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**Yuna Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center  
Thursday, March 12  
Tickets Now Available**

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**Mesa, AZ** –Charismatic young singer-songwriter **Yuna** from Malaysia—who made her Verve Records debut with *Nocturnal*—has become the first artist from her homeland to conquer the American market. **Yuna** will perform in Mesa Arts Center’s on March 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale to the public now and are available at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

The ease with which Yuna has transitioned to border-defying mainstream success shouldn’t be surprising, considering the effortlessly universal appeal of her organic blend of contemporary pop, acoustic folk and soulful R&B. The artist’s personally charged songs are deeply felt yet melodically irresistible, combining her engaging voice and expressive song craft with imaginative production to create wholly distinctive music that’s won her comparisons with the likes of Feist, Adele and Norah Jones.

Yuna says of her album *Nocturnal* “I got to explore a lot of different genres and different sounds on these songs,” continues. “We did a lot of experimenting; doing things like working with traditional Malaysian instruments and making them work in the context of a pop song that sounds current. I love mixing all these genres together, and I was fortunate to have all of these really talented producers to help bring these ideas to life.”

Rolling Stone has praised her music as a combination of “certified indie cred and massive pop potential,” while The New York Times described her music as “gorgeous.” She has performed on high-profile sets at the Lollapalooza and Bonnaroo festivals, and appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Yuna’s music was also featured in several films, including her stellar cover of The Beatles’ “Here Comes the Sun” in Oliver Stone’s *Savages* and her collaboration with Owl City on “Shine Your Way” for the hit animated feature *The Croods*.

“I don’t really like the idea of putting myself in any category now,” she concludes. I think that people are looking for music that’s real and honest and that they can relate to emotionally. I think we’ve created that with *Nocturnal*.”

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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