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**Mesa Arts Center Announces 2015-16 Performing Live Season**

Celebrating Ten Years at One East Main in Downtown Mesa

Tickets on sale to the general public July 13

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**Mesa, AZ** – Celebrating its tenth season of performances and events at One East Main Street in Downtown Mesa, Mesa Arts Center is pleased to announce the Performing Live Season line-up for 2015-16. Season tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday, July 6 at 10 a.m., and single tickets go on sale on Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Season highlights include The Moth presenting *Between Worlds*, classic Broadway performances like *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performing with the incomparable Wynton Marsalis, and concerts like American Idol Live, Jeff Daniels, and Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox. Celebrating a pop-culture phenomenon, *Evil Dead: The Musical* comes to life with a "splatter zone," and the National Geographic Live speaker series will continue to deliver stories of life-changing explorations from behind the camera.

Mesa Arts Center will continue its commitment to breaking down barriers to Classical Music with the Classical Music Inside Out Series and guest artistic director Zuill Bailey. The series will feature the Juilliard String Quartet, the Quint Quintet: *Exploring The Music of Astor Piazzolla and Nuevo Tango*, Bach Goldberg Variations: The Art of Transcription with Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Scott Rawls, and Zuill Bailey, and madcap virtuosos Igudesman and Joo with *And Now Mozart*.

The multifaceted Jazz from A to Z program and series will continue in 2015-16 with experiences that bring jazz to Mesa Arts Center stages and East Valley classrooms. In addition to a Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis performance with special guest The Phoenix Symphony, the Jazz from A to Z series also includes the Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club Adios Tour, rising jazz and genre-crossing vocalist Gregory Porter, and the unique cinematic and musical experience of an eight-piece orchestra performing a live soundtrack to the Oscar-nominated animation feature *The Triplets of Belleville* with composer Benoît Charest.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the tenth year at One East Main at a free Season Kickoff Festival on Friday, September 11, 7-10 p.m. The festival will take on the atmosphere of a Latin street party, with Los Lonely Boys, lessons in Latin social dance from Ballet Hispanico, and five new exhibitions in Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, including two showcasing works from

Cheech Marin's collection of Chicano art. Custom low-riders, food vendors and artist demonstrations will take place on the Shadow Walk.

To purchase tickets, call the Mesa Arts Center Box Office at 480-644-6500, or visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com). The Box Office is located at One East Main Street in Downtown Mesa, and is open Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4 p.m.



**Esperanza Spalding Presents: Emily's D+Evolution**  
**August 15, 2015 | 8 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$35**  
GRAMMY® award-winning singer-composer-bassist Esperanza (Emily) Spalding brings her newest project, Emily's D+Evolution, to Mesa Arts Center. Rekindling her childhood interest in theater, poetry and movement, this new project delves into a broader concept of performance. Originally conceived the day before her birthday, during a "sleepless night of full moon inspiration", Emily's D+Evolution will be performing all new material that Esperanza says "unfolds as live musical vignettes."



**American Idol Live**  
**August 16, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$39/49/59/VIP**  
*AMERICAN IDOL*®, the most successful music competition show in television history, returns this summer with an unprecedented 14th consecutive national tour. *AMERICAN IDOL*® LIVE! will give fans an opportunity to get up close and personal with the Top Five IDOLS from Season 14. Our Top Five will showcase their individual artistry and talents all set to a live band. Past tours have featured stars such as Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia, Adam Lambert, Scotty McCreery, Phillip Phillips and many more.



**Jackson Browne**  
**August 20, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | SOLD OUT**

Jackson Browne has written and performed some of the most literate and moving songs in popular music and has defined a genre of songwriting charged with honesty, emotion and personal politics. He was honored with induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2007. *\*In partnership with Danny Zelisko Presents*



**The Australian Pink Floyd Show with Led Zeppelin 2**

**September 2, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$35-\$95**

Having sold over 4 million tickets in 35 countries, The Australian Pink Floyd Show is rightfully hailed as one of the leading concert performances currently operating; *The Times* described them as "The Gold Standard". LED ZEPPELIN 2 – THE LIVE EXPERIENCE brings the excitement of Led Zeppelin "In Concert" by re-enacting the live improvisation & onstage interaction that earned Led Zeppelin their legendary status for performing. *\*In partnership with Danny Zelisko Presents*



**MAC Talk with Cheech Marin**

**September 10, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | FREE**

Enjoy an intimate discussion with actor, entertainer and arts patron Cheech Marin. An advocate and avid art collector, Marin has amassed one of the world's largest and most comprehensive private collections of Chicano art. Characterized by rich colors and bold, intense imagery that embody and embrace U.S. Latino traditions, the artworks in his collection are a feast for the senses. Always the entertainer, the evening will include personal stories, culture, his passion for art and more than a little humor!



