

MISSION: Mesa Arts Center's mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant.

Offering a community gathering place in the heart of downtown, Mesa Arts Center anchors the arts and cultural district in Mesa. The international award winning facility is the largest comprehensive arts campus in the Southwest, and the only center in Arizona offering extensive professional performing arts, visual arts and arts education programming on our, state-of-the-art campus.

OVER **450,000**
VISITS ANNUALLY



MESA
ARTS
CENTER

4 FREE community
FESTIVALS



100'S
of performances



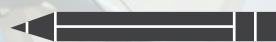
OVER **15 EXHIBITIONS**
OFFERED IN THE FREE
MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM



50K lifelong learners are reached
through engagement programs



OVER **50K** STUDENTS & OVER **200** SCHOOLS
REACHED THROUGH ENGAGEMENT
PROGRAMS VALLEY-WIDE



over 60 teaching artists

work on behalf of Mesa Art Center's
community & educational programs

almost **1000**
performing & visual arts
studio classes offered
to youth & adults



CAPITAL FUNDING

Capital Funding: **\$99.2** million
Public: **\$94.5** million City of Mesa
Private: **\$4.7** million Mesa Arts Alliance



GROUND BREAKING: 2002
OPENING: 2005

MESA ARTS CENTER - PRESENTED PROGRAMS

Performing Live: world-class professional touring engagements including Broadway, classical and popular music, ethnic and western artists, dance, National Geographic Live speaker series and family entertainment.

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum: cutting edge and innovative exhibitions of prominent and emerging artists, the Permanent Collection, and a gallery dedicated to showcasing work of Arizona artists.

Art Studios: diverse performing and visual arts education classes for youth and adults, plus immersive school break programs.

Engagement: artist residencies, workshops, community art projects, satellite classes, school shows, and in-school programs in the performing and visual arts.

Events: free lunchtime concert series in the fall and spring, and four major festivals offered free to the community: Season Kickoff, Dia de los Muertos, Mesa Arts Festival and spark! Mesa's Festival of Creativity.

THE CAMPUS

Four buildings located on seven acres; 212,775 square feet.

Theaters Complex: Four theaters – 1,588-seat Tom and Janet Ikeda Theater, 550-seat Virginia G. Piper Repertory Theater, 200-seat Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse, 99-seat Anita Cox Farnsworth Studio Theater.

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum: 5,500 square feet exhibition space in five galleries – Wilson and Ruby Dobson Main Gallery (2,400 SF), South Gallery (1,400 SF), Dr. Ruth Tan Lim Project Room (500 SF), SRP Permanent Collection Gallery (500 SF), North Gallery (700 SF); Dobson Lecture Hall, lobby atrium for artwork, sculpture courtyard, back of house and collection storage spaces (5,500 SF).

Art Studios: 14 state-of-the-art visual and performing arts studios and classrooms, including Ceramics, Painting, Printmaking, Glass, Jewelry, Sculpture, Photography, Metals, Children's/Multipurpose, Acting, Drama, Dance and Music.



DESIGN FEATURES

A unique and inviting oasis during the day and a luminous beacon at night, Mesa Arts Center embodies creativity and innovation.

Design Concept: reflective of the unique character of the Sonoran Desert – a rich desert, mountain and canyon environment.

Architectural Features: jagged angles, canted walls, sloping roofs, glass walls, regional colors and materials.

Shadow Walk: outdoor gardens, sunken courtyards, performance spaces, a running arroyo and other water features, and giant canopies and stainless steel pergolas that cast abundant shade.

Public Art: kinetic shade screens that shimmer like water and reflect swirling desert sand dunes (**Fragmented Landscapes**; Ned Kahn); colored glass panels inspired by sunset-colored storm clouds on a bridged walkway (**Colorwalk**; Beth Galston); silver lobby and plaza floor medallions that reflect light showing patterns of sand dunes (**Light Storm**; Catherine Widgery) and a unique shaded bus shelter (**Memento**; Rebecca Ross).

WORLD-CLASS FACILITY DESIGN TEAM

BOORA Architects of Portland

DWL Architects & Planners of Phoenix

Martha Schwartz, Inc., landscape architect

Auerbach and Associates, theater consultant

McKay, Conant Brook, acoustical consultant

Kitchell CEM, construction management

Layton Construction of Arizona, general contractor

HOME TO LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES

Founding Resident Companies:

- Ballet Etudes
- East Valley Children's Theatre
- Mesa Encore Theatre
- Metropolitan Youth Symphony
- Southwest Shakespeare Company
- Symphony of the Southwest

Resident Company:

- Salt River Brass

Community Educational Partner:

- Phonetic Spit

AUDIENCES AND MARKETS

East Valley: Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, Ahwatukee, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Scottsdale, and Phoenix are within 0-30 minutes drive time of the Center.

Regional and National: as the largest arts center in the state and with its unique architectural features, Mesa Arts Center is a destination for visitors from around the state and throughout the Southwest region, and an in-demand venue for rentals and promoters of national acts.

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