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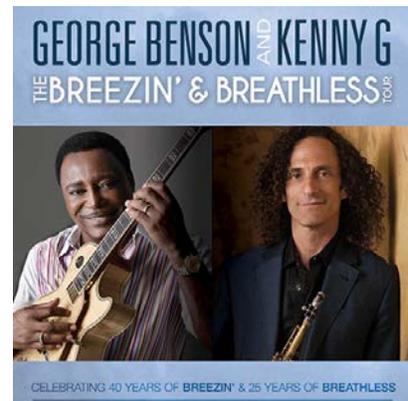
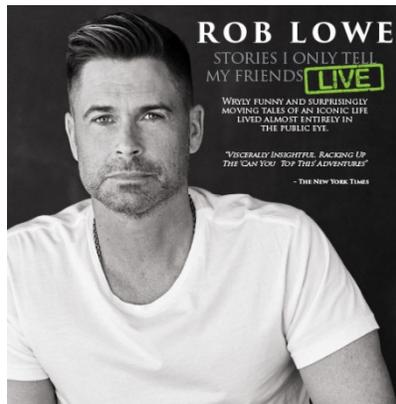
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New Shows added to Performing Live Season at Mesa Arts Center

International Jazz Day Festival, April 30, 2017

Rob Lowe: *Stories I Only Tell My Friends*, May 12, 2017

George Benson and Kenny G – *Breezin' & Breathless Tour*, Sept. 15, 2017



Mesa, AZ (March 20, 2017) – Mesa Arts Center today announces three events added to their Performing Live lineup: International Jazz Day Festival on April 30, *Rob Lowe, Stories I Only Tell My Friends* on May 20, and *George Benson and Kenny G. – Breezin' & Breathless Tour*. Tickets go on sale to Mesa Arts Center members on Tuesday, March 21 and go on sale to the public on Friday, March 24. Tickets will be available at the Mesa Arts Center Box Office, at 480-644-6500 or at mesaartscenter.com.

International Jazz Day Festival

Sunday, April 30, 2017

4-9 p.m., free admission; VIP tickets available

Mesa Arts Center joins more than 196 global Jazz Day celebrations on April 30, the date officially designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to celebrate jazz and the role it plays in uniting people around the world.

World renowned Organist Tony Monaco headlines this year's International jazz Day Festival, and special guest Billboard artists include Scott & Ginger Whitfield.

Featured performers include: jazz vocalist Nayo Jones, drummer Dowell Davis, jazz trumpeter Mario Abney, pianist Ioannis Goudelis, and Felix Sainz, a bass and classic guitarist based in the Valley.

Rob Lowe: Stories I Only Tell My Friends

Friday, May 12, 2017

8 p.m., tickets start at \$29

Rob Lowe premieres his new one man show based on his autobiography *Stories I Only Tell My Friends*.

George Benson and Kenny G – Breezin' & Breathless Tour

Friday, September 15, 2017

8 p.m., tickets start at \$55

World renowned Jazz superstars, George Benson and Kenny G, are teaming up for a historic co-headline touring event where each will perform songs from their career defining album plus greatest hits. It's been 40 years since Jazz visionary George Benson released the groundbreaking Grammy Award winning album *Breezin'*, selling over 3 million albums and topping the Jazz, R&B and Pop Billboard charts. It's been 25 years since Kenny G, the most celebrated instrumental musician of the modern era with his signature Jazz sound, debuted the Grammy Award winning album *Breathless*, selling over 12 million copies in the United States alone.

George Benson and Kenny G combined have sold over 125 million albums worldwide, earned 11 Grammy Awards, and have recorded a staggering 15 #1 albums and 10 #1 singles. The pair will embark on one of the most highly anticipated tours of the year, ***The Breezin' & Breathless Tour***.

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

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ABOUT MESA ARTS CENTER

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.