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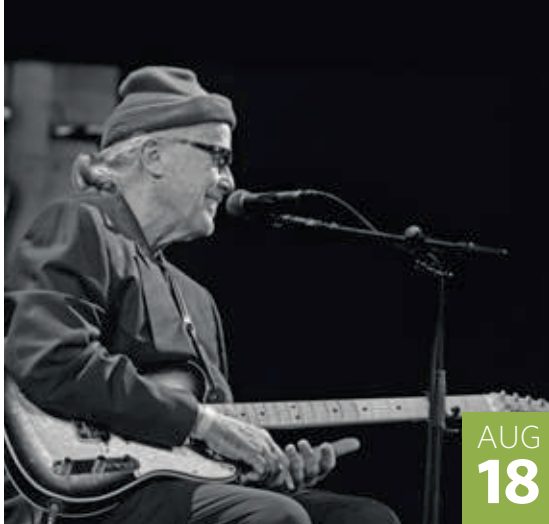
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# CONCERTS



## **RY COODER** **SPECIAL GUEST JOACHIM COODER**

**August 18, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$45.50 - \$69.50**

Ry Cooder is best known for his unparalleled skill on the slide guitar. The recipient of six Grammy® Awards - including Best Tropical Latin Performance for producing the classic album *Buena Vista Social Club* - Cooder is an in-demand musician, performing on albums by The Rolling Stones, Van Morrison, Nancy Sinatra and James Taylor.

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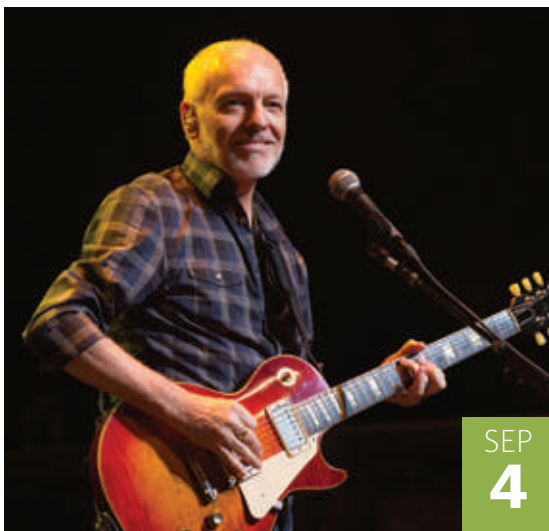


## **RODRIGO Y GABRIELA**

**August 26, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$39.50-\$69.50**

Rodrigo y Gabriela are one of the most popular acoustic instrumental acts in the world today. They have sold in excess of 1.5 million albums worldwide, and have sold out venues like the Hollywood Bowl, the Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House, Red Rocks Amphitheatre and Le Zenith in Paris on numerous occasions.

*Presented in partnership with Live Nation.*



## **PETER FRAMPTON**

**September 4, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater**  
**\$52.50 - \$72.50 | VIP \$175 & \$325**

Grammy®-Award winning Peter Frampton is one of the most celebrated artists and guitarists in history. His fifth solo album, *Frampton Comes Alive!*, is one of the top-selling live records of all time. Frampton's latest album, *Acoustic Classics*, has received widespread critical acclaim. Don't miss a night with this legend as he brings stripped-down versions of his hits including "Baby, I Love Your Way," "Do You Feel Like I Do," "Show Me The Way" and more.

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## AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD

**September 19, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$38 - \$88**

Australian Pink Floyd has sold over four million tickets to concerts in 35 countries. *The Times* in London described them as “The Gold Standard.” This act is so good they were engaged by David Gilmour to perform at his 50th birthday celebration!

*Presented in partnership with Danny Zelisko Presents.*

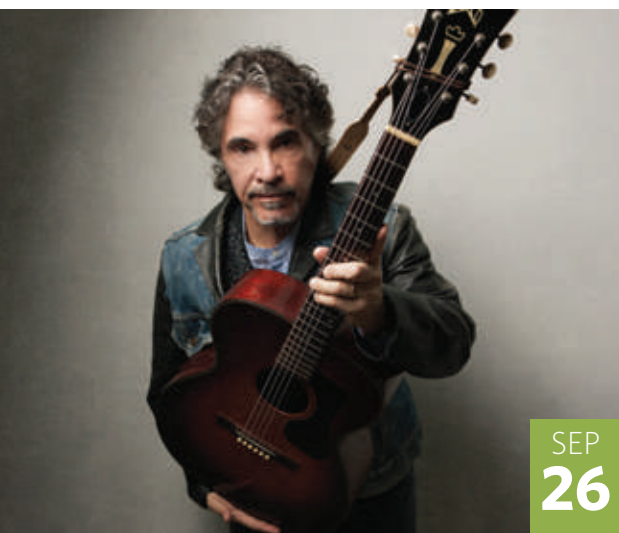


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## GABRIEL ROYAL

**September 21, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$33**

Gabriel's trademark sound is his singing over a cello, the result being an easy listen that all should experience. His sound is influenced by Stevie Wonder's groove to Burt Bacharach's relaxed, jazzy yet poppy sensitivities, including contemporary artists such as John Legend, Hiatus Coyote, Flying Lotus, James Blake, Janelle Monae and Thundercat.



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## JOHN OATES AND THE GOOD ROAD BAND

**September 26, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$43 - \$73**

John Oates is one half of the best-selling duo in history, Hall & Oates, a member of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. In this show, Oates takes listeners on an uplifting musical journey from the birth of popular music through re-imagined versions of his iconic 80s hits.



