

Artpark & Company presents 'Sonic Trails'

'Visionary' season of free reactive audio experiences featuring The Holladay Brothers, Kronos Quartet, Rhiannon Giddens, Yo-Yo Ma, Indigenous artists curated by Michele-Elise Burnett, DJ Spooky; curated and co-produced by Sozo Creative; running May 15-Sept. 30

Artpark & Company presents "Sonic Trails," what it's calling a visionary season of free site-reactive audio experiences presented in a mobile app designed by The Holladay Brothers, curated and co-produced by Sozo Creative, from May 15 through Sept. 30.

A press release stated, "With a hyperlocal and equally global perspective, Sozo Creative and Artpark have brought together some of the most influential BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) voices in music – The Holladay Brothers, Kronos Quartet, Rhiannon Giddens and Yo-Yo Ma, Indigenous artists curated by Michele-Elise Burnett, and DJ Spooky – to cultivate aural experiences exploring Artpark's unique geological and historic site.

"Throughout the summer, audiences will have the opportunity to explore Artpark to the accompaniment of a variety of artistic worlds for free, right in their own pockets – an immersive choose-your-own-adventure.

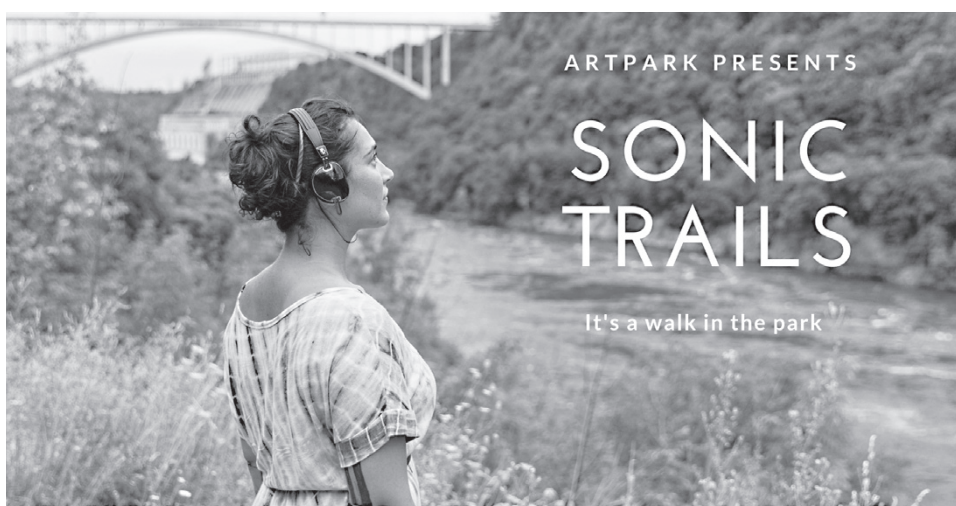
What to Expect

The Holladay Brothers, composers and multimedia artists, are pioneers of location aware experiences: They create and map music to a physical landscape, released as mobile apps, using GPS to dynamically alter the music as the listener explores their surroundings.

They will kick off "Sonic Trails" May 15 with a reprisal of "Cover The Water," an original music composition by birthed out of the pandemic limitations and during their artistic residency at Artpark in 2020.

The initial project evolved into a larger collaboration between The Holladay Brothers, Sozo and Artpark who have partnered with group of artists to bring their compositions to life through the custom app.

Artpark will offer a second walk beginning May 15, "Her Moccasins Talk: Honoring all our Relations," an Indigenous journey exploring the natural world with gratitude, based on the Haudenosaunee thanksgiving address. Curated by Indigenous bridge



Artpark will debut "Sonic Trails" this summer. (Image courtesy of Artpark/Michelle Tabnick PR)

builder Michele-Elise Burnett, along with local First Nations knowledge keepers, storytellers and singers will take visitors through a mindful journey led by a nurturing matriarch voice, songs, sounds and effects based on giving thanks to all our rela-

tions. Artpark said, "Along the path, our older and wiser relatives will share teachings, Indigenous consciousness and ways of knowing, which emerges from a space within us that is informed and governed by our natural rela-

tionship with creation. They will experience the landscape from an Indigenous lens and embrace being one with the natural world. The path along the mighty Niagara will help guests to look inward, facing oneself, and using this time to reflect, think analytically and critically, and with the key goal of ensuring balance and harmony with all living things."

