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**Ben Folds: What Matters Most Tour**  
**Mesa Arts Center**  
**Aug. 15, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.**



Image courtesy of Ben Folds. A high-res image can be found [here](#).

**Tickets on sale Feb. 24 | 10 a.m.**

Mesa, AZ — **Mesa Arts Center** is excited to announce singer-songwriter **Ben Folds** is coming to the stage **Aug. 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation, Folds' masterful new collection, "**What Matters Most,**" marks his first studio release in eight years — it's a bold, timely, cinematic work,

one that examines the tragic and the absurd in equal measure as it reckons with hope and despair, gratitude and loss, identity and perspective.

“There’s a lifetime of craft and experience all focused into this one record,” Folds reflects. “Sonically, lyrically, emotionally, I don’t think it’s an album I could have made at any other point in my career.”

The songs are bittersweet here, hilarious at times, but often laced with a quiet sense of longing and dread: a text message goes unanswered; an old classmate descends into the dark depths of internet conspiracies; a relationship unravels in the middle of a lake. And yet, taken as a whole, the result is an undeniably joyful record that refuses to succumb to the weight of the world around it, an ecstatic reminder of all the beauty and promise hiding in plain sight for anyone willing (and present enough) to recognize their moments as they arrive.

**Tickets go on sale Feb. 24 at 10 a.m.** Get tickets at [mesaartscenter.com](https://www.mesaartscenter.com) or by calling the box office during regular business hours at 480-644-6500.

### **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).

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