## I'M WITH HER

**October 14, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$38**

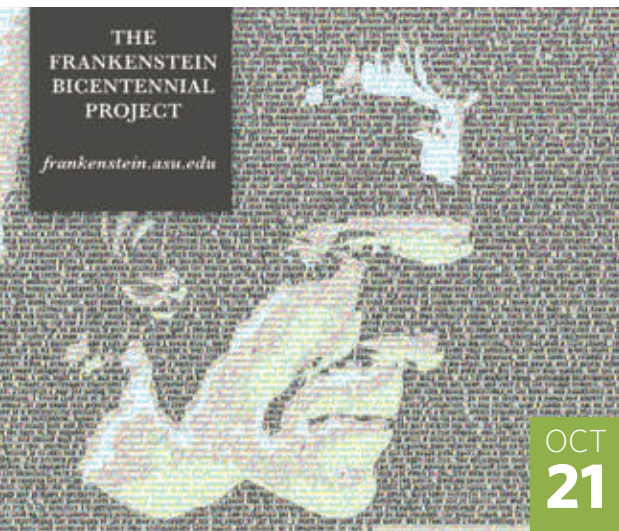
I'm With Her is Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan. The trio's debut release, *See You Around*, has garnered acclaim for the unique blend of instrumental interplay and indelible harmonies with the *New York Times* saying, "I'm With Her's songs are folksy on the surface and skeletal, yet intricate within. They carry tales that are both intimate and far-reaching, involving heartbreak, separation, resilience, mortality and constant, restless travels."



## CALLAS IN CONCERT - THE HOLOGRAM TOUR

**October 20, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$45 - \$75**

Forty years ago, the opera world lost a legend. Maria Callas stunned audiences with her exquisite voice and earth-shattering performances, and her death devastated millions of fans, many of whom never had the chance to experience her live. Now Maria Callas returns to the stage through the use of groundbreaking holographic technology, confirming her immortality to astonished opera fans all over the world.



## ASU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSIC & FILM: FRANKENSTEIN

**October 21, 2018 | 3:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$15**

In cooperation with the School of Music and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, this concert brings a collective experience to the bicentennial celebration. The show features HK Gruber's postmodern piece *Frankenstein* and the showing of the 1931 film *Frankenstein* accompanied by a live orchestral score written by Michael Shapiro (2001).



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## RODNEY CROWELL

**November 14, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$40**

Rodney Crowell is known primarily for his work as a singer and songwriter in country music. Crowell has had five number one singles on Hot Country Songs, all from his 1988 album *Diamonds & Dirt*. He has won two Grammy® Awards, one in 1990 for Best Country Song for the song “After All This Time” and one in 2014 for Americana Album for his album *Old Yellow Moon*.



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**SHOW ON SALE JUNE 18 AT 10:00 AM**

## CELTIC THUNDER X TOUR

**November 20, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$38.50 - \$68.50**

Multi-platinum group Celtic Thunder returns to Mesa Arts Center with their Celtic Thunder X Tour in celebration of the group's 10th Anniversary. Since its inception, Celtic Thunder has thrilled audiences the world over with their signature vocal harmonies and ensemble productions.



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## 🌲 A MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

**November 25, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$30-\$55**

**VIP Packages Available**

A holiday entertainment blockbuster set to dazzle audiences of all ages. Featuring the best talent from around the globe, A Magical Cirque Christmas has it all – jaw-dropping magic, breathtaking circus acts, and the most angelic voices singing your favorite Christmas carols with incredible live musicians on stage. Be transported to the golden age of entertainment by the mind-blowing talents, stunning costumes, comedy and more.





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## AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH TREY ANASTASIO

**December 3, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$75 - \$100**

Over the past three decades, composer/guitarist/vocalist Trey Anastasio has forged a multi-faceted career, winning acclaim in rock, classical and theatrical circles. He is a founding member of Phish, one of today's most successful and innovative rock bands. *Presented in partnership with Live Nation.*



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## 🎄 DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS 2018

**December 15, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$60.50 - \$90.50  
VIP Packages Available**

Dave Koz & Friends continue their annual holiday tradition at Mesa Arts Center! With nine Grammy® nominations, nine No. 1 albums on Billboard's Current Contemporary Jazz Albums chart, and a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, saxophonist Dave Koz has maintained a commitment to celebrating the magic of the holiday season like few other artists of his genre or generation.



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## OK GO: THE LIVE VIDEO TOUR

**December 14, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$30 - \$50**

OK Go, the rock band famous for their wildly creative videos, brings their unique magic to the stage in 2018. This show is unlike any you've seen before: it's a film screening and a rock concert rolled into one. The band will perform their songs live and in sync with 20 of their videos, pausing for question/answer sessions with the crowd. Like the band, the show defies categorization, but expect dancing, joy, and wonder.



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## 🎄 ALL IS CALM: THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

**December 18, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$29 - \$39**

*All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914* relives an astounding moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas together, sharing food and drink, playing soccer and singing carols.



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## STRAIGHT NO CHASER

**December 27, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$47.50 - \$67.50**

If the phrase “male a cappella group” conjures up an image of students in blue blazers, ties, and khakis singing traditional college songs on ivied campuses...think again. Straight No Chaser are neither strait-laced nor straight-faced, but neither are they vaudeville-style kitsch. As original member Randy Stine comments, “We take the music very seriously; we just don’t take ourselves too seriously.”

*Presented in partnership with Emporium Presents.*



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## CROCE PLAYS CROCE

**January 12, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$40**

“Croce plays Croce,” features a complete set of classics by his father Jim Croce, some of his own tunes, and songs that influenced both him and his father. The show often includes such timeless songs as “Operator,” “You Don’t Mess Around with Jim,” “Workin’ At the Car Wash Blues,” “Rapid Roy (The Stock Car Boy),” “One Less Set of Footsteps,” “Lovers Cross,” and “Box #10,” to name a few.



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## THE FAB FOUR

**January 25, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$29.50 - \$59.50**

The Fab Four is elevated far above every other Beatles Tribute due to their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles songs, the Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing. This incredible stage show includes three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles ever-changing career. Hear such classics as “Can’t Buy Me Love,” “Yesterday,” “A Day In The Life,” “Penny Lane,” “Here Comes The Sun,” and “Hey Jude.”

*Presented in partnership with Emporium Presents.*





## **BEN & NOEL HAGGARD**

**January 26, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$38**

The incredibly musically talented family of the legendary Merle Haggard are carrying on that legacy as they hit the road! For fans of Merle Haggard, his youngest son Ben was lead guitarist for The Strangers. Currently, Ben tours with his older brother Noel Haggard continuing their fathers legacy.



