

# Artpark announces 2nd annual Strawberry Moon Festival, featuring Martha Redbone Roots Project, Lakota John, Charly Lowry & Tonemah

Artpark's Strawberry Moon Festival will return to Lewiston from 4-10 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Tickets are \$7 and are on sale now at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).

A press release stated, "The Strawberry Moon Festival celebrates the indigenous cultures of the Niagara Region through storytelling, music, dance, and arts and crafts. Guests will participate in an inclusive and engaging Native American community gathering. They'll also be entertained by an eclectic lineup of Native artists performing in the Artpark Amphitheater - including Martha Redbone, Lakota John, Charly Lowry and Tonemah."

The first Strawberry Moon Festival in 2019 brought back Native American programming to Artpark after a 40-year-plus hiatus. At the time, more than 3,000 guests participated in and experienced indigenous traditions in song, dance and crafts, forging cross-cultural connections and cross-community relationships that continue to this day.

In 2020, the festival took a COVID-19 pause, but the Native American Peace Garden came to fruition at Artpark. Artpark stated, "More than just a place to reflect and take in the beautiful setting along the Niagara River, the garden is an outdoor classroom led by Native elders and knowledge keepers."

"In 2021, with the impacts of the pandemic, environmental challenges and a world seeking balance, the need to go back to the original Native American instruction of living in peace, harmony and respect with one another - and all living things - is more vital than ever."

That's why this year Artpark has already launched "Spring Awakens at Artpark: Honoring Mother Earth" and "Her Moccasins Talk: Honoring all our Relations," part of its free site-reactive audio app, "Sonic Trails," available on Artpark trails.

Artpark's Indigenous art producer, Michele-Elise Burnett (Métis/Algonquin), who curated both interactive experiences, also curates the Strawberry Moon Festival - and soon even more programs sharing and honoring Native American cultures and teachings.

"Interactive and immersive experiences like 'Her Moccasins Talk' and the Strawberry Moon Festival reaffirm Artpark's intention to reawaken the spirit of solidarity amongst friends who once forged history together," she said. "Collectively, we are creating, designing and curating programs that will convey the meaning, the depth, the substance and significance of Native cultures to American history and society."

## Artpark presents Sō Percussion on June 13

Artpark & Company announces a performance by Sō Percussion as part of the 2021 "New Music in the Park" series at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

A press release stated, "Not just a world-renowned ensemble, but an institution, Sō Percussion is a percussion-based music organization that creates and presents new collaborative works to adventurous and curious audiences and educational initiatives to engaged students, while providing meaningful service to its communities, in or-



Martha Redbone (Image provided by Artpark & Company)

der to exemplify the power of music to unite people and forge deep social bonds."

Tickets for the event are \$12 and are available at [artpark.net/events/so-percussion](https://www.artpark.net/events/so-percussion).

Through its interpretations of

modern classics, innovative, multigenre original productions, and an "exhilarating blend of precision and anarchy, rigor and bedlam" (The New Yorker), Sō Percussion has redefined the scope and role of the modern percussion ensemble,

Patrons will just be required to maintain social distance and wear a mask if they are not fully vaccinated.

The Artpark summer season runs now through Sept. 17 and also includes:

placing it at the leading edge of 21st-century music.

Sō's repertoire ranges from 20th century works by John Cage, Steve Reich and Iannis Xenakis, et al., to commissioning and advocating works by contemporary composers such as David Lang, Julia Wolfe, Steven Mackey and Caroline Shaw, to distinctively modern collaborations with artists who work outside the classical concert hall, including Shara Nova, choreographer Susan Marshall, The National and Bryce Dessner.

Proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test is not required for this event.

√ "Sonic Trails" (ongoing) - <https://www.artpark.net/sonic-trails>

√ "New Music in the Park" - <https://www.artpark.net/new-music-in-the-park>

√ Fairy House Festival (June 12) - <https://www.artpark.net/events/fairy-house-festival-2>

√ A Torn Space Theater production, "Intersection/Prototype" (June 18) - <https://www.artpark.net/events/intersection-prototype>

√ Artpark Theatre Academy: "School of Rock" (June 28 through July 18) - <https://www.artpark.net/events/artpark-theatre-academy-school-of-rock>

√ Visual art camp - <https://www.artpark.net/events/art-camp>

√ Music & soccer camp - <https://www.artpark.net/events/music-soccer-summer-camp>

√ "Free Family Saturdays" Amphitheater concerts

- <https://www.artpark.net/concerts-2021>

Visit <https://www.artpark.net> for a current schedule.



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