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**Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2015 Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center  
December 16**

**For immediate release:**

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**Mesa, AZ** – Nine time GRAMMY® nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz returns to Mesa Arts Center this holiday season with his Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2015. Special guests Candy Dulfer, Jonathan Butler and Bill Medley will join Koz on stage in Mesa Arts Center’s Ikeda Theater on December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and available at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

**“By all rights, smooth jazz should own the holiday season, and the saxophonist Dave Koz is better positioned than anyone to make it so...”** said *The*

*New York Times* in a review of his latest Christmas album, *The 25<sup>th</sup> of December*.

Joining Koz include fellow tour “alumni” – the irrepressible Jonathan Butler, who has earned accolades in the R&B, contemporary jazz and gospel fields, and Dutch saxophone star Candy Dulfer, who was introduced with the smash pop single “Lily Was Here” and has since released 10 studio albums and performed with such artists as Prince, Dave Stewart and Lionel Ritchie – and the legendary Bill Medley, who will be touring with Koz for the first time. Medley, who co-founded The Righteous Brothers with Bobby Hatfield, has released 14 solo albums, including the GRAMMY®-winning *Dirty Dancing*. Together, the four musicians will put fresh spins on holiday classics and will perform other selections that aim to capture the spirit of the season.

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

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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 multidisciplinary arts center is

home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, 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](https://www.mesaartscenter.com).