## **JOAN OSBORNE SINGS THE SONGS OF BOB DYLAN**

**February 5, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$35 - \$45**

On *Songs of Bob Dylan*, Joan Osborne unleashes her sizable gifts as a vocalist and interpreter upon The Bard's celebrated canon. With performances honed by the time Osborne spent polishing them during "Joan Osborne Sings The Songs Of Bob Dylan" which she performed at New York City's Café Carlyle in 2016 and 2017, the Grammy®-nominated, multi-platinum-selling singer and songwriter winds her supple, soulful voice around Dylan's poetic, evocative lyrics.







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## **JOSHUA BELL, VIOLIN WITH SAM HAYWOOD, PIANO**

**February 14, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$30 - \$80**

With a career spanning more than 30 years as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and conductor, Joshua Bell is one of the most celebrated violinists of his era. Bell has recorded more than 40 CDs garnering Grammy®, Mercury, Gramophone and Echo Klassik awards and is the recipient of the Avery Fisher Prize.



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## **GINA CHAVEZ**

**March 30, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$30 - \$35**

Gina Chavez is blending the sounds of the Americas with tension and grace. A multi-ethnic Latin pop songstress, Chavez is a nine-time Austin Music Award winner — including 2015 Musician of the Year and Album of the Year for her sophomore release, *Up.Rooted*. Chavez's passionate collection of bilingual songs take audiences on a journey through the Americas.



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## **JAKE SHIMABUKURO**

**May 2, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$39**

Compared to the likes of Miles Davis and Jimi Hendrix, ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro is bringing his lightning-fast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques back to Mesa Arts Center for an enthralling evening of jazz, pop and funk. One of the world's most exciting and innovative ukulele players and composers, Jake redefines ukulele music—performing everything from traditional Hawaiian tunes to covers of popular hits like George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

# CLASSICAL MUSIC INSIDE OUT

## CLASSICAL MUSIC INSIDE OUT SERIES 2018-2019

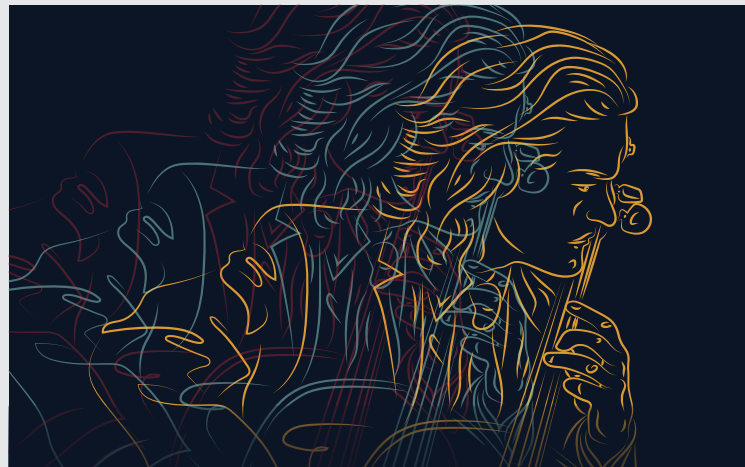
### Become a Subscriber and Reap the Benefits

- Enjoy an invitation for one to attend an exclusive performance by Grammy® award winning cellist Zuill Bailey, and a private, curator-led tour of Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum on September 27, 2018!
- Get one voucher good for a COMPLIMENTARY pair of tickets to the Young Artist Development performance on November 15, 2018, to give to a friend.

**Subscription pricing starts at \$110 (a minimum discount of \$48).**

### TO SUBSCRIBE:

Visit [www.mesaartscenter.com/CMIO](http://www.mesaartscenter.com/CMIO) or call 480-644-6500.

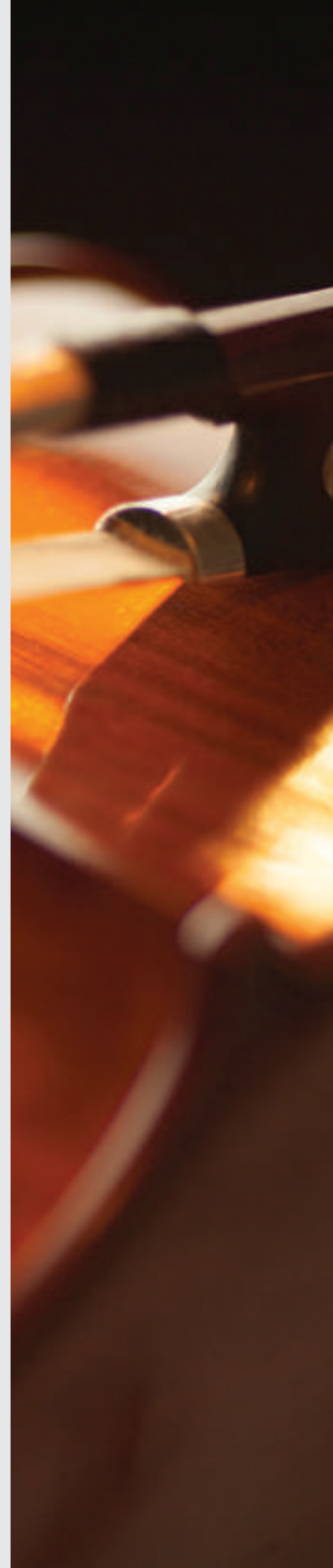


Classical Music Inside Out (CMIO) is under the direction of cellist Zuill Bailey.

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## YOUNG ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SERIES THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY WITH SPECIAL GUEST ZUILL BAILEY

**November 15, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$20**

The Johns Hopkins University/Peabody Institute of Music is designed to mold outstanding young artists into dynamic Doctoral Music Performance Artists and inspire them in a career in Musical Performance in the 21st century. Artistic Director Zuill Bailey mentors and guides the students to achieve their best in performance and in community engagement practices with schools and other facilities.



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## EMERSON STRING QUARTET

**November 28, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$38 - \$46**

The Emerson String Quartet has amassed an unparalleled list of achievements over four decades: more than thirty acclaimed recordings, nine Grammys®, three Gramophone Awards, the Avery Fisher Prize, Musical America's "Ensemble of the Year" and collaborations with many of the greatest artists of our time. The ground-breaking ensemble has earned its place in the classical chamber music world.



