

## PERFORMING LIVE 2018 MIDSEASON BROCHURE

Discover performances, speakers, special events and more!

#### **FANTASTIC PLANET**

#### INVADING DOWNTOWN MESA | MAY 4-13, 2018

Six gigantic inflatable humanoid figures by Australian artist Amanda Parer and inspired by the animated science fiction film *Fantastic Planet* will land in downtown Mesa in early May, marking the installation's U.S. premiere. The gargantuan figures will be placed at Mesa Arts Center, Arizona Museum of Natural History, i.d.e.a. Museum and on Main Street in Downtown Mesa.

Save the dates and join us for several special events planned in anticipation of, or during, the installation.

#### **OUT OF THIS WORLD GALA**

Mesa Arts Center Foundation's Annual Gala at Mesa Arts Center Feb. 24, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. | \$150

#### FANTASTIC PLANET OPENING: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Downtown Mesa May 4, 2018 | 6-10 p.m. | FREE

# MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM SUMMER OPENING RECEPTION

May 11, 2018 | 7-10 p.m. | FREE Celebrating exhibitions of works of figurative art.

"These giants from afar will give audiences the impression that they have just landed and are quietly and gently exploring our 'fantastic planet'."

- AMANDA PARER











## G3 2018

January 18, 2018 • 7:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$42-\$153 Legendary guitarists Joe Satriani, John Petrucci of Dream Theater & Def Leppard's Phil Collen are returning to the Valley for a rare and thrilling G3 performance.

Presented in partnership with Danny Zelisko Presents.

## **THE FAB FOUR**

January 19, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$29.50-\$57.50 With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of your favorite Beatles' songs, the incomparable Beatles tribute band The Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing! Presented in partnership with Emporium Presents.

#### **THE MOTH**

January 26, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$33-\$48 The Moth, dedicated to the art of storytelling, has presented more than 3,000 stories, told live and without notes, by people from all walks of life to standing room only crowds worldwide.

#### **NIYAZ PRESENTS THE FOURTH LIGHT PROJECT** January 31, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$46

Described as, "an evolutionary force in contemporary Middle Eastern music," Niyaz and The Fourth Light Project combines live music and sacred dance performance with interactive technologies. The audience is invited inside the art to share in a unique narrative and multi-sensory experience.



#### **ASSISTED LIVING: THE MUSICAL®**

Feb. 2-4, 2018 • Times vary | Piper Theater | \$33

Assisted Living: The Musical<sup>®</sup> is a 75-minute vaudeville-esque revue. Set in Pelican Roost, an active, full-service retirement community, eighteen different characters sing and dance, revel and kvetch, celebrate and bloviate their way through later life.



#### **POSTSECRET: THE SHOW** Feb. 6, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$46

PostSecret: The Show is a breakthrough in audience sourced storytelling that reaches beyond the confines of the stage, reminding audiences that secrets can be both walls and bridges. Images, videos, three actors and a guitarist guide the audience through crowdsourced narratives revealing true stories behind secrets.



#### **DARLENE LOVE**

#### Feb. 7, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$48-\$68

Love's Billboard hits include: "He's a Rebel," "The Boy I'm Gonna Marry," and others. *Rolling Stone* has proclaimed Love to be "one of the greatest singers of all time." Presented in partnership with FX Arts Management.



#### **PIERS LANE - CHOPIN BY CANDLELIGHT**

#### Feb. 15, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-\$45

British-Australian pianist Piers Lane will enchant the audience with a complete account of the Chopin Nocturnes by the muchloved Romantic composer (performed in the atmospheric glow of candlelight).

Classical Music Inside Out is Sponsored by Bill Passey and Maria Silva.



#### JOHN MCEUEN

#### Feb. 23, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30

A founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, McEuen brings decades of worldwide performing experience with banjo, fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Referred to as 'the String Wizard,' he weaves stories of his travels, taking us on his musical path.



