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**New shows announced in Mesa Arts Center's 2015-16 Performing Live Series
Black Friday sale available**

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Mesa, AZ – Mesa Arts Center this week announced several additional performances in the Performing Live Series for the 2015-16 season. These include Simply Three on Feb. 19, Spoken World featuring Dahlek Braithwaite on Feb. 26, United States Air Force Band of the Golden West on Mar. 10, Men are From Mars, Women Are from Venus LIVE! Mar. 17-20, Arlo Guthrie on April 1, and Spoken World featuring Matthew “Cuban” Hernandez and Alyesha Wise. Tickets are on sale now at the Mesa Arts Center box office, and available at mesaartscenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500.

On Friday Nov. 27 only, Mesa Arts Center will offer the **\$24 for 24 Hours** Black Friday sale. The sale is available online only through 11:59 p.m. November 27 and includes select shows with limited seats starting at \$24. The sale will include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – The Musical (Nov. 29), Riverdance: The 20th Anniversary World Tour (Jan. 12-17, 2016), The Tenors (Feb. 18, 2016), Disney’s Beauty and the Beast (Mar. 28-30) and many more.

Simply Three

Friday, February 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

\$30, Piper Theater

With over 10 million views on YouTube, Simply Three has gained critical recognition by *The Huffington Post* and *Rolling Stone*. This unconventional string trio brings to the stage a revolutionary show filled with high-octane performances and tone-rich sounds not to be forgotten.

Spoken World Series featuring Dahlak Brathwaite

Friday, February 26, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

\$11, Piper Theater

Dahlak Brathwaite is a musician, actor, poet, and educator. His accolades include winning the Brave New Voices international poetry slam, and performing on the Tavis Smiley Radio show, in Russel Simmons presents Def Poetry Jam, and in the critically-acclaimed play Scourge.

United States Air Force Band of the Golden West

Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

FREE, Ikeda Theater

The USAF Band of the Golden West is dedicated to engaging communities and building partnerships, telling the Air Force story, honoring military heritage, enhancing morale for uniformed service members, and recruiting the finest Americans to serve in the United States Air Force.

Men are From Mars, Women are from Venus LIVE!

March 17-20, 2016, Times Vary

\$54, Piper Theater

Men Are From Mars - Women Are From Venus LIVE! is back in Mesa with the hilarious fusion of theater and stand-up, based on the number one best-selling book from acclaimed author John Gray. This hysterical show will have couples elbowing each other all evening as they see themselves onstage.

Arlo Guthrie

Friday, April 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

\$25-\$55, Ikeda Theater

Commemorating the 1967 song that shot him into stardom, singer-songwriter and folk legend Arlo Guthrie will perform "Alice's Restaurant" as part of the 50th Anniversary Tour. Back by popular demand, the evening will feature the Thanksgiving favorite as well as a number of other Guthrie classics.

Spoken World Series Featuring Matthew "CUBAN" Hernandez and Alyesha Wise

Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

\$11, Piper Theater

Alyesha Wise is a published Poet, Teaching Artist, Creator and TEDx Speaker. Matthew "Cuban" Hernandez is the Coach of the Get Lit Players and the Los Angeles Brave New Voices Slam team. He is a three-time Southern Fried Poetry slam champion.

Download the mid-season brochure from Mesa Arts Center's website at

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/download.php/media/2015-16-mid-season-brochure>.

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.