

SUMMER RETURNS TO ARTPARK

Artpark was alive with artistic activity Sunday, as patrons took part in a live concert by Svetlana & The New York Collective, a drum circle with Stephen Bell, and “The Art of Walking” tour.

Venue staff stated, “In a summer event season significantly impacted by COVID-19-related cancellations and closure across the region, Artpark has moved forward and created and adapted its programming to engage and inspire the community while adhering to safe and social distanced guidelines and procedures. These events are designed to promote stress-relief, relaxation, entertain and inspire, and are offered for free or low-cost to be accessible to many members of the community.

Bell is a member of the International Drum Circle Facilitator’s Guild, and a retired local educator who leads a group of percussionists of all abilities.

Svetlana & The New York Collective was the first concert this summer in Artpark’s free “Music in the Woods” series. The band is one of New York’s most beloved swing bands known for its signature vintage-inspired sound, foot-stomping groove and exciting stage presence.

“The Art of Walking” is a major initiative for Artpark’s summer season that was created through an international collaboration between NYC artist Carin Jean White and It-saso Iribarren and German de la Riva of Spain. It traces and celebrates Artpark’s history, unique landscape and ecology and art, as participants connect with Niagara’s ancient past, engage with the present and imagine the future. The meditation combined walking, stillness, listening, theater and dance, as patrons explore the nature, poetry and story of Artpark.

More information on these events and other upcoming Artpark activities is available at <https://www.artpark.net/events>.

Motorists also noticed work taking place in the main parking lot on South Fourth Street. Rob Lynch and Matt Sagurney (aka The Solo Roths) have teamed with Cynthia Pegado and the “Artpark Bridges” community outreach program to transform the pavement into “a large canvas of color that gives voice to the underserved members of our community and expresses shared humanity.”



Artpark adds more feature films to drive-in series

Artpark & Company has announced more feature films confirmed for its new drive-in series. As a safe summer alternative to large gatherings, the venue is presenting these movies on LED screens on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

In a nod to Artpark’s popular “Tuesdays in the Park” concert series, Tuesday evenings feature films made for music fans. On these nights, Artpark is showing music documentaries, concert films, biopics and other music-related content. The newest additions to the series will be “**Al-most Famous**” at 8 p.m. Aug. 4. In this Golden Globe-winning film, a 15-year-old boy hits the road with an up-and-coming rock band, Stillwater, after being assigned to write an article for Rolling Stone magazine in 1973.

Artpark will also present a very special screening of “**The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration**” at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11. When it was announced in May of 2016 that lead singer Gord Downie had been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, the band decided it would do one final run of 15 dates across Canada. The “National Celebration” was the final show of the Tragically Hip’s “Man Machine Poem Tour,” recorded Aug. 20, 2016 at the K-Rock Centre in their hometown of Kingston, Ontario. It contains all 30 songs from the night’s setlist, and the recording captures an unparalleled, nation-linking occasion. Originally aired live by CBC across all platforms, the concert was experienced by an estimated one-third of Canadians – among the biggest events in the country’s broadcast history.

The films shown on Thursdays appeal to general audiences. Crowd favorite “**Harry Potter**

and the Chamber of Secrets” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6. More films will be announced.

Two LED screens are positioned in parking Lot D, the large lot nearest South Fourth Street. Another screen is set in “The Painted Parking Lot” for VIP and walk-in patrons (walk-in tickets do not include a parking space). Audio for the films is transmitted via car FM radio.

Tickets are \$25 per vehicle (up to four people per vehicle or walk-in group), which includes \$8 admission and a \$17 concession credit. VIP lot tickets are \$35 (subject to availability). Tickets are advance-sale only. Visit artpark.net or tickets.com to purchase. Service fees apply for online orders. Call 754-4375 to purchase by phone from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, or one



hour before movie showtime if still available.

Artpark & Company is spacing parked vehicles 6 feet apart. Patrons are permitted to sit outside of their vehicles, but must provide their own seating. All attendees must wear a face mask whenever they are not seated. Click here for complete safety protocol information.

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