#### **CAMERON CARPENTER**

#### Feb. 24, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-\$45

Smashing the stereotypes of organists and organ music, Cameron Carpenter is generating unprecedented international acclaim and controversy. He is the first 'concert organist' in history to prefer the digital organ to the pipe organ, and to champion it as the future of the instrument.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: ZOLTAN TAKACS - DEADLIEST LIFESAVERS Feb. 7, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$26-\$40

Biomedical scientist Takacs collects and researches the deadliest snake, scorpion, and jellyfish venoms for medical innovationvenoms that target vital life functions and thus could be the blueprint of novel medications.

National Geographic Live is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and The Great Courses.



#### **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: PETE MCBRIDE & KEVIN FEDARKO -BETWEEN RIVER AND RIM: HIKING THE GRAND CANYON**

#### Mar. 1, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$26 - \$40

Author of The Emerald Mile Kevin Fedarko and award-winning photographer/filmmaker Pete McBride set off on an audacious and demanding adventure: to transect the length of the canyon on foot. Hear of the Grand Canyon's uncharted glory and learn of the myriad threats it faces through these incredible speakers. National Geographic Live is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and The Great Courses. This special engagement sponsored by Grand Canyon Trust.





#### **DON MCLEAN** WITH SPECIAL GUEST FIREFALL

#### Mar. 2, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$48-\$58

Legendary singer-songwriter Don McLean has amassed over 40 gold and platinum records worldwide and, in 2004, was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and is best known for "American Pie", an *RIAA* "Song of the Century." Presented in partnership with FX Arts Management.

#### **MILES ELECTRIC BAND**

Mar. 3, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$46 An All-Star live set featuring Miles Davis alumni: GRAMMY®

winning drummer, former bandmate and nephew of the late icon Vincent Wilburn, Jr., GRAMMY® nominee Robert Irving III, on piano; guitarist David Gilmore; acclaimed percussionists Munyungo Jackson; saxophonist Antoine Roney (Lenny Kravitz, Elvin Jones), Rolling Stones bassist Darryl Jones, renowned programmer/re-mixer Debasish Chaudhurion tabla and trumpet, Etienne Charles.







#### **GOBSMACKED!**

#### Mar. 4, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$30-\$40

This next-generation a cappella show from the UK features world champion beatboxer Ball-Zee and an international cast of world-class vocalists redefining the limits of the human voice. Heart-stopping harmonies and jaw dropping beatboxing guarantees the audience will leave with a smile on their face!



#### **ETHAN BORTNICK**

Mar. 6, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$48-\$73 Recognized by the Guinness World Records as "The World's Youngest Solo Musician to Headline His Own Concert Tour," Ethan Bortnick performs around the world. His TV show, The Power of Music, is still running nationwide, continuously winning multiple awards.

#### **JAKE SHIMABUKURO**

#### Mar. 6, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$37

Ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro is bringing his lightningfast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques to Mesa for an enthralling evening of jazz, pop and funk. Jake redefines ukulele music.

#### **CELEBRATING DAVID BOWIE**

#### Mar. 7, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$33-\$68

Celebrating David Bowie keeps the music alive with musicians who worked closely with him throughout his career and other top musicians greatly influenced by him. Featuring Bernard Fowler, Earl Slick, Mike Garson, Angelo Moore, Carmine Rojas, Gerry Leonard, and more.









#### **MEN ARE FROM MARS, WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS LIVE!**

#### Mar. 7-10, 2018 • Times vary | Piper Theater | \$55

Based on the number one best-selling book from acclaimed author, John Gray, this hilarious one-man show has been entertaining thousands of people and letting them see themselves in their own relationships. Perfect for date night!

#### **SIMPLY THREE**

#### Mar. 8-9 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$28

With ever-growing online popularity, Simply Three (Glen McDaniel, Nick Villalobos, and Zack Clark) is creating renewed excitement for instrumental music through inventive music videos that have captured the hearts of millions of YouTube viewers across the globe.