**Los Lonely Boys**

**September 11, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | FREE**

While on tour with their January 2014 album *Revelation*, the beloved Texan brother trio makes a stop in Mesa, AZ to celebrate Mesa Arts Center's 10<sup>th</sup> year at One East Main with a free, outdoor public concert at the annual Season Kickoff Festival. The American Chicano rock power trio draws musical inspiration from and performs in equal parts rock, blues, Tex-Mex, conjunto and tejano.



**Ballet Hispanico**

**September 16 and 18, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$25-\$40**

For their Arizona premier of an evening length masterpiece of *CARMEN* maquia by Gustavo Ramirez Sansano, a Picasso-inspired contemporary take on Bizet's beloved classic. Under artistic Director Eduardo Vilaro, Ballet Hispanico melds it's Latino roots with an eclectic, sleekly modern style that has made it one "of the best contemporary ensembles" *The New York Times*. Ballet Hispanico's diverse program promises to "whisk us away to contemporary dance's hottest spot" *The Washington Post*.



**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**

**September 25, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$75-\$125**

World-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Wynton Marsalis will perform in the intimate, Piper Theater! This is a fundraiser for MAC Outreach Programs. VIP tickets enable guests to attend the concert and a special dessert reception with Wynton Marsalis. Remaining seats are available for \$75. Join us for an unforgettable two part musical evening, on the next night the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performing with The Phoenix Symphony in the Ikeda Theater!

 <p>SEPTEMBER 26</p>	<p><b>Jazz at Lincoln Center, Wynton Marsalis and The Phoenix Symphony</b>  <b>September 26, 2015   8:00 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$50-\$90</b></p> <p>The four-day Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra residency ends with a concert combining the full, rich sound of one of the world's best large jazz ensembles with the talented musicians of The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. A feature of the night's program will be the Arizona premiere of "Swing Symphony" by Wynton Marsalis.</p>
 <p>SEPTEMBER 30</p>	<p><b>National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China</b>  <b>October 1, 2015   7:30 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$25-\$35</b></p> <p>Direct from Beijing, <i>Peking Dreams</i> incorporates elements of acrobatics, Chinese circus and Peking Opera, and invites audiences into an artistic world full of history and wonder. The actors' flawless performance, colorful costumes and elaborate make-up will astound audiences with visual and aural treats. This production was performed for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and has been performed for more than 600 shows in front of more than 400,000 people in China, Europe, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. <i>*In partnership with Mike Petite Presentations</i></p>
 <p>OCTOBER 14</p>	<p><b>Zoltán Mága</b>  <b>October 14, 2015   7:30 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$30-\$70</b></p> <p>Live in concert; enjoy the flair and passion of Zoltán Mága, Hungary's foremost violin virtuoso! Experience fiery music and Hungarian folk dance brought to life by hand-picked singers, costumed ballroom dancers and orchestra. From heart-warming ballads, beautiful waltzes and beloved arias to the furious speeds of Zoltán's Gypsy band let these performers dazzle you with their masterful artistry. You'll love the charm of this vibrant live concert celebrating the infectious energy of Hungary's music and dance!</p>



**Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club® Adios Tour  
October 15, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$34-  
\$64**

Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club® says "Adios" to world stages with their 2015 farewell tour. This is the last time you will be able to experience live their spirited celebration of Cuban sound and culture. When Ry Cooder recruited the group of aging musicians for a 1997 recording session in Havana, he brought the world's attention to a musical treasure. The album won a GRAMMY®, the group shot to international fame, and those senior citizens began their storied journey as ambassadors for the music of Cuba.



**Taylor Davis – Live in Concert**

**October 18, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$25**

Debating at #10 on Billboard's Classical Chart, She has become one of the fastest rising stars in the digital world, posting over 125 videos on You Tube, which have garnered over 100-million views and saw her subscriber list explode to 800,000 and climbing. Taylor Davis is a classically trained American violinist, arranger and composer whose passion for video game and film music led her to launch her widely popular You Tube channel "ViolinTay" in 2010.