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## MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN, PIANO

**January 17, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$38 - \$46**

Pianist Marc-André Hamelin is known worldwide for his unrivaled blend of consummate musicianship and brilliant technique in the great works of the established repertoire, as well as for his intrepid exploration of the rarities of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries – in concert and on disc.



**"THE PURPOSE OF MUSIC  
IS TO TOUCH HEARTS."**

**-JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**

Visit [mesaartscenter.com/classicalmusicinsideout](https://mesaartscenter.com/classicalmusicinsideout) to learn more about engagement opportunities in the community.





## BREAK OF REALITY

**March 14, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$30**

Formed in 2003, Break of Reality has gone on to reach millions of listeners via platforms like Spotify and Pandora Radio, and their rendition of the *Game of Thrones* theme has over 16 million views on YouTube. The band has released four full length albums and their music has been featured on a variety of radio, television and internet outlets, including NPR, PBS, *Dateline NBC*, Yahoo Music and *Huffington Post*.



## JASON VIEAUX, GUITAR, AND YOLANDA KONDONASSIS, HARP

**April 11, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$38 - \$46**

Yolanda Kondonassis is celebrated as one of the world's premier solo harpists and is widely regarded as today's most recorded classical harpist. NPR describes Vieaux as, "perhaps the most precise and soulful classical guitarist of his generation." His album, *Play*, won the 2015 Grammy® Award for Best Classical Instrumental Solo and earned a place on NPR's "50 Favorite Songs of 2014 (So Far)" for Vieaux's recording of "Zapateado."



# JAZZ

*"Everybody has the blues. Everybody longs for meaning. Everybody needs to love and to be loved. Everybody needs to clap hands and be happy. Everybody longs for faith. In music, especially this broad category called Jazz, there is a stepping stone towards all of these."*

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Opening address to the 1964 Berlin Jazz Festival



## SEASON KICKOFF FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING JAZZ

**September 14, 2018 | 6:00 - 10:00 PM | Mesa Arts Center | Free!**

Celebrate the art form of JAZZ, at Mesa Arts Center's free season kickoff festival, featuring five new jazz-inspired exhibitions in Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, hands-on activities and performances by several musical acts, including Sidewalk Chalk, a Chicago-based ensemble that transcends genre with a wholly original sound that blends elements of jazz, funk, hip-hop, and R&B.



## THE ART OF CONVERSATION AND SONG BILLY COBHAM, KENNY BARRON AND RON CARTER

**July 25, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$50 General Admission**

An unforgettable evening of rich conversation and music with three living legends, Billy Cobham (drums), Ron Carter (bass), and Kenny Barron (piano), delving into the *Art of the Rhythm Section*.

## BILLY COBHAM AND THE CROSSWINDS PROJECT

**July 28, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$40 General Admission**

Jazz fusion pioneer Billy Cobham is a renowned drumming virtuoso, percussionist, composer, producer, educator and master clinician whose life has been dedicated to musical exploration and creative expression.





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## JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

October 4, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$51 - \$79

Wynton Marsalis' *Spaces* combines contemporary and tap dance with big band jazz in a wildly entertaining exploration of the animal kingdom. This visually captivating Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis production also features two singular dance geniuses—Lil Buck and Jared Grimes—leaping, sliding, flipping, and tap dancing across the stage.



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## WE SHALL OVERCOME: A CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEATURING DAMIEN SNEED

January 25, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$41

Inspired by the words and action of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We Shall Overcome" showcases repertoire from across the African American music traditions that electrified generations of civil rights activists and defenders with interwoven spoken word from Dr. King's recorded speeches.



SIDEWALK CHALK



## CHRIS BOTTI

**February 2, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$45 - \$75**

Chris Botti is the largest-selling American instrumental artist. He has four #1 jazz albums, as well as multiple Gold, Platinum and Grammy® Awards. Performing worldwide and selling more than four million albums, he has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre.



## MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON TOUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION STARRING CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT

**April 9, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$36 - \$46**

Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour 2019 starring Cécile McLorin Salvant features Bria Skonberg (trumpet), Melissa Aldana (tenor sax), Yasushi Nakamura (bass), Christian Sands (piano) and Jamison Ross (drums/percussion). Their live performance demonstrates Monterey's "traditional-untraditionalist" attitude, jazz-with-a-purpose exuberance, and joyful fun that continues to be the hallmark of the Festival to this day.



## CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE BIG BAND

**April 24, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$36 - \$46**

The Christian McBride Big Band is a 17-piece, 21st century big band whose debut album, *The Good Feeling*, received the Grammy® Award for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album in 2012. Iconic bassist Christian McBride has been doing what the title of his upcoming big band album implied for years: *Bringin' It*. This highly anticipated release puts his status and skills as an all-around entertainer on full display.





**"JAZZ COMES FROM OUR WAY  
OF LIFE, AND BECAUSE IT'S OUR  
NATIONAL ART FORM, IT HELPS  
US UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE."**

**-WYNTON MARSALIS**



Season tickets and renewal packages start at \$98.

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## AMI VITALE: RHINOS, RICKSHAWS, AND REVOLUTIONS

October 17, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$27 - \$41

Since beginning her career covering the conflict in Kosovo and the disputed Pakistan-India border, photojournalist Ami Vitale has chosen to “live the story.” Vitale has lived in mud huts, contracted malaria, and braved civil war in Guinea-Bissau. Her belief that “you can’t talk about humanity without talking about nature” led her to chronicle her journey from documenting warzones to reintroducing rhinos to the wild.



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## DAN BUETTNER AND DAVID MCLAIN: THE SEARCH FOR LONGEVITY

November 14, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$27 - \$41

Learn how to live a longer, healthier, happier life from best-selling *Blue Zones* author Dan Buettner and award-winning National Geographic photographer David McLain, who have travelled the world to understand how the longest lived and happiest people got to be that way.





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## BERTIE GREGORY: A WILD LIFE

**January 23, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$27 - \$41**

Whether camping with wolves on Vancouver's western beaches, pursuing peregrine falcons in London, or filming leopards in the streets of Mumbai, Bertie Gregory captures the essence of what it means to coexist peacefully—with respect and humor—alongside the magnificent creatures of the natural world.



