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Classical Music Inside Out Brings the World to Mesa — On Stage and in the Community

2025–2026 Series Subscriptions On Sale Now



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Mesa, AZ – Classical Music Inside Out returns for its 13th season under the artistic direction of GRAMMY® Award-winning cellist Zuill Bailey. This year's series brings world-renowned talent to the stage, including **Mark and Maggie O'Connor, Pablo Sainz-Villegas, Zuill Bailey and Friends, Olga Kern and Christian McBride and Edgar Meyer**. The subscription series is on sale now at mesaartscenter.com/cmio.

By subscribing, audiences enjoy world-class performances and help make Classical Music Inside Out's community engagement program possible. Visiting artists spend the

week prior to the concert connecting with the public through school visits, hands-on workshops, pop-up concerts and performances in hospitals and community centers — making classical music more approachable and inspiring curiosity across all ages. Last season, Classical Music Inside Out artists visited 30 sites and over 7,900 people participated in engagements.

Season subscription package pricing starts at \$165. Subscribe or renew at mesaartscenter.com/cmio or call the Mesa Arts Center box office during business hours at 480-644-6500.

Mark and Maggie O'Connor

Oct. 9, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Experience an evening of masterful string playing with Mark and Maggie O'Connor. Mark O'Connor, a three-time GRAMMY® Award-winner has redefined string music by blending classical, jazz and bluegrass influences into a distinct American sound. Performing alongside his wife, violinist Maggie O'Connor, the duo brings to life Mark's original compositions and arrangements. From dazzling fiddle tunes to soul-stirring duets, their performance showcases the depth of American string traditions and the innovation of O'Connor's signature style.

Pablo Sainz-Villegas | Solo Guitar

Nov. 13, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Undoubtedly the most virtuoso guitarist of his generation, Pablo Sainz-Villegas has been acclaimed by the international press as the successor to Andrés Segovia and an ambassador of Spanish culture in the world. As an exclusive artist for SONY Classical, he has released three albums. His latest project, "The Blue Album," was released in June 2023.

Zuill Bailey and Friends

Feb. 26, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Zuill Bailey, widely considered one of the premier cellists in the world, is a GRAMMY® Award-winning, internationally renowned soloist, recitalist, artistic director and teacher. His rare combination of celebrated artistry, technical wizardry and engaging personality has made him one of the most sought after and active cellists today.

Olga Kern | Piano

March 19, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Gold medalist of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Olga Kern is celebrated for her electrifying stage presence and dazzling technique. She has performed with top orchestras worldwide, including the National Symphony and Czech Philharmonic, captivating audiences with her mastery of Rachmaninoff, Chopin and Tchaikovsky. Don't miss the chance to experience this extraordinary pianist in a performance of brilliance and passion.

Christian McBride and Edgar Meyer

April 9, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Discover the extraordinary collaboration of jazz legend Christian McBride and genre-defying virtuoso Edgar Meyer in "But Who's Gonna Play the Melody?" This groundbreaking project showcases the stunning synergy of two bass masters blending

jazz, classical and bluegrass influences. With innovative compositions and soulful interplay, McBride and Meyer push musical boundaries, crafting a unique, captivating experience. A must-listen for fans of creativity and excellence in music.

Classical Music Inside Out is under the artistic direction of GRAMMY® Award-winning cellist Zuill Bailey. Zuill Bailey is underwritten by Bill Passey and Maria Silva.

About Mesa Arts Center

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. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

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