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22nd Annual Outta Sight Kite Flight June 1-2

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KENOSHA – Colorful kites will fill the skies over Kennedy Park along the lakefront on June 1-2 for the Outta Sight Kite Flight, featuring professional kite flyers including Conor Doran from America’s Got Talent.

The free festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, with a grand launch of kites at 12 noon each day and performers beginning at 12:20 p.m. Now in its 22nd year, the kite festival is presented by IKEA Milwaukee Chicago area, together with the the City of Kenosha, Gift of Wings and the Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois. The event is produced with the support of 92.1 FM WVTY Country and Magnum Radio.

Connor Doran will wow the crowds with his kite-flying skills during performances both days.. In 2010, at age 17, Doran auditioned with 90,000 people and became a top 12 finalist in season five of America’s Got Talent.

He began competitive kite flying in 2007, and found that kite flying helped him cope with seizures caused by epilepsy. He has also teamed up with his mother, Amy Doran, to develop the Dare To Dream Program, which encourages people of all ages to believe in themselves, embrace their dreams, spread Epilepsy Awareness, and speak out about bullying. Doran has

continued to practice his kite flying skills, and travels to exhibitions and competitions throughout the country. On Friday, May 31, Doran will share his powerful personal message about overcoming problems with epilepsy and bullying – and demonstrate his kite-flying skills indoors – at Brass Community School. Doran’s appearance is sponsored by the City of Kenosha.

Other highlights include:

- Alex Daganais and the Canadian Dream Team from Montreal flying giant kites.
- The Fire and Ice Team – Kathy Brinnehl and Paul Koepke – will perform both days.
- Jean Lemire of Montreal shows off his skills flying three stunt kites at the same time.
- Digital creator Jenna Lee Jane Zeihen of “Who Did That? Social” will sing the national anthem at noon on June 1, followed by a grand launch of hundreds of kites.
- Miss Kenosha 2024, Grace Chapa, will appear at the festival on June 1.

The “Kenosha’s Got Talent” contest returns for the fourth year, showcasing local talent. Kite flyers of all ages are invited to come out and be judged for their unique flying skills in team work, individual flying skills, and flying giant kites. Winners will receive gift certificates to local businesses, along with a donation in their name to several charities.

Get ready for the Kids Mad Dash at 2:30 p.m. June 1 and 2. The first 100 kids to sign up will receive free kites both days. Kids will compete to have their kite reach the highest altitude in 60 seconds. Van “The Man” McNeil from 92.1 WVTY Country will be on hand flying kites and having fun, talking to visitors and judging the events. Candy will fall from the sky for kids to enjoy during the Kids Candy Drop both days.

The Outta Sight Kite Flight is free and open to the public. Kites and food will be available for purchase at the event. Free street parking is available in areas west of Kennedy Park, 4051 Fifth Ave. Kennedy Drive will be closed to traffic during the event. For further information, contact Scott Fisher at Gift of Wings, 414-305-3145 or visit: Giftofwings.com.