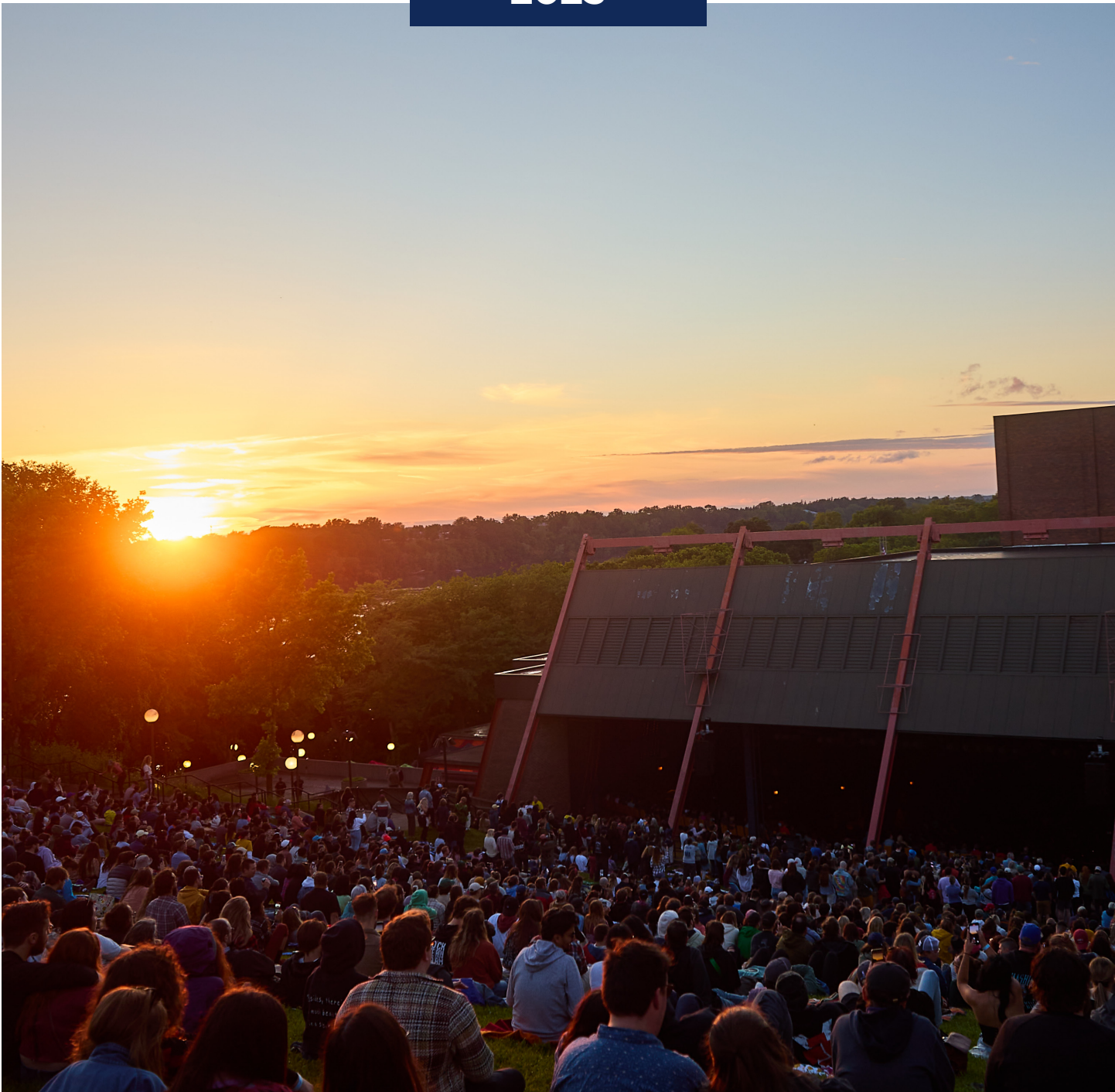


2023



ARTPARK

Community Impact Report



ARTPARK.NET

Where **ART + NATURE + CULTURE** **FUSE INTO** *unforgettable experiences*



AMPHITHEATER CONCERTS

A wide ranging lineup of artists like Patti LaBelle, Barenaked Ladies, Earth Wind & Fire, My Morning Jacket, Brantley Gilbert and Ziggy Marley take the stage & entertain thousands of people every summer.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

Awareness programs built for and by our local Indigenous community that reach Indigenous audiences in WNY and Southern Ontario as well as non-Native persons interested in learning about the culture & traditions.