#### **BRIA SKONBERG**

#### Mar. 16, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$33

Skonberg's elite jazz chops, artfully mixed with worldly rhythms and contemporary songwriting, result in a sophisticated pop sound closely resembling that of Michael Bublé, Diana Krall, and Harry Connick Jr.

#### **BEETHOVEN UNDER THE STARS**

#### Mar. 19, 2018 • 7:00pm | Alliance Pavilion | FREE EVENT Trios for Violin, Viola & Cello - Opus 3 and 8

Artistic Director of Mesa Arts Center's Classical Music Inside Out series and world-renowned Cellist, Zuill Bailey, will be joined by violinist Kurt Nikkanen and violoist Scott Rawls for this performance. Classical Music Inside Out is Sponsored by Bill Passey and Maria Silva.









#### **HUMAN NATURE**

#### Mar. 20, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$35-\$45

One of the world's finest pop vocal groups of the modern era, Human Nature have become known around the globe for their distinctive harmonies and stellar live shows, riding waves to the top of the charts.

#### **BEETHOVEN IN THE HOUSE**

#### Mar. 22, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-45 Trio for Violin, Viola & Cello - Opus 9/1, 9/2 and 9/3

Artistic Director of Mesa Arts Center's Classical Music Inside Out series and world-renowned Cellist, Zuill Bailey, will be joined by violinist Kurt Nikkanen and violoist Scott Rawls for this performance.

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#### WORDPLAY CAFÉ STORY SLAM

#### Mar. 23, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$10

The WordPlay Café open mic series culminates in an exciting stage show featuring storytellers, spoken word artists and musicians. Visit mesaartscenter.com/wordplaycafe for more about the ongoing open mic series hosted at Volstead Public House in downtown Mesa.

#### **PETER YARROW & NOEL PAUL STOOKEY CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF PETER, PAUL & MARY**

#### Mar. 23, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$45-\$65

Celebrating the music of Peter, Paul and Mary, known for such classics as "If I Had a Hammer," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Puff, The Magic Dragon," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and "Blowin' in the Wind," Peter and Noel Paul carry on the proud folk tradition.

Presented in partnership with Live Nation.



THE ILLUSIONISTS PRESENT: ADAM TRENT THE NEXT GENERATION OF MAGIC Mar. 25, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$38-\$58

Direct from Broadway, Adam Trent, the break out star of the world's bestselling magic show The Illusionists, brings his signature brand of magic and illusion to this 90-minute spectacle. Don't miss the next generation of magic!



#### JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH CHICK COREA Mar. 27, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$52-\$79

Pianist and composer Chick Corea joins the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (JLCO)—a group he calls "the greatest big band on the planet"-to perform transformative new iterations of his music. See why Corea and the members of the JLCO are considered some of the greatest jazz improvisers alive.



#### **AN EVENING WITH KEVIN SMITH** Apr. 4, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$35-\$45

An Evening with Kevin Smith is a chance to get up close and personal with the man who brought the world Clerks, Chasing Amy, Dogma and Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back.



#### SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX Apr. 5, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$42.50-\$108

Postmodern Jukebox returns to Mesa Arts Center! Since Bradlee created PMJ in 2009, he has amassed more than 850 million YouTube views and 3 million subscribers, chalked up more than 1 million likes on Facebook, performed on "Good Morning America," topped iTunes and Billboard charts, caught the attention of NPR Music and NBC News, and played hundreds of shows to sold-out houses around the world.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: HILAREE O'NEILL - POINT OF NO RETURN Mar. 28, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$26 - \$40

In 2014, a National Geographic team set out to the summit of Burma's Hkakabo Razi to determine if it is indeed Southeast Asia's highest point. Leader Hilaree O'Neill recounts the tough decisions she had to make to keep the team together, accompanied by photographer Cory Richard's dramatic stills and clips from Renan Ozturk's searing documentary Down to Nothing. National Geographic Live is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and The Great Courses.