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## CRISTINA MITTERMEIER: STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE

**February 20, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$27 - \$41**

Cristina is a Mexican-born marine biologist and photographer specializing in conservation issues surrounding the ocean and indigenous cultures. Her work centers on the delicate balance between human well-being and healthy ecosystems.



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## THOMAS PESCHAK: WILD SEAS, SECRET SHORES

**March 20, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$27 - \$41**

Photographer Thomas P. Peschak is trained as a marine biologist, specializing in the impacts of illegal fishing and kelp forest ecology. Thomas has written and photographed five books: *Currents of Contrast*, *Great White Shark*, *Wild Seas Secret Shores*, *Lost World*, and *Sharks and People*.



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## LUMA: ART IN DARKNESS

**September 23, 2018 | 2:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$20**

LUMA plunges the audience into a darkened space where a tapestry of illuminated illusions fills the stage. With high and low technology, the work of shadowed performers is to splash brilliant images of color and motion onto the back of the eye and play heavily upon the persistence of vision that comes with the interplay of shadow and light.



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## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO DE AMALIA HERNÁNDEZ

**October 13, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$25 - \$45**

In the year 1952, Amalia Hernández made the decision to form her own dance company. She created a small dance workshop that began with just eight members. The small cast, called “Modern Ballet of Mexico,” began to work sporadically in the Chopin Room, making presentations with choreographed work created by Amalia herself. After finding much success, the company adopted the challenge of continuing to experiment and contributing to the field of folklore.







## **ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**

**March 29-30, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$41 - \$65**

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater grew from a now-fabled performance in March 1958 at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Led by Alvin Ailey and a group of young African-American modern dancers, that performance changed forever the perception of American dance. The Ailey company has gone on to perform for an estimated 25 million people at theaters in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents – as well as millions more through television broadcasts, film screenings, and online platforms.

*Dancers pictured: Jacqueline Green and Jamar Roberts.*

*Photo by Andrew Eccles.*

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## KODO

**February 7, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$31 - \$51**

Exploring the limitless possibilities of the traditional Japanese drum, the taiko, Kodo is forging new directions for a vibrant living art-form. In Japanese, the word "Kodo" conveys two meanings: Firstly, "heartbeat," the primal source of all rhythm. Secondly, read in a different way, the word can mean "children of the drum," a reflection of Kodo's desire to play the drums simply, with the heart of a child.



## ZAKIR HUSSAIN: MASTERS OF PERCUSSION

**April 6, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$35 - \$45**

Zakir Hussain is today appreciated both in the field of percussion and in the music world at large as an international phenomenon. A classical tabla virtuoso of the highest order, his consistently brilliant and exciting performances have not only established him as a national treasure in his own country, India, but gained him worldwide fame. His playing is marked by uncanny intuition and masterful improvisational dexterity, founded in formidable knowledge and study.



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## PENN AND TELLER

**October 5, 2018 | 8:00PM | Ikeda Theater | \$38 - \$80**

For over 40 years Penn & Teller have defied labels—and at times physics and good taste—by redefining the genre of magic and inventing their own very distinct niche in comedy. The duo has enjoyed sold out runs on Broadway, world tours, Emmy-winning TV specials, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and hundreds of outrageous appearances on everything from *Fallon* to *Friends*, *The Simpsons* to *Colbert*, *Modern Family* to *Top Chef*.



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## ERTH'S PREHISTORIC AQUARIUM ADVENTURE

**October 11-13, 2018 | Times Vary | Piper Theater | \$30**

**VIP Packages Available**

Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure is an immersive experience that invites you to jump in and explore unknown ocean depths where prehistoric marine reptiles lived eons ago - and maybe live still today! Erth shows are at the forefront of family entertainment, using actors, technology, puppets, science and imagination to create an amazing visual experience that connects young audiences to the real science of paleontology.





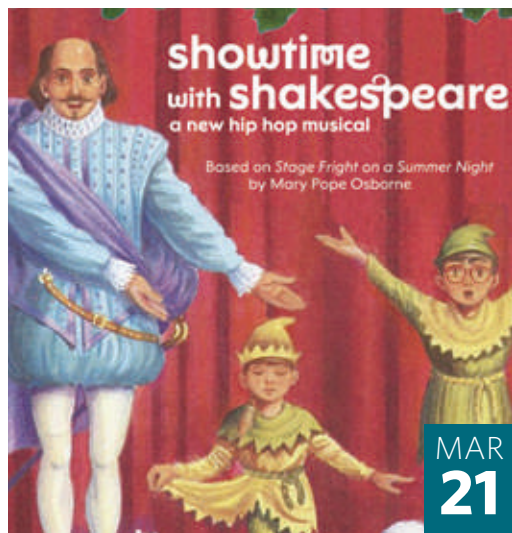


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## WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?

**November 2, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$34 - \$54**

The current cast members of the Emmy-nominated TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway* are proud to present their new improv tour. WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? is 90 minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song, all based on audience suggestions. Cast members Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, and Joel Murray will leave you gasping with the very witty scenes they invent before your eyes.



