).

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

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2018 Spectacle press photos:

<http://a2sf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/eVenti-Verticali-WANTED-Press-1.jpg>

<http://a2sf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/eVenti-Verticali-WANTED-Press-2.jpg>

<http://a2sf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Ants-Press-1.jpg>

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2018 Spectacle Promo Videos:

eVenti Verticali - <https://youtu.be/yGGY2Plve8M>

Ants - https://youtu.be/uTsrJ_gspjw