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**Nate Bargatze and Friends**  
**Presented by Mesa Arts Center and ASU Polytechnic - Programming and Activities Board**  
**Friday, September 5**



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**Mesa, AZ** – Comedians Nate Bargatze, Adam Ray and Hampton Yount will take the stage in Mesa Arts Center’s Piper Theater on Friday, September 5, at 8 p.m. for a special engagement presented in partnership with the ASU Polytechnic Programming and Activities Board. Tickets are on sale now and available at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) or 480-644-6500. A limited number of free tickets are available to Arizona State University (ASU) students with a valid Suncard ID. ASU students can learn more about this offer and claim tickets at <https://natebargatzeandfriends.eventbrite.com/>.

“ASU Polytechnic is excited about this developing partnership with Mesa Arts Center and the opportunities it opens up for our students,” said Julie Kipper, spokesperson for ASU Polytechnic.

**Nate Bargatze** has appeared on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, Conan, Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, and had his own Comedy Central Presents in 2011. His debut comedy album *Yelled at by a Clown* reached #1 on the iTunes comedy charts. Nate has also been featured as one of Esquire's Best New Comedians of 2012, as one of Marc Maron's comedians to watch in *Rolling Stone* and in *Paste Magazine*, and as one of the “10 Comedians Who Deserve Their Own TV Show” on CoolMaterial.com.

**Adam Ray** has guest starred on *Two Broke Girls*, *Arrested Development*, among other shows, and more recently played the bad guy opposite Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy in Paul Feig's buddy cop comedy *The Heat*. He has written for MTV's *PUNK'D* and Comedy Central's *House Party*, and his internet sketches have been featured on Funnyordie.com and CollegeHumor.com and have over 30 million views.

**Hampton Yount** was previously a creative consultant on *Rob Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory* (MTV), a writer for *Loiter Squad* (Adult Swim) and *Upload* with Shaq (TruTV) and is currently a creative consultant on *Ridiculousness* on MTV. He has done contributing writing for *Chelsea Lately*, and performed his stand-up to millions of listeners on the *Bob and Tom Radio Show* and *The Nerdist Podcast*. Hampton also makes a webcomic with his brother Clay Yount: [www.robandelliott.com](http://www.robandelliott.com).

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### **About Mesa Arts Center**

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, 14 art studios, and an artist cooperative gallery. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).