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## MAGIC TREE HOUSE SHOWTIME WITH SHAKESPEARE

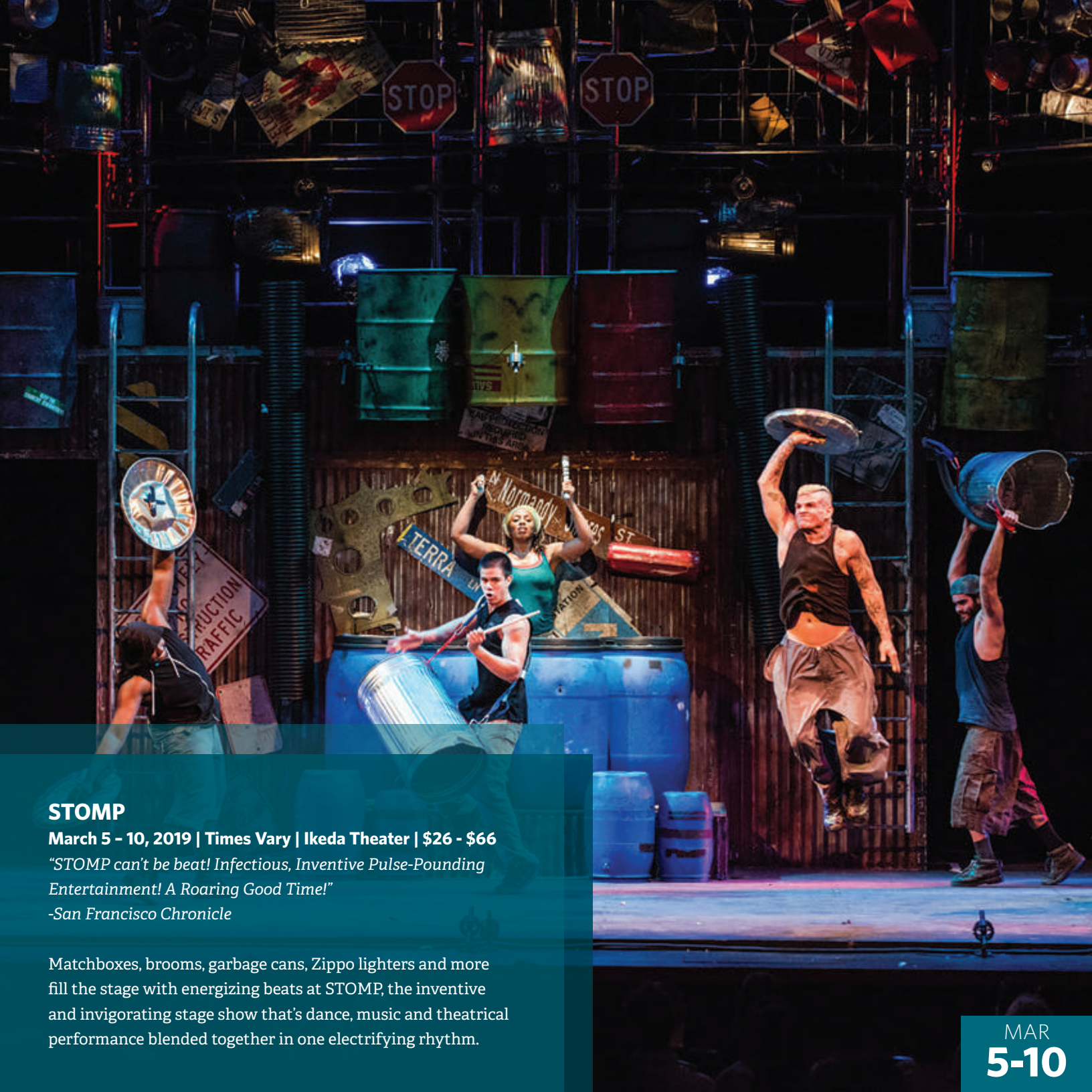
**March 21, 2019 | 7:00 PM | Piper Theater | \$20**

Climb into a musical time machine with Jack and Annie, and travel back to Elizabethan England! The daring sibling duo learns to overcome stage fright to save the famed bard's show. Based on the book series by Mary Pope Osborne, the show helps audiences discover how history is shaped by those who learn to overcome their fears. Full of freestyle beats to move your feet, this tuneful tale is a hit with kids and grown-ups alike. Best for ages 5 and up.



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## STOMP

March 5 - 10, 2019 | Times Vary | Ikeda Theater | \$26 - \$66

*"STOMP can't be beat! Infectious, Inventive Pulse-Pounding Entertainment! A Roaring Good Time!"*

*-San Francisco Chronicle*

Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and more fill the stage with energizing beats at STOMP, the inventive and invigorating stage show that's dance, music and theatrical performance blended together in one electrifying rhythm.

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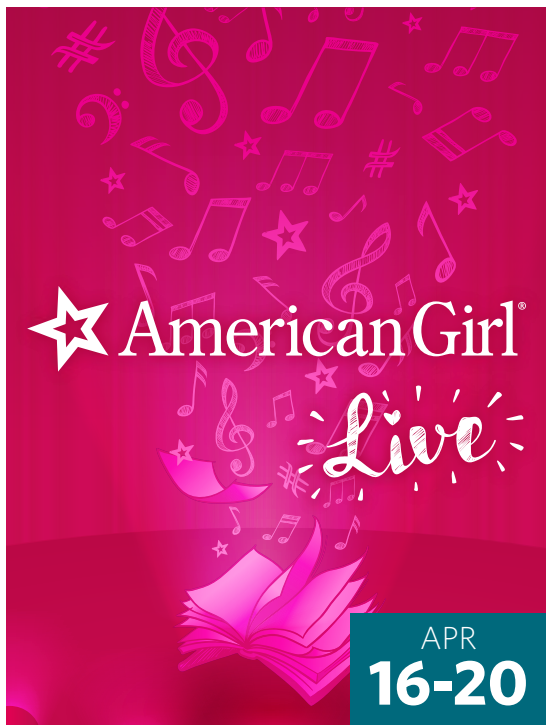




## PUFFS: SEVEN INCREASINGLY EVENTFUL YEARS AT A CERTAIN SCHOOL OF MAGIC AND MAGIC

**April 3-7, 2019 | Times Vary | Piper Theater | \$35-\$55**

"Hufflepuffs finally get their moment in HILARIOUS Potter play, 'PUFFS!!'" declares *Mashable*. For seven years a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world.



## AMERICAN GIRL LIVE

**April 16-20, 2019 | Times Vary | Piper Theater | \$35 - \$55**

**VIP Packages Available**

Experience American Girl in an all-new musical inspired by American Girl's iconic characters and their stories. Come along for a fun-filled adventure, where exciting tales of bravery and friendship come to life! Join your favorite American Girl characters, and some brand-new friends, as they follow their hearts and share their dreams, in a journey across time.