**Bach Goldberg Variations**

**October 22, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-  
\$45**

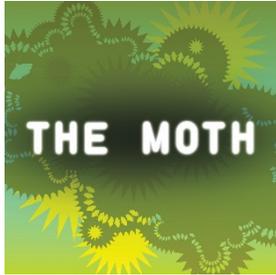
Johann Sebastian Bach's *Goldberg Variations* has become an iconic monument in Western music. On one level, it's simply a beautiful keyboard work, and on another, it's a Rubik's Cube of invention and architecture (NPR's Tom Huizenga). Legendary violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky's ground-breaking arrangement changes the landscape of how Bach's music is perceived. This historic arrangement for string-trio will be performed by violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violist Scott Rawls, and cellist Zuill Bailey.



**The David Grisman Sextet**

**October 24, 2015 | 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$34**

David Grisman has created a one-of-a-kind niche with his self-described *Dawg Music*, an amalgam of genres with bluegrass and jazz as its base. The iconic mandolinist's eclectic approach has led to a number of inventive collaborations with Bonnie Raitt, Stéphane Grappelli, and his old friend Jerry Garcia. The David Grisman Sextet includes bassist Jim Kerwin, flutist Matt Eakle, percussionist George Marsh, guitarist George Cole, and violinist Chad Manning.



**The Moth**

**October 27, 2015 | TBA | Theater | \$TBA**

The Peabody Award-winning *The Moth Radio Hour* features true stories, told live and without notes. Mixing humorous and heartbreaking tales told with honesty, bravery, and wit. Since its launch in 2008, it's been regularly ranked in the top 10 podcasts on iTunes, alongside such mainstays as *This American Life*, *Radiolab*, and *The TED Radio Hour*. The Moth Podcast is downloaded more than 25 million times a year. Special Guest for this live, taped event to be announced!



**Jeff Daniels and The Ben Daniels Band October 30, 2015**

**October 30, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$39-\$49**

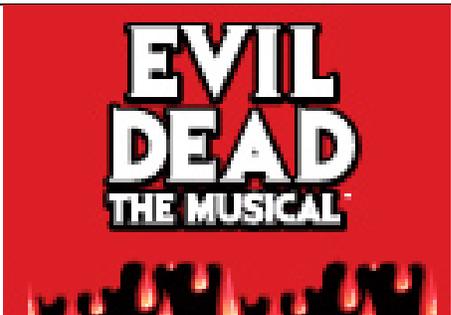
Following the release of his new album *Days Like These*, Emmy winning actor and musician Jeff Daniels performs in Mesa. What started out as a "good idea" to raise funds for The Purple Rose Theatre, turned into six albums and several U.S. tours performing at venues, opera houses and PACs throughout the country.



**Youssou N'dour**  
**November 5, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$34-\$40**  
 This world music superstar may best be known in the US as the distinctive voice featured in Peter Gabriel's hit song "In Your Eyes". Youssou N'Dour is a passionate singer, composer, bandleader, and producer whose powerfully expressive voice transformed mbalax music of his native Senegal.



**Portland Cello Project**  
**November 6, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$32**  
 Indie group Portland Cello Project wows audiences with extravagant performances, everywhere from Prairie Home Companion, SXSW, and that punk rock club in the part of town your grandma warns you not to go to after dark. The group has a reputation for mixing genres and blurring musical lines and perceptions wherever they go.



**Evil Dead: The Musical November 10-15, 2015**  
**November 10-15, 2015 | Times Vary | Piper Theater | \$38-\$50**  
 The hilarious, record-breaking musical takes all the elements of the cult classic horror films and combines them to make one of the craziest theatrical experiences of all time. In addition to some dismembered limbs, demons telling bad jokes, and catchy tunes, the show features a saucy combination of wit and sexual innuendo that keeps audiences laughing out loud.