#### **AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH TRAILER PARK BOYS FEATURING RICKY, JULIAN, BUBBLES & RANDY**

#### Apr. 11, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$34.50-\$59.50

Trailer Park Boys are Canada's most beloved miscreants from a While at WNYC, MacArthur fellow Abumrad began tinkering small town in Nova Scotia, Canada. Robb Wells (Ricky), John Paul with an idea for a new kind of radio program. The idea evolved Tremblay (Julian) and Bubbles (Mike Smith) have created loyal and into one of public radio's most popular shows today – RadioLab. loveable characters on their television series and their message has Spend an evening with him exploring "Gut Churn" and what it's spread globally. like navigating feelings during the creative process.

Presented in partnership with Emporium Presents.



#### **ARLO GUTHRIE**

#### Mar. 29, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$26-\$56

The Re:Generation tour is the spirit of an American family making music together. Arlo's children Abe and Sarah Lee will be joining their dad to present music of the Guthrie Generations.



#### **HOST OF PUBLIC RADIO'S RADIOLAB:** JAD ABUMRAD EMBRACING THE GUT CHURN

Apr. 13, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$24-\$35



# APR 14



#### **DAVID ARCHULETA**

#### Apr. 14, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$51-\$71

In 2008 more than 30 million television viewers fell in love with David Archuleta's angelic voice and their 44 million votes made him American Idol runner-up in Season 7. Soon after, his first single "Crush," debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart the week of its release.

## **BOSTON POPS ORCHESTRA KEITH LOCKHART, CONDUCTOR**

Apr. 17, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$50-\$140

Known as "America's Orchestra," Boston Pops is the most recorded and arguably most beloved orchestra in the country, beginning with the modern-era Pops by Arthur Fiedler and continuing through the innovations introduced by John Williams and the new-millennium Pops spearheaded by Lockhart.







#### **AMOR ETERNO MARIACHI SOL AZTECA** WITH GENARO MORENO May 12, 2018 • 7:00pm

Piper Theater | \$45 Tuscon natives Mariachi Sol Azteca will perform with Genaro Moreno in a special Mariachi Concert celebrating Mother's Day. They will be joined by Ballet Folclórico. In Partnership with East Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.



## **BRIAN CULBERTSON COLORS OF LOVE TOUR**

May 29, 2018 • 7:30p.m. Piper Theater | \$42.50-\$49.50 Brian Culbertson is an awardwinning multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer known for his distinct brand of genrecrossing contemporary jazz, R&B and funk.



#### **TAO: DRUM HEART**

#### Apr. 22, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$19-\$39

TAO's modern, high-energy performances, showcasing the ancient art of Japanese drumming, have transfixed audiences worldwide. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with precise choreography, and innovative visuals, the performers of TAO: Drum Heart create an unforgettable production.

#### **"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC THE RIDICULOUSLY SELF-INDULGENT, ILL-ADVISED VANITY TOUR** WITH SPECIAL GUEST, EMO PHILIPS

May 8, 2018 • 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$39.50 - \$69.50 For the first time in his storied career, the world's foremost musical satirist and four-time GRAMMY-winner foregoes his usual high-octane, big-production show for an intimate evening of music, focusing on original (non-parody) songs from his 14-album catalog. Presented in partnership with Live Nation.

# MAY 16

#### **CELTIC WOMAN**

May 16, 2018 • 7:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$50-\$115 Celtic Woman transcends national and cultural boundaries to celebrate the timeless emotion of Ireland's centuries-old heritage. Celtic Woman combines the country's finest musical talents with epic stage production.

# **FESTIVALS**

Mark your calendar for free concerts, festivals and special events! **MESAARTSCENTER.COM/EVENTS** 



## **SPARK! AFTER DARK**

Third Saturday of every month, Jan.-June 2018 8-11 p.m.