Launching June 19, Grammy Award-winning musician, historian and Silkroad Ensemble Artistic Director Rhiannon Giddens, in collaboration with celebrated Grammy Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma, will debut "Juneteenth: From The Past To The Living Present."

Artpark said, "Weaving banjo, folk music and storytelling, this guided walk centers the profound contributions of African Americans on American culture, music and history, seeking to imagine a society of inclusion, connection, empathy and justice."

Later in midsummer on July 3, Paul Miller (aka DJ Spooky) brings his transcendental sound to Artpark trails with a high-energy electronic music experience, premiering three news tracks for the park visitors to hear first.

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Large-scale outdoor venue capacity increase with fully vaccinated fan sections

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Fully vaccinated attendees at large-scale outdoor events may be seated at full capacity in assigned sections designated solely for fully vaccinated individuals

New York State Department of Health will partner with Yankees & Mets to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at games

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday announced large-scale outdoor event venues will only be limited by the space available for patrons or parties of patrons to maintain the required social distance of 6 feet starting May 19. This will apply to outdoor sports, performing arts and live entertainment, and horse and auto racing venues statewide. Appropriate social distancing, masks and other applicable health protocols will still apply.

Cuomo also announced that, in large-scale outdoor event venues, fully vaccinated attendees may be spaced next to one another, instead of 6 feet apart, in assigned, seated sections that are designated solely for fully vaccinated individuals. Individuals seated in these sections will have to provide proof of full immunization status, which can be provided through paper form, digital application or the state's Excelsior Pass.

By June 19, the state will begin to pilot reduced social distancing at large-scale indoor event venues in assigned, seated sections that are designated solely for fully vaccinated individuals. Young adults and children under the age of 16 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine may accompany and be

seated with a vaccinated adult in a fully vaccinated section.

"Our state's positivity and hospitalization rates continue to drop and more people are getting vaccinated, so now it's time to readjust our reopening based on the science and the data," Cuomo said. "The trajectory we are seeing brings us to a point where we can take a major step forward and allow capacity at large-scale outdoor events to only be limited by the space available to maintain the required social distance of 6 feet, with sections designated solely for fully vaccinated individuals where capacity can be 100%. All the arrows are pointed in the right direction, but we can't lose any of the significant progress we've made. We're going to continue focusing on our vaccination efforts, because the more people vaccinated, the better the situation and the closer we get to defeating COVID once and for all."

While this is welcome news for local sports and concert patrons, it's not yet a greenlight for Artpark & Company outdoor shows.

Vice President of Concerts and Marketing Dave Wedekindt said, "Until such time that social distancing requirements are relaxed, this doesn't have a significant impact for Artpark and our planning for outdoor concerts this season. We are still planning to carry forward with many events for this summer, including the return of amphitheater concerts (such as the just announced Glass Animals concert on Aug. 30), with more concerts to be announced next week. We continue to work closely with New York State officials in revising our policies and procedures as things continue to

change, and all events will follow the guidance in place at the time of the event."

The governor also announced the New York State Department of Health will partner with the Yankees and the Mets to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to attendees at games. The Yankees and the Mets will offer free ticket vouchers to New Yorkers who get vaccinated at Yankee Stadium or Citi Field.

The Yankees will offer ticket vouchers to the first 1,000 fans who receive their COVID-19 vaccine on each full day of vaccination operations and to the first 700 fans on each half day of vaccination operations from May 7 through June 6. Ticket vouchers can be redeemed for two seats to select 2021 or 2022 Yankees regular season home games, subject to availability. More information is available here.

The Mets will offer ticket vouchers to the first 250 fans who receive their COVID-19 vaccine at Citi Field on the day of each Mets home game scheduled from May 24 through June 17. Ticket vouchers can be redeemed for two seats to a 2021 or 2022 Mets regular season home game. More information is available here.

Earlier this week, Cuomo announced what his team called a "significant easing" of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on the region's businesses, venues and gatherings. That includes replacing business capacity limits with space available to maintain 6 feet of social distancing; increasing the outdoor social gathering limit to 500 on May 10 and the indoor social gathering limit to 250 on May 19; removing the outdoor

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