**Rioul Dance NY November 17, 2015**  
**November 17, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$32-\$42**  
 "Musically astute, visually arresting, and kinetically exciting," *The Daily Gazette*. RIOULT Dance NY seamlessly blends Pascal Rioul's European sensibility with classic American modern dance. Rioul is celebrated for his bold and unexpected interpretations of great musical scores. Don't miss this internationally acclaimed company of dancers performing *Bach Dances*, a series of classic modern dances set to the Baroque music of J.S. Bach with

	<p>21st century technology as the platform for the scenic design.</p>
	<p><b>National Geographic Live: Blue World</b>  <b>November 18, 2015   7:30 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$78-\$125</b></p> <p>Discover the wonders and fragility of the deep blue seas with National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence Dr. Sylvia A. Earle. She has been called “Her Deepness” by the <i>New Yorker</i> and the <i>New York Times</i>, “Living Legend” by the Library of Congress, and first “Hero for the Planet” by <i>Time</i> magazine. She is an oceanographer, explorer, author, and lecturer.</p>
	<p><b>Double Sharp</b>  <b>November 19, 2015   7:30 p.m.   Piper Theater   \$30-\$45</b></p> <p>Double Sharp, an exciting piano duo, combines the talents of the Russian-born pianists Natasha Marin and Maria Demina. These gifted performers, who both graduated from the St. Petersburg Conservatory, present a technically challenging and diverse music by Russian Romantic and Twentieth Century composers.</p>
	<p><b>Under The Streetlamp</b>  <b>November 27, 2015   8:00 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$34-\$54</b></p> <p>The quartet—previous leading cast members of the Tony Award-winning musical <i>Jersey Boys</i> — delivers an evening of unforgettable entertainment with tight harmonies and slick dance moves that will take you back to an era of sharkskin suits, flashy cars, and martini shakers. You’ll hear Doo-Wop, Motown, old time Rock ‘n’ Roll and all of your favorite songs from The Drifters, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, and a “show-stopping” salute to their mentors Frankie Valli and Bob Gaudio.</p>
	<p><b>Broadway: Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer The Musical</b>  <b>November 29, 2015   3:00 p.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$32-\$52</b></p> <p>The beloved TV classic RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. See all of your favorite characters as they come to life in RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED</p>

	<p>REINDEER: THE MUSICAL. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special.</p>
	<p><b>Mannheim Steamroller</b>  <b>December 6, 2015   3 p.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$35-\$80</b>  America's favorite holiday tradition for the past 30 years! Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features the beloved Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. Their holiday CDs have become synonymous with Christmas and continue to occupy top spots on Billboard's Seasonal Charts every year!</p>
	<p><b>The Milk Carton Kids</b>  <b>December 7, 2015   8 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$20-\$25 day of show price increase</b>  Grammy-nominated harmony duo The Milk Carton Kids bring a refreshing alternative to the foot-stomping grandeur of the so-called "folk revival," an understated virtuosity defines The Milk Carton Kids and their new album. Their featured performance and interviews in T Bone Burnett &amp; the Coen Brothers' concert documentary, <i>Another Day/Another Time</i>, brought the band its widest audience, and their 55-city North American tour last year sold out months in advance.  <i>*In partnership with Emporium Presents</i></p>
	<p><b>Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox</b>  <b>December 8, 2015   8 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$27-\$37</b>  This amazing group's work has been viewed on the ensemble's YouTube channel well over 150 million times. These clever and talented viral-video/YouTube sensations have likely shown up on yours or a friend's Facebook wall—no doubt ecstatically captioned with glowing praises for their uncanny ability to take a contemporary pop hit and reincarnate it into a superb, vintage-flavored songbook standard from the last century.</p>



**Dave Koz & Friends Christmas**  
**December 16, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater |**  
**\$54-\$84**

A Mesa Arts Center holiday tradition, multi-GRAMMY® nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz returns with his friends. Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit as some of the brightest names in music jam on fresh, lively arrangements of seasonal favorites, in a spectacular production. This year Dave brings his friends, Candy Dulfer, Jonathan Butler, and Bill Medley.



**Straight No Chaser – The New Old Fashioned Tour**  
**December 27, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater |**  
**\$39.50-\$64.50**

If the phrase “male a cappella group” conjures up an image of students in blue blazers, ties, and khakis singing traditional college songs on ivied campuses... think again. SNC have emerged as a phenomenon with a massive fanbase, and numerous national TV appearances. For one-night-only, enjoy the captivating sound of ten unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense... and with a sense of humor.

*In partnership with Emporium Presents*



**Riverdance – The 20th Anniversary World Tour**  
**January 12-17, 2016 | Times Vary | Ikeda Theater |**  
**\$47-\$87**

The international Irish dance phenomenon is back! Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day. Experience an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song. Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland nothing carries the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of *Riverdance*.