MAINSTAGE THEATER

The mainstage comes alive May throughout September with concerts by artists as wide ranging as Jack White, Sarah McLachlan and the Buffalo Philharmonic as well as special events such as opera by La Fura dels Baus and more.



ARTPARK BRIDGES

Year-round community engagement program dedicated to providing the larger WNY population with empowerment, integration, healing and creative expression tools through drama, art therapy and interactive initiatives.



PERFORMING ARTS

Showcasing international street & devised theater, Cirque, and multi-disciplinary work, these site-specific creations are frequently regional or international premieres and build engagement and understanding with a global perspective.

FREE FAMILY SATURDAYS

Entertaining, educational, and interactive music and art programs for families on Saturdays in the summer. Activities are free demonstrating Artpark's commitment to making art and music accessible to all.



NEW MUSIC IN THE PARK

Intimate chamber performances that expand our audience's listening horizons and provide musicians a platform to explore their music and the sites of Artpark.



VISUAL ARTS

Artist residencies and new programs like En Plen Air illustrate an energized commitment to the visual arts while legacy pieces by prominent visual artists such as Gene Davis (Niagara, 1979) and Owen Morrel (Omega) are coupled with new pieces such as SO-IL's Murmuration.



This year has been exceptional for **ARTPARK**, made possible by the invaluable support from our community, donors, and patrons.

Working together we:

- Brought one of the most daring and unique seasons in Artpark's history to new & returning audiences with the spirit of public celebration and cultural diversity.
- Re-launched Artpark's renowned opera program to a sold-out audience under the direction of newly appointed Director of Opera and Sonic Explorations, GRAMMY award winning conductor Gil Rose.
- Presented three North-American premieres: EXIT by Cirque Inextremiste (France), "Carmina Burana" by La Fura dels Baus (Spain), and Philip Glass's String Quartet No. 9 "King Lear" performed by San Francisco based string quartet CS4.
- Highlighted eclectic music genres in major tours from internationally acclaimed bands and performers including Noah Kahan, Pixies, Whiskey Myers, Tori Amos, the Avett Brothers, Jason Isbell, Jeremy Dutcher, Third Coast Percussion and more.
- Supported our Ukrainian community at the 13th annual Fairy House Festival - directed by founder of DakhaBrakha, Vlad Troitskyi - that featured over 70 artists and performers including the raucous music of Chicago-based Mucca Pazza, costumes by Uta Bekaia (Tbilisi, Georgia) & installations by Bethany Krull (Buffalo).
- Celebrated the stunning nature of the Niagara Gorge with an inaugural Artpark literary residency program and a one-of-a-kind guided walking tour "L'Oiseau" programmed by Brent Chancellor with native flute, modern cello, and percussion showcased along the park trails.
- Produced the first-ever Artpark Bridges Festival, unifying a community of people with varied abilities through movement and performance.
- Showcased local Haudenosaunee and other Native-American arts and culture at the 5th annual Strawberry Moon Festival.
- Welcomed families and children to our Free Family Saturdays and Art Camps.

When you visit Artpark this winter, you'll see construction crews hard at work creating a better park experience. It's an exciting time as we continue to evolve & grow while remaining steadfast in our commitment to creative excellence, community engagement, respect for the traditional land of many nations, cultivation of sustainable land-based programming & the advancement of diversity, equity and inclusion in all aspects of our work.

It is our hope that each new visit to Artpark brings you excitement, curiosity, and renewed perspectives.

Thank you for your support.



ARTPARK *by the numbers*

189 events

Over **100,000** audience and visitors served

15 concerts featuring **32** bands on the Amphitheater stage

9 concerts delivered by **16** bands on the Mainstage

COMMUNITY IMPACT

\$9.7M economic benefit to the community*

312 number of employees hired (seasonal and full-time)

1,131 musicians and artists employed

70 volunteers deployed

**Americans for the Arts*

MISSION

Artpark & Company fosters a transformative world of artistic engagement that explores the human experience, cultivates creativity, and encourages curiosity. Our work is informed by a long tradition of discovery, an expectation of artistic excellence, and an awareness of the inspiration of singular natural splendor.