# SPEAKERS

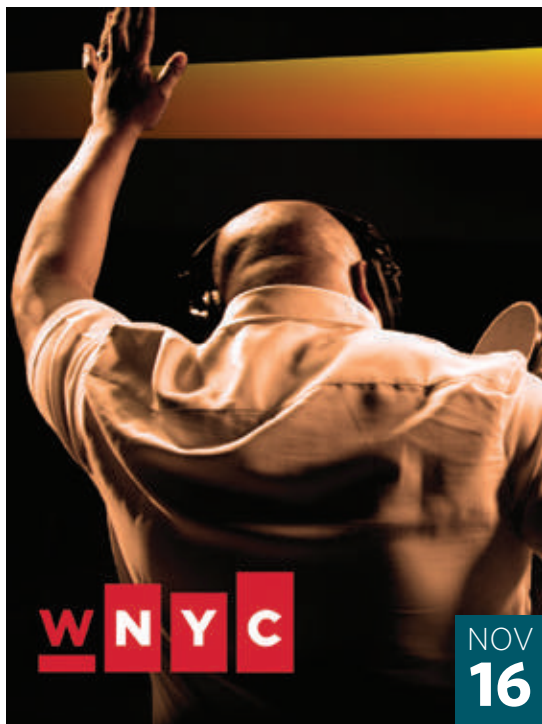


## PARCAST: CULTS & SERIAL KILLERS

**October 14, 2018 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$35 - \$45**

### VIP Packages Available

Mystery. Manipulation. Murder. *Cults & Serial Killers LIVE* on Stage provides a rare glimpse into the mind, methods and madness of the most notorious *Cults & Serial Killers* with the hopes of better understanding their psychological profiles. Join America's favorite podcast LIVE and explore the history and psychology behind these fascinating phenomena. *Cults & Serial Killers* are part of the Parcast Network, a Cutler Media LLC. holding.



## SNAP JUDGMENT

**November 16, 2018 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$41**

*Snap Judgment* is the storytelling phenomena electrifying audiences nationwide. Created by Glynn Washington, produced by WNYC, and launched on NPR stations five years ago, Snap delivers a raw, intimate, musical brand of narrative – daring audiences to see the world through the eyes of another. Snap Judgment LIVE features the world's finest storytellers, on stage, backed by the Snap Judgment band.





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## THE MOTH MAINSTAGE

**February 1, 2019 | 8:00 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$33 - \$48**

The Moth is dedicated to the art of storytelling. The Moth has presented more than 3,000 stories, told live and without notes, by people from all walks of life to standing room only crowds worldwide. Each Moth Mainstage features simple, old-fashioned storytelling by five wildly divergent raconteurs who develop shape for their stories with The Moth's directors.



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## JAD ABUMRAD: THE MIRACLE OF INDOOR PLUMBING

**February 9, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Piper Theater | \$35**

After 15 years of making *Radiolab* and, more recently, *More Perfect*, Jad Abumrad found himself standing on a street corner, staring down at a manhole cover and thinking: indoor plumbing! Of course! Join Jad as he deconstructs the process of finding and developing stories and creating new, original work. He'll unearth the hidden ingredients key to the stories that inspire, change and connect us all.



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## ANNE LAMOTT

**March 19, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Ikeda Theater | \$28 - \$50**

Anne Lamott writes and speaks with self-effacing humor - she is laugh-out-loud funny. She writes about what most of us don't like to think about. In all her novels, she writes about loss; loss of loved ones and loss of personal control. She doesn't try to sugar-coat the sadness, frustration and disappointment, but tells her stories with honesty, compassion and a pureness of voice.



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## WORDPLAY CAFÉ STORY SLAM

**March 23, 2019 | 7:30 PM | Nesbitt Elliott Playhouse Theater | \$15**

The WordPlay Café open mic series culminates in an exciting stage show featuring storytellers, spoken word artists and musicians. Judged by professional storytellers and members of the audience, the Story Slam is a platform for celebrating one of humanity's oldest art forms, while also using competition as a way to challenge storytellers to take new risks.

## FESTIVALS

Mark your calendar for free concerts, festivals and special events!

[MESAARTSCENTER.COM/EVENTS](http://MESAARTSCENTER.COM/EVENTS)



### SEASON KICKOFF EVENT

Fri, Sept 14 | 6:00 - 10:00 PM

### SPARK! AFTER DARK

Third Saturday of Every Month

Oct - May | 8:00 - 11:00 PM

### DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

Sat, Oct 27 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun, Oct 28 | Noon - 5:00 PM

### OUT TO LUNCH CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, Nov 8 - Dec 13, 2018

& Jan 10 - Mar 14, 2019

### MESA ARTS FESTIVAL

Sat, Dec 8 & Sun, Dec 9

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

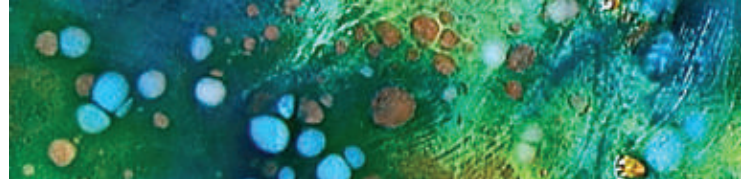
### SPARK! FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

Sat, Mar 16, 2019

Noon - 11:00 PM

Sun, Mar 17, 2019

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM

### FALL 2018

Opening Reception & Season Kick-Off: Fri, Sept 14, 2018

Art inspired by the music genre jazz.

### SPRING 2019

Opening Reception: Fri, Feb 8, 2019

Highlighting the finest in contemporary crafts from across the country, the Annual Contemporary Crafts exhibition has become a benchmark for innovation and quality.



### ENGAGEMENT

#### Project Lit: Igniting Critical Literacy through the Arts

Mesa Arts Center is committed to utilizing the arts to build literacy in Valley youth, through unique and collaborative partnerships with Valley-wide arts organizations. Project Lit uses tools of creativity- storytelling, humor, improvisation, visual arts, poetry, movement and more as the engines used to build critical skills like reading, writing, and speaking as well as cultural and social literacy.

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## MESA ARTS CENTER RESIDENT COMPANIES

### Fall 2018 Performances

#### SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Janet Ikeda Memorial Concert Honoring American Composers | Nov. 3, 2018

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year | Dec. 8, 2018

#### BALLET ETUDES

The Nutcracker | Dec. 7-16, 2018

#### MESA ENCORE THEATRE

Legally Blonde the Musical | Sept. 7-23, 2018

Mary Poppins | Nov. 2-18, 2018





## ART STUDIOS

Explore nearly 1,000 visual and performing arts classes, workshops and arts camps offered for preschoolers to adults.