**National Geographic Live: Gorongosa Reborn**  
**January 20, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$78-\$125**

Travel to Africa with Emmy Award-winning wildlife cinematographer Bob Poole. In 2012, National Geographic Television produced the film *War Elephants* in Mozambique's Gorongosa National Park about elephants traumatized by years of civil war and poaching. Whether tracking elephants in extreme desert environments of Mali, following wildebeest across the Serengeti, or traveling road-less regions of war-torn Sudan, Bob Poole's lifetime experience, and tenacity help him to capture remarkable moments.



**ArcAttack**  
**January 24, 2016 | 3:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$27**  
Creators of the original Singing Tesla Coil, the crew of ArcAttack use their high tech wizardry to generate a truly 'electrifying' performance. The show perfectly combines ArcAttack's love of rock music and their love of science, creating a show you will never forget!



**Frank Sinatra, Jr. Centennial Celebration with The Phoenix Symphony**  
**February 4, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$54-\$84**

Sinatra Sings Sinatra: The Centennial Celebration is a one of a kind multi-media experience in stories, photos, videos and songs. Frank Sinatra Jr. delivers personal recollections of life on and off stage with his iconic father. Backed by The Phoenix Symphony and a big band featuring many members who played with Sinatra Sr., The 100th Birthday Celebration is a once in a lifetime experience.



**One Drop Of Love**  
**February 5-6, 2016 | 7:30 P.M. | Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse | \$26**

How does our belief in 'race' affect our most intimate relationships? *One Drop of Love* travels near and far, in the past and present to explore family, race, love and pain -and a path towards reconciliation. It is produced by Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.



**National Geographic Live:  
Spinosaurus: Lost Giant Of The Cretaceous  
February 10, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$78-  
\$125**

In a tale for the ages, 2014 National Geographic Emerging Explorer Nizar Ibrahim finds “a needle in a desert”—the first semi-aquatic dinosaur. The German/Moroccan paleontologist was obsessed with the giant predator Spinosaurus, one of the great mysteries in paleontology. Listen to Ibrahim’s remarkable story and about the findings of an international team of scientists that were featured as a cover story for *National Geographic* magazine.



**Quint Quintet  
February 11, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-  
\$45**

"Five fiery musicians who play as if all hell has broken loose, and mesmerize the audience." –*El Paso Times*. Four-time Grammy® nominee violinist Philippe Quint leads The Quint Quintet: an ensemble dedicated to exploring the music of Astor Piazzolla and Nuevo Tango. The quintet features celebrated Argentine musicians such as bandoneonist JP Jofre, bassist Pedro Giraud, guitarist Claudio Ragazzi and pianist Octavio Brunetti.



**Antonio Rocha  
February 12, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$22**

Unique, imaginative, and internationally acclaimed storyteller Antonio Rocha comes to Mesa Arts Center to celebrate our 10th anniversary of storytelling. Antonio’s is a world of mime, sound effects, zany characters and physical comedy. You will be spellbound by myths, the absurd and the poetic Mr. Rocha’s unique solo shows of stories and mime have been performed from Singapore to Hawaii and many places in between including 14 countries on 6 continents.



**Doo Wop & Rock N' Roll**

**February 12, 2016 | 8:00 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$25-\$55**

Starring Gene Chandler, "Duke of Earl", "Groove Situation"; Shirley Alston Reeves, original lead singer of The Shirelles, "Soldier Boy", "Mama Said"; Diamond Dave Somerville original lead singer of The Diamonds, "Little Darlin", "Why Do Fools Fall In Love"; Lenny Welch, "Since I Fell For You", "Ebb Tide"; John Claude Gummo's The Cascades, "Rhythm Of The Rain".



**Gregory Porter**  
**February 21, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$33**  
 Rising jazz and genre-crossing vocalist, Gregory Porter, makes his Valley debut in the Ikeda Theater. 2014 GRAMMY® winner for Best Vocal Jazz Album, Porter is best known for performing with jazz and music royalty including Diana Krall, Wynton Marsalis, Herbie Hancock and Van Morrison and is dazzling audiences with his soulful voice.



**The Music Of Whitney Houston With The Phoenix Symphony**  
**February 27, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$54-\$84**  
 Join the Phoenix Symphony and Broadway sensation Rashidra Scott as we celebrate Whitney's biggest hits, "Saving All My Love", "How Will I Know?", "Where Do Broken Hearts Go?", "I Will Always Love You", and more.



