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**Billy Cobham and the Spectrum 40 Band Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center**

Art of the Rhythm Section Retreat to be offered by Cobham



**June 27, 2017 (Mesa, AZ)** – Drumming virtuoso and jazz fusion pioneer Billy Cobham and the Spectrum 40 Band will present a performance to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Cobham’s breakthrough album, *Spectrum*, at Mesa Arts Center, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at Mesa Arts Center’s Box Office, at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) and by calling 480-644-6500.

The performance will feature Cobham’s complex style of play, supported by band members Dean Brown (guitar), Ric Fierabracci (bass), and Gerry Etkins (keyboard). Cobham’s musical abilities have thrilled music lovers around the globe since the early ‘70s when he was a founding member of the Mahavishnu Orchestra and he contributed to four pivotal recordings by trumpeter Miles Davis. Today, after decades of musical exploration, the versatile Cobham continues to evolve and innovate as a master drummer, percussionist, composer, producer, educator and clinician.

While in Mesa, Cobham will also offer an immersive five-day learning experience for advanced students, semi-pro and professional bassists, drummers, guitarists and keyboard players across all genres and styles. The learning opportunity is not just for jazz students, as Billy notes, “The Art of the Rhythm Section will help you get your band face on and help you to work better as a team with your fellow musicians in the Rhythm Section.”

More information about the retreat can be found at <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/billycobhamretreat>. 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).