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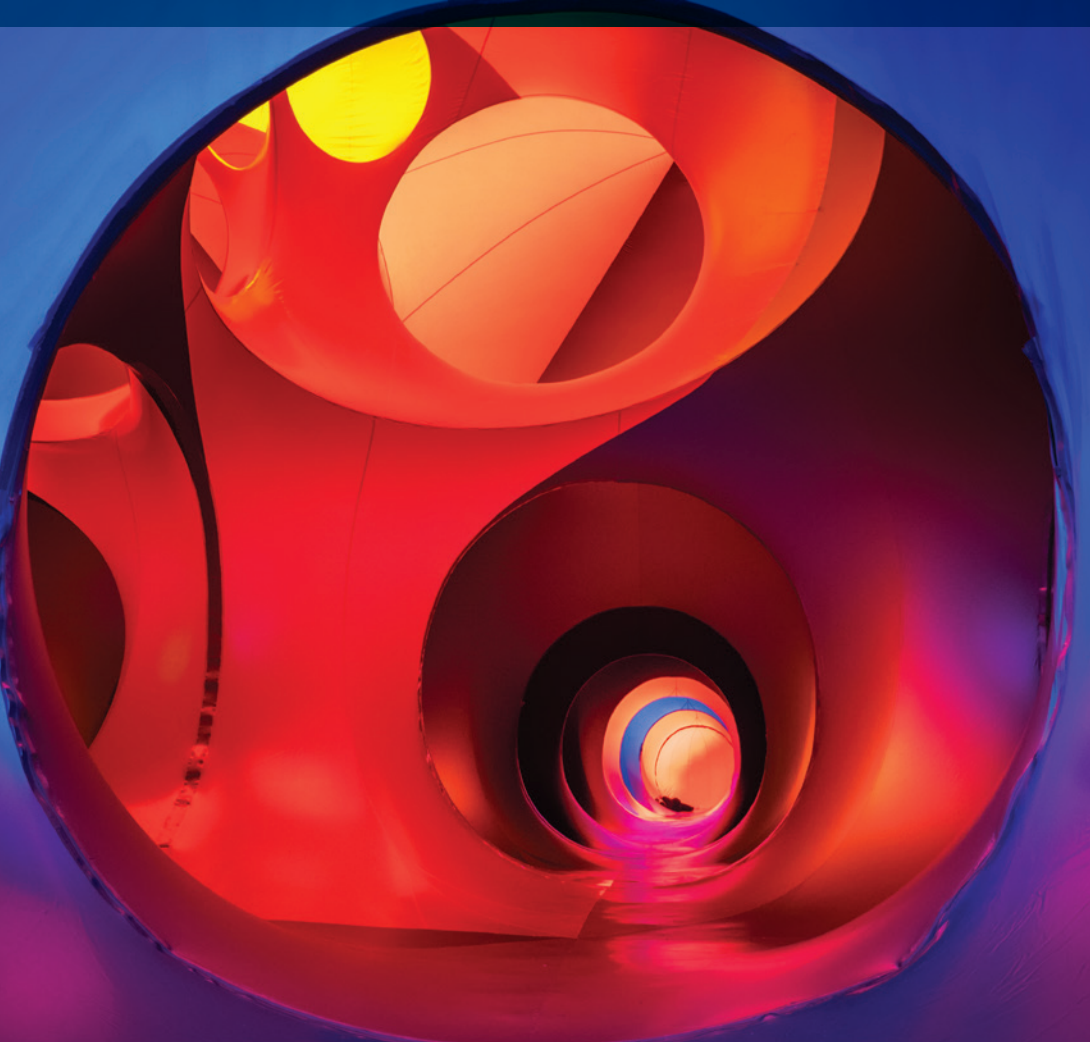
*Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Samantha Figgins and Jeroboam Bozeman.
Photo by Andrew Eccles.*



MESA
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ARCHITECTS OF AIR: ALBESILA



FEBRUARY 9 – 17, 2019 | 12:00 - 9:00 PM DAILY | MESA'S PIONEER PARK | \$7
SPONSORED BY THE BOEING COMPANY

The visitor's experience of this monumental inflatable sculpture is like walking inside a work of stained glass—breathtakingly beautiful, serene and contemplative. Designed by British artist Alan Parkinson, Albesila provides a unique experience filled with color, ambient music and wonder. Visit www.mesaartscenter.com/air for tickets and additional information.

