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**Mesa Arts Center to offer four series of free events in early 2020
Including *Sound + Cinema*, a new film and live music event series**

Jan. 13, 2020 (Mesa, AZ) – Mesa Arts Center today announced *Sound + Cinema*, a new addition to its lineup of free community events. *Sound + Cinema* begins in March with a 3-month pilot series of live music followed by a screening of a popular or cult classic film. The live music and film screening events are being offered in addition to the ongoing *Out to Lunch* concert series, *spark at dark* 3rd Saturday night events and *Wordplay Café*, an open mic night facilitated by Mesa Arts Center and hosted by The Nile Cafe.

Sound + Cinema is a new monthly Saturday night event featuring live and local music (7 p.m.) and film screenings (8 p.m.) to be held on the south lawn of the Mesa Arts Center campus. The inaugural 3-month lineup includes: *The Princess Bride*, featuring People Who Could Fly on Mar. 7; *Jurassic Park*, featuring Holy Fawn on April 4; and *Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse*, featuring The Senators on May 2.

Out to Lunch, a lunchtime concert series held in the central corridor of Mesa Arts Center's campus each Thursday from 12:30-1:30pm, continues every Thursday through Mar. 12 with a wide range of musical acts and genres. Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks or meals with them, or they can purchase food and beverages from vendors on site.

spark at dark, a monthly night-out event held on Mesa Arts Center's campus 8-10 p.m. every 3rd Saturday Oct.-May is a themed evening of "sips, sights and sounds" featuring live music, hands-on activities and a bar serving both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Wordplay Café is a monthly storytelling and open mic night held on the second Thursday of the month Oct.- Mar., 7-9 p.m. at The Nile Café in downtown Mesa, with a free writing or performance workshop offered at 6:15 p.m. prior to each event. The overarching theme of the 2019-20 series is "How to Be Human." The series culminates in a ticketed Story Slam Championship held at Mesa Arts Center April 4.

Events in each series are open to all ages, however parents are encouraged to review the content and planned activities of each event prior to attending with young children.

www.mesaartscenter.com/events.

Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 East Main Street, Mesa, AZ, 85201 at the intersection of Main and Center Streets in downtown Mesa, AZ.

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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](https://www.mesaartscenter.com).