**Fall 2018 Open Enrollment:**

**Friday, July 20, 2018**

**Winter/Spring 2019 Open Enrollment:**

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

**[MESAARTSCENTER.COM/CLASSES](http://MESAARTSCENTER.COM/CLASSES)**



## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering at Mesa Arts Center is the perfect opportunity to give back to the community while enjoying and supporting the arts!

**Become a Mesa Arts Center volunteer!**

**[MESAARTSCENTER.COM/GETINVOLVED](http://MESAARTSCENTER.COM/GETINVOLVED)**



## MEMBERSHIP

Mesa Arts Center Members are the first to hear about new shows and enjoy exclusive Members-only events. Membership is 100% tax deductible and supports Mesa Arts Center's Engagement programs that serve K-12 youth, and people of all ages throughout our community.

**Call 480-644-6615 or email**

**[Membership@MesaArtsCenter.com](mailto:Membership@MesaArtsCenter.com)**



## PLAN YOUR SPECIAL EVENT!

Host a corporate event, speaking engagement or a theater performance.

Our wide range of facilities in the heart of Downtown Mesa offer multiple options for every vision and budget.

**Call 480-644-6589 or email**

**[Rentals@MesaArtsCenter.com](mailto:Rentals@MesaArtsCenter.com)**

## TOURS

**Mesa Arts Center offers weekly free public tours.**

**Call 480-644-6626 to make a reservation.**

### EAST VALLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Fall Show | Sept. 27-Oct. 7, 2018

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever | Nov. 29-Dec. 9, 2018

### METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY

Fall Concert | Nov. 7, 2018

### SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE CO.

FALL FESTIVAL: Frankenstein and Pericles in repertory (alternating performances on alternating dates)

October 26 - November 10, 2018

### SALT RIVER BRASS

That's Entertainment! | Oct. 7, 2018

Windows of the World | Nov. 11, 2018

Holiday Pops | Dec. 9, 2018

# PERFORMING LIVE SEASON 2018-19

## THE ART OF THREE IN CONVERSATION AND SONG

JUL 25, 2018

## BILLY COBHAM AND THE CROSSWINDS PROJECT BAND

JUL 28, 2018

## RY COODER

AUG 18, 2018

## RODRIGO Y GABRIELA

AUG 26, 2018

## PETER FRAMPTON

SEP 4, 2018

## SEASON KICKOFF FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING JAZZ SIDEWALK CHALK

SEP 14, 2018

## AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD

SEPT 19, 2018

## GABRIEL ROYAL

SEPT 21, 2018

## LUMA

SEP 23, 2018

## JOHN OATES AND THE GOOD ROAD BAND

SEPT 26, 2018

## JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

OCT 4, 2018

## PENN & TELLER

OCT 5, 2018

## ERTH'S PREHISTORIC AQUARIUM

OCT 11-13, 2018

## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO

OCT 13, 2018

## I'M WITH HER

OCT 14, 2018

## PARCAST: CULTS & SERIAL KILLERS

OCT 14, 2018

## NGL: RHINOS, RICKSHAWS, AND REVOLUTIONS WITH AMI VITALE

OCT 17, 2018

## CALLAS IN CONCERT - THE HOLOGRAM TOUR

OCT 20, 2018

## ASU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSIC & FILM FRANKENSTEIN

OCT 21, 2018

## WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?

NOV 2, 2018

## NGL: THE SEARCH FOR LONGEVITY WITH DAVID MCLAIN & DAN BUETTNER

NOV 14, 2018

## RODNEY CROWELL

NOV 14, 2018

## CMIO: THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESENTS YOUNG ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SERIES

NOV 15, 2018

## SNAP JUDGMENT

NOV 16, 2018

## CELTIC THUNDER X TOUR

NOV 20, 2018

## A MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

NOV 25, 2018

## CMIO: EMERSON STRING QUARTET

NOV 28, 2018

## TREY ANASTASIO

DEC 3, 2018

## OK GO

DEC 14, 2018

## DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS

DEC 15, 2018

## ALL IS CALM

DEC 18, 2018

## STRAIGHT NO CHASER

DEC 27, 2018

## CROCE PLAYS CROCE

JAN 12, 2019

## CMIO: MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN

JAN 17, 2019

## NGL: A WILD LIFE WITH BERTIE GREGORY

JAN 23, 2019

## WE SHALL OVERCOME: A CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEATURING DAMIEN SNEED

JAN 25, 2019

## THE FAB FOUR

JAN 25, 2019

## BEN AND NOEL HAGGARD

JAN 26, 2019

## THE MOTH MAINSTAGE

FEB 1, 2019

## CHRIS BOTTI

FEB 2, 2019

## JOAN OSBORNE SINGS THE SONGS OF BOB DYLAN

FEB 5, 2019

## KODO

FEB 7, 2019

## JAD ABUMRAD

FEB 9, 2019

## JOSHUA BELL

FEB 14, 2019

## NGL: STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE WITH CRISTINA MITTERMEIER

FEB 20, 2019

## STOMP

MAR 5-10, 2019

## CMIO: BREAK OF REALITY

MAR 14, 2019

## ANNE LAMOTT

MAR 19, 2019

## NGL: WILD SEAS, SECRET SHORES WITH THOMAS PESCHAK

MAR 20, 2019

## MAGIC TREE HOUSE

MAR 21, 2019

## WORDPLAY CAFÉ STORY SLAM

MAR 23, 2019

## ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

MAR 29 & 30, 2019

## GINA CHAVEZ

MAR 30, 2019

## PUFFS

APR 3-7, 2019

## ZAKIR HUSSAIN: MASTERS OF PERCUSSION

APR 6, 2019

## MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL WITH CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT

APR 9, 2019

## CMIO: JASON VIEAUX & YOLANDA KONDONASSIS

APR 11, 2019

## AMERICAN GIRL LIVE

APR 16-20, 2019

## CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE BIG BAND

APR 24, 2019

## JAKE SHIMABUKURO

MAY 2, 2019

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