Presented in partnership with Mesa's Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities.

CROCE PLAYS CROCE

JANUARY 12, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$40

“Croce plays Croce,” features a complete set of classics by A.J. Croce’s father Jim Croce, his own tunes, and songs that influenced 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,” and “Box #10,” to name a few.

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.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! 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.

Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

THE FAB FOUR

JANUARY 25, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$29.50 - \$59.50

The Fab Four delivers uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles songs, which 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,” and “Hey Jude.”

Presented in partnership with Emporium Presents.

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.



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BEN & NOEL HAGGARD

JANUARY 26, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$38

PRESHOW DINNER PACKAGE AVAILABLE

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 father's legacy.



FEB
1

THE MOTH MAINSTAGE

FEBRUARY 1, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$33 - \$48

The Moth is dedicated to the art of storytelling, and has presented more than 3,000 stories told live by people from all walks of life. Each Moth Mainstage features simple, old-fashioned storytelling by five wildly divergent raconteurs who develop shape for their stories with The Moth's directors.



FEB
2

CHRIS BOTTI

FEBRUARY 2, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$45 - \$75

PRESHOW DINNER PACKAGE AVAILABLE

Chris Botti is the largest-selling American instrumental artist. 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.



FEB
5

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 gifts as a vocalist and interpreter upon The Bard's celebrated canon. With performances honed during the time Osborne spent performing at New York City's Café Carlyle in 2016 and 2017, the GRAMMY®-nominated, singer and songwriter winds her supple, soulful voice around Dylan's poetic, evocative lyrics.



FEB
6

A BOWIE CELEBRATION: THE DAVID BOWIE ALUMNI TOUR

FEBRUARY 6, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$33 - \$68

Join key alumni musicians of David Bowie's bands from across the decades in A Bowie Celebration, featuring an unforgettable and critically acclaimed evening of Bowie songs with world-class vocalists and an ever-rotating mix of hits and deep cuts.

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: “heartbeat,” the primal source of all rhythm and “children of the drum,” a reflection of Kodo’s desire to play the drums simply, with the heart of a child.

*This performance is presented in honor of Mesa Arts Center’s dear friend and supporter:
Janet Michiko Ikeda | May 22, 1922 - March 6, 2018.*



FEB
7

JAD ABUMRAD: THE MIRACLE OF INDOOR PLUMBING

FEBRUARY 9, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$24 - \$35

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.



FEB
9

JOSHUA BELL, VIOLIN WITH SAM HAYWOOD, PIANO

FEBRUARY 14, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$30 - \$80

PRESHOW DESSERT AND WINE TASTING AVAILABLE

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.



FEB
14

AN EVENING WITH PAULA POUNDSTONE

FEBRUARY 15, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$35

Paula Poundstone is one of our country’s preeminent comedians. Also an author, lecturer, host and actress, Paula was the first woman to perform standup comedy at the White House Correspondents’ Dinner. She won an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and is recognized in innumerable lists noting influential standup comedians of our time.



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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! CRISTINA MITTERMEIER: STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE

FEBRUARY 20, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$27 - \$41

Mittermeier learned the concept of responsible earth stewardship from her indigenous nanny as a child growing up in Mexico. Mittermeier explores the ways of life of four communities and their relationships with water—the Kayapó in the Amazon, the Inuit of Greenland, the First Nations people of British Columbia, and native Hawaiians.

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FEB
24

U.S. AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST THE COMMANDERS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 | 3:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | FREE

Carrying on the American musical tradition of the great traveling big bands, this energetic group of 20 highly-trained professional airmen-musicians is the only active-duty Air Force band west of the Rockies. The Band of the Golden West is dedicated to using the power of music to inspire our Air Force members and the great nation we serve.



