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**The Global Women's Jazz Summit**  
**Mesa Arts Center**  
**April 23, 2023 | 3–9 p.m. | FREE**



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Mesa, AZ — Mesa Arts Center is proud to announce [The Global Women's Jazz Summit](#) in honor of International Jazz Day. A celebration of the talented women in jazz music, this free outdoor event on April 23, 2023 from 3–9 p.m., features saxophonist **Mary Petrich**, vocalist **Nayo Jones** with internationally known pianist **Nicole Pesce**, **Beth Lederman** featuring **Kimberly Weston**, **Nash Divas** and **Lisa Hightower**.

“Mesa Arts Center is excited to bring back a celebration of International Jazz Day by celebrating women in jazz — a moment that is long overdue,” said Randall Vogel, deputy director of Mesa Arts Center. “Jazz is America’s greatest cultural creation, and we are pleased to partner with International Jazz Day AZ Foundation.”

Presented by Mesa Arts Center and International Jazz Day AZ Foundation, this summit joins events happening in more than 180 countries throughout April as part of UNESCO’s annual International Jazz Day celebration. Since 2015, the International Jazz Day AZ Foundation has been uniting Arizona around International Jazz Day and producing free festivals for the public to enjoy with the support of generous sponsors and donors. The 10th annual summit is the first dedicated to women musicians.

The Global Women’s Jazz Summit is supported by Visit Mesa.

### **About the International Jazz Day AZ Foundation**

The International Jazz Day AZ Foundation is an Arizona-based 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the virtues of jazz in education, economic development and cultural enrichment. Under the leadership of local musician, music educator and founder William “Doc” Jones, the Foundation has been uniting Arizona around [International Jazz Day](#), and producing jazz festivals to celebrate jazz as a unifying art form. Proceeds from festivals support year-round cultural enrichment programs and the Next Student Academy, an after school and summer program that makes music education and instruments accessible to students from kindergarten through college. For more information, visit [www.jazzdayaz.com](http://www.jazzdayaz.com) or call (602) 524-7998.

### **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](http://mesaartscenter.com).

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