**The Triplets Of Belleville**  
**March 1, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-\$45**  
 The *Triplets of Belleville* is a unique cinematic and musical experience involving an on-stage 8-piece orchestra playing, singing, dancing and performing live sound effects in sync to the Oscar-nominated animation feature *The Triplets of Belleville*. Benoît Charest, the composer of the soundtrack conducts and plays in this fine band to the delight of audiences everywhere.



**National Geographic Live:**  
**K2: Danger And Desire On The Savage Mountain**  
**March 2, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$78-\$125**  
 National Geographic's 2012 "Explorer of the Year," Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, is the first woman to achieve the extraordinary feat of scaling all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks without the use of supplementary oxygen. Once summiting all the other 8,000-meter peaks, K2 was still holding out on her.

	<p>After six trying attempts and thirteen years of climbing, Kaltenbrunner finally reached K2's peak.</p>
	<p><b>Juilliard String Quartet</b>  <b>March 10, 2016   7:30 p.m.   Piper Theater   \$30-\$45</b></p> <p>Founded in 1946, the quintessential American string Quartet was the first ensemble in the United States to play all six Bartok quartets, and its performances of Schoenberg's quartets helped establish the works of the modern string quartet literature. The Juilliard String Quartet has carried the banner of the United States and The Juilliard School throughout the world.</p>
	<p><b>The Screwtape Letters</b>  <b>March 12, 2016   4 p.m. &amp; 8 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$25-\$55</b></p> <p>The National Tour of this provocative and wickedly funny theatrical adaptation of the C.S. Lewis novel about spiritual warfare from a demon's point of view comes to Mesa Arts Center. This is after a hit nine-month run at the Westside Theatre in New York City where it entertained 50,000 theatergoers, and sold-out shows in Chicago and Washington D. C. where it ran for a combined eight months!</p>
	<p><b>Peter Yarrow And Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul And Mary</b>  <b>March 17, 2016   7:30 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$40-\$55</b></p> <p>Legendary folk singers Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey celebrate 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. Share the evening – come sing these songs and more with us! <i>*In partnership with Live Nation</i></p>



**Igudesman and Joo: And Now Mozart**  
**March 22, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Piper Theater | \$30-\$45**

With 40 million YouTube hits, numerous television appearances, and performances in stadiums for crowds of 18,000, Aleksey Igudesman and Hyung-ki Joo are two classical musicians who are taking the world by storm. Enjoy their unique and hilarious theatrical show blending comedy with classical music and popular culture!



**Chris Botti with the Phoenix Symphony**  
**March 26, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda | \$54-84**

Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD *When I Fall In Love*, Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist. He crossed over to audiences usually reserved for pop music and his ongoing association with PBS has led to four #1 jazz albums, as well as multiple Grammy Awards. He has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond any single genre.



**Disney's Beauty And The Beast**  
**March 28-30, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$47-\$77**

Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, the smash hit Broadway musical, is coming to Mesa! Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including. Experience the romance and enchantment of Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!



**Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage**  
**April 3, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. | Ikeda Theater | \$35-\$75**

STAR TREK: THE ULTIMATE VOYAGE brings five decades of *Star Trek* to concert halls for the first time in this galaxy or any other. Fans both old and new will experience the franchise's ground breaking and wildly popular musical achievements played by a live symphony orchestra, while 50 years of the

	<p>most iconic film and TV footage is beamed in high definition to the big screen. For music lovers, film goers, science fiction fans and anyone looking for an exciting and unique concert experience.</p>
	<p><b>Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles</b>  <b>April 12, 2015   8:00 p.m.   Ikeda Theater   \$34</b>  Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles is a live multi-media spectacular that takes you on a musical through the life and times of the world’s most celebrated band. Featuring new songs &amp; high definition imagery, this expanded Rain adds even more hits that you know and love from the vast anthology of Beatles classics such as “I Want to Hold Your Hand,” “Hard Day’s Night,” “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band,” “Let It Be,” “Come Together” and “Hey Jude.”</p>
	<p><b>The Johnny Clegg Band</b>  <b>April 21, 2016   7:30 p.m.   Piper Theater   \$37</b>  He is a singer, songwriter, dancer, anthropologist and musical activist. His infectious crossover music, a vibrant blend of Western pop and African Zulu rhythms, has exploded onto the international scene. Clegg has wowed vast audiences with his audacious live shows and has won a number of national and international awards for his music as well as his outspoken views on apartheid, his perspectives on migrant workers in South Africa and the general situation in the world today.</p>

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**About Mesa Arts Center**

The 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, and 14 art studios. 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).