MAR
5-10

STOMP

MARCH 5 - 10, 2019 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER | \$26 - \$66

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.

Sponsored by SRP



MAR
13

STEEP CANYON RANGERS

MARCH 13, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$38

The GRAMMY® Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers have spent two decades bending and shaping the bluegrass aesthetic, wedding it to elements of pop, country, and folk rock to create something original. Their original music links them to the past while also bringing string-based music into contemporary relevance.

BREAK OF REALITY

MARCH 14, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$30

Break of Reality reaches millions of listeners via Spotify and Pandora Radio, and their rendition of the *Game of Thrones* theme has over 16 million views on YouTube. Now with four albums, their music has been featured on NPR, PBS, *Dateline* on NBC, and more.

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MAR
14

ANNE LAMOTT

MARCH 19, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$28 - \$50

Lamott writes and speaks with self-effacing humor – she is laugh-out-loud funny. She writes about loss; loss of loved ones and loss of personal control. She doesn't sugar-coat the sadness, frustration and disappointment, but tells her stories with honesty, compassion and a pureness of voice.



MAR
19

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! 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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MAR
20

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; travel back to Elizabethan England! Based on the book series by Mary Pope Osborne, audiences will discover how history is shaped by those who overcome their fears. Full of freestyle beats, this tuneful tale is a hit with kids and grown-ups alike. Best for ages 5+.



MAR
21

WORDPLAY CAFÉ STORY SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP

MARCH 23, 2019 | 7:30 PM | NESBITT ELLIOTT PLAYHOUSE THEATER | \$15

The WordPlay Café open mic series culminates in an exciting stage show where storytellers, spoken word artists and musicians perform and are judged by professional storytellers and the audience. Story Slam is a platform for celebrating one of humanity's oldest art forms, and uses competition to challenge storytellers to take new risks.



MAR
23

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

MARCH 29 & 30, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$41 - \$65
PRESHOW DINNER PACKAGE AVAILABLE

AAADT grew from a now-fabled performance that forever changed the perception of American dance. The Ailey company has gone on to perform for an estimated 25 million people in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents – as well as millions more through television broadcasts, film and online platforms. *Pictured: Jacquelin Harris and Samuel Lee Roberts. Photo by Andrew Eccles.*



MAR
29 & 30

GINA CHAVEZ

MARCH 30, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$30 - \$35

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



MAR
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ZAKIR HUSSAIN: MASTERS OF PERCUSSION

APRIL 6, 2019 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$35 - \$45

Zakir Hussain is 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 performances have established him as a national treasure in his own country, India, and gained him worldwide fame.



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MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON TOUR STARRING CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT

APRIL 9, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$36 - \$46

The 2019 tour stars Cécile McLorin Salvant and features Bria Skonberg (trumpet), Melissa Aldana (tenor sax), Yasushi Nakamura (bass), Christian Sands (piano) and Jamison Ross (drums/percussion).



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9

JASON VIEAUX, GUITAR AND YOLANDA KONDONASSIS, HARP

APRIL 11, 2019 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | \$38 - \$46

Kondonassis is widely regarded as today's most recorded classical harpist, and 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.

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APR
11

AMERICAN GIRL LIVE

APRIL 16-20, 2019 | TIMES VARY | PIPER THEATER
\$35 - \$45 | VIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

See 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.

SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

APRIL 17, 2019 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | \$42.50 - \$108
VIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE
PRESHOW HAPPY HOUR AVAILABLE

Postmodern Jukebox returns to Mesa Arts Center April 17! The multi-talented collective reimagines contemporary pop, rock, and R&B hits in the style of various yesteryears, from swing to doo-wop, ragtime to Motown, or, as Bradlee himself puts it, "pop music in a time machine."

