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**Steep Canyon Rangers Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center**

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**Mesa, AZ** (October 5, 2017) – GRAMMY® Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers will perform live at Mesa Arts Center Friday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and available at the Mesa Arts Center box office, [MesaArtsCenter.com](http://MesaArtsCenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

Steep Canyon Rangers effortlessly walk the line between festival favorite and sophisticated string orchestra. They're as danceable as the most progressive, party-oriented string band, and equally comfortable translating their songs for accompaniment by a full symphony.

It's that mix of serious chops and good-natured fun that earned the Steep Canyon Rangers the GRAMMY® Award for Best Bluegrass Album in 2013 (for "Nobody Knows You"), and that drew celebrated comedian/banjoist Steve Martin to them when he needed a backing band. The Rangers are world-class musicians who are just as at home taking the stage at Carnegie Hall as they are knee-deep in a mountain brook, fly rod in hand.

It has been more than fifteen years and nine studio albums since the Steep Canyon Rangers formed in Chapel Hill. The band received rave reviews for their last album (the Jerry Douglas-produced "Radio"), with No Depression commenting that it is "one of those albums that's packed with hits." Now, in 2017, the band is working on their highly anticipated tenth studio album. "It's really gratifying to play music with people you can trust, who hear something and pull what's best out of it into something truly special," says banjoist Graham Sharp. "As a songwriter, my favorite part of the whole thing is watching the band bring these ideas to life." When they aren't in the studio, the Steep Canyon Rangers maintain a rigorous touring schedule with shows all over the U.S. (both with Steve Martin as well as headlining dates). They also appeared on "A Prairie Home Companion" with Steve Martin last December.

"We're just getting started," guitarist/lead vocalist Woody Platt exudes. "It's almost daunting, to think about how much more there is that we want to accomplish as the Steep Canyon Rangers. Each time I get off stage, I ask myself, 'Was that fun? Did that feed your soul?' That's how we go about it, and more times than not, the answer is a resounding 'Yes.' We're totally committed."

**Steep Canyon Rangers is:**

Woody Platt - Guitar, Lead Vocals

Mike Guggino - Mandolin, Vocals

Charles Humphrey - Bass, Vocals

Graham Sharp - Banjo, Vocals

Nicky Sanders - Fiddle, Vocals

Michael Ashworth - Percussion

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

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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](http://mesaartscenter.com).