## **SPRING OUT TO LUNCH** CONCERT SERIES

**Every Thursday**, Jan. 18-Mar. 22, 2018 12:30-1:30 p.m.



## **SPARK! MESA'S FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY ART IN MOTION**

Sat, Mar. 17, 2018 | Noon-11 p.m. Sun, Mar. 18, 2018 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



#### **MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM**

Five galleries showcase curated and juried exhibitions of contemporary art by emerging and internationally recognized artists.

#### Spring Opening Reception | Fri, Feb. 9 • 7-10 p.m.

This Spring, in addition to the patron favorite Annual Contemporary Crafts exhibition, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum features breathtaking work of Arizona creatives Kathryn Maxwell and Mary Shindell.

#### **MUSEUM HOURS:**

(SUMMER CLOSURE: Aug. 6-Sept. 14, 2018) Mon: Closed Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thu: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun: Noon-5 p.m. [2nd Fri of the Month: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.]

**ADMISSION: FREE** MESAARTSCENTER.COM/MUSEUM



#### **ART STUDIOS**

Explore nearly 1,000 visual and performing arts classes, workshops and arts camps offered for preschoolers to adults. Summer Enrollment Starts: Apr. 13, 2018 MESAARTSCENTER.COM/CLASSES

## **ARTS IN SERVICE**

Thanks to a generous grant from The Boeing Company, Mesa Arts Center is launching Arts in Service, a program that will provide creative pathways for veterans and active duty members to use studio arts experiences in reaching their personal goals.

**MESAARTSCENTER.COM/ARTSINSERVICE** 

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteering at Mesa Arts Center is the perfect opportunity to give back to the community while enjoying and supporting the arts! **Become a Mesa Arts Center volunteer! MESAARTSCENTER.COM/GETINVOLVED** 

SERVICE

#### **MESA ARTS CENTER RESIDENT COMPANIES** (\*Founding Resident Companies)

#### **BALLET ETUDES<sup>\*</sup>** Repertoire | Feb. 16, 2018

**EAST VALLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE\*** 

Beauty and the Computer Geek | Feb. 15-25, 2018

Peter Pan, a musical adventure | June 14-24, 2018

# **MESA ENCORE THEATRE\***

The Graduate | Jan. 12-28, 2018 Disney's Beauty and the Beast | Mar. 2-18, 2018 Forbidden Broadway | Apr. 6-22, 2018 Rock of Ages | May 18-June 3, 2018

#### **METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY\***

36th Season Winter Concert | Feb. 28, 2018 36th Season Spring Concert | May 1, 2018

#### SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE COMPANY\*

Romeo and Juliet | Jan. 12-27, 2018 Infinite Canary | Jan. 13, 14, 21 & 27, 2018 Sense and Sensibility | Feb. 16-Mar. 10, 2018 Henry IV, Part One | Mar. 23-Apr. 7, 2018

#### **SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST\***

Youth Symphony of the Southwest | Feb. 12, 2018 An Evening at the Opera | Feb. 17, 2018 Movie Music Madness | Mar. 24, 2018

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Mesa Arts Center Members are the first to hear about new shows and enjoy exclusive Members-only events. Membership is 100% tax deductible and supports Mesa Arts Center's Engagement programs that serve people throughout our community.

To become a member contact: **Melia Smith** 480-644-6515 Membership@MesaArtsCenter.com

#### **THE STORE**

Find one-of-a-kind art and unique gifts at The Store at Mesa Arts Center. an Artists Cooperative Gallery.

**STORE HOURS: Closed Monday** Tue, Wed: Noon-5:00 p.m. Thu, Fri, & Sat: 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sun: Noon-5:00 p.m.

#### TOURS

Mesa Arts Center offers weekly free public tours. Call 480-644-6626 to make a reservation.

#### SALT RIVER BRASS

Mardi Gras | Feb. 11, 2018 Lollapalooza | Mar. 11, 2018 Magical Music Tour | Apr. 29, 2018

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