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*.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

APRIL 28, 2019 | 4:00 PM | ALLIANCE PAVILION | FREE

International Jazz Day AZ Foundation presents an outdoor extravaganza of Jazz featuring Nicholas Payton, Bernard Wright, NOLAZ Band, Nayo, Sandra Bassett, Jesse McGuire, Dowell Davis and many more.

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. He redefines ukulele music--performing everything from traditional Hawaiian tunes to covers of popular hits like Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

American Girl



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EVENTS



SPARK AT DARK

TASTES | SIGHTS | SOUNDS

THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

JAN - MAY 2019 | 8:00 - 11:00 PM | FREE EVENT

An innovative after-hours experience every third Saturday from January through May at Mesa Arts Center. Find event details at mesaartscenter.com/sparkatdark. #sparkatdark

SPRING OUT TO LUNCH CONCERT SERIES

EVERY THURSDAY | JAN 10 - MAR 14, 2019

12:30 - 1:30 PM | FREE EVENT

Every week is a different sound, a different style. Relax and enjoy captivating live music and the marvelous Arizona weather in a beautiful, shady outdoor setting.



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*Closing at 8PM Feb. 9 for a special ticketed event.



Carrie Ann Baade, *Involuntary Thoughts of Madam Cecilia Devereux*, 2015, Oil on panel, 20 x 16 inches

MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM

SPRING OPENING RECEPTION

FRI, FEB 8 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

This Spring, in addition to the patron favorite *Annual Contemporary Crafts* exhibition, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum features the provocative work of Florida artist Carrie Ann Baade and Arizona creatives Janet Towbin and Elliot Kayser.

ADMISSION: FREE

mesaartscenter.com/mcam



THE STORE

Visit The Store, an artists cooperative gallery at Mesa Arts Center, for one-of-a-kind art pieces and unique gifts created by a juried group of Arizona artists.

www.mesaartscenter.com/thestore



ART STUDIOS

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

Summer Enrollment Starts:

Apr. 12, 2019

mesaartscenter.com/classes



ARTS IN SERVICE

Thanks to a generous grant from The Boeing Company, Mesa Art Center's Arts in Service program provides creative pathways for veterans and service members to use studio arts experiences in reaching their personal goals.

mesaartscenter.com/artsin-service

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



MEMBERSHIP

Mesa Arts Center Members are the first to hear about new shows and enjoy exclusive Members-only events. Membership is tax deductible and supports Mesa Arts Center's Engagement programs that serve people throughout our community.

mesaartscenter.com/jointhecircle



PROJECT LIT: IGNITING LITERACY THROUGH THE ARTS

Project Lit is an out-of-school time program that uses poetry, hip hop and drama to promote literacy and activate social and emotional learning with young and emerging adults. Participants in Project Lit programs practice and gain skills like public speaking, self-confidence, communication and collaboration.

mesaartscenter.com/projectlit

MESA ARTS CENTER RESIDENT COMPANIES

(*Founding Resident Companies)

EAST VALLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE*

Camelot & Camelittle | Feb 14 – 24
Bippity Boppity BAAAAAM | Apr 4 – 7
The Lost Boys of Neverland | Jun 13 – 23

MESA ENCORE THEATRE*

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike | Jan 11 – 27
Hello, Dolly! | Mar 1 – 17
The Toxic Avenger | Apr 5 – 21
In the Heights | May 17 – Jun 2

METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY*

Winter Concert | Feb 27
Spring Concert | May 1

SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE COMPANY*

As You Like It | Feb 23 – Mar 9
Taming of the Shrew | Feb 22 – Mar 9

SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST*

From Mozart to Mendelssohn | Feb 16
O Fortuna | Mar 23

SALT RIVER BRASS

Swingin' On a Star | Feb 10
Pictures at an Exhibition | Mar 24
On the Shoulders of Giants | Apr 28



PLAN YOUR SPECIAL EVENT

Whether you are planning an elegant outdoor wedding ceremony, a stand-out theater performance, or an all-day corporate meeting, the MAC Event Services staff is ready to assist. Call 480-644-6589 or email rentals@mesaartscenter.com for rates and space availability.

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