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Country Music Hall of Famer Vince Gill to play Mesa Arts Center

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Mesa, AZ – One of the most popular and most recorded singers of the past quarter-century, superstar **Vince Gill** has become the measure of excellence in country music. His vocal performances are spellbinding, his songwriting emotionally powerful and his guitar-playing world-class. Gill and his band will be performing at Mesa Arts Center on Friday, March 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and available at mesaartscenter.com, and the Mesa Arts Center Box Office or by calling 480-644-6500.

On Feb. 12, Gill will release his new MCA Records album, ***Down To My Last Bad Habit***, of which he wrote/co-wrote, co-produced and is a featured musician on all 12 songs.

“Vince Gill is quite simply a living prism refracting all that is good in country music. He uses the crystal planes of his songwriting, his playing and his singing to give us a musical rainbow that embraces all and spans all seasons.” – Kyle Young/Country Music Foundation on Vince’s induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame

Gill achieved his big breakthrough with “When I Call Your Name,” which won the Country Music Association’s Single of the Year award. Since then, he has won 17 more CMA honors, including Song of the Year four times – making him the most-awarded artist in that category in CMA history. The Academy of Country Music has handed Gill 8 awards, including their prestigious “The Home Depot Humanitarian Award” and the “Career Achievement Award.” Since 1990, Gill has received 20 GRAMMY Awards and has sold more than 26 million albums. Gill was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2007. He is also a member of the Grand Ole Opry. In August 2012, Gill was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is a member of the four-time Grammy-nominated band The Time Jumpers; Rounder Records released the band’s first studio album in 2012. In 2014, Gill released his first duet record with legendary pedal steel

guitar player and fellow Time Jumper Paul Franklin. Entitled *Bakersfield*, the record pays homage to two of Gill and Franklin's musical heroes: Buck Owens and Merle Haggard.

Vincent Grant Gill was born April 12, 1957 in Norman, Oklahoma and raised in Oklahoma City, OK. His father encouraged him to learn to play guitar and banjo, which he did, eventually adding bass, mandolin, dobro and fiddle to his instrumental array.

Gill's high, pure tenor voice and unerring sense of harmony have caused dozens of artists—from Reba McEntire to Dolly Parton to Barbra Streisand—to embrace him as a duet partner. After working more than 30 years as a professional musician, Gill has established himself as one of the most successful guitarists of his generation. Combining a deep knowledge of Americana, bluegrass, and classic country with the fire of '60s rock, Gill has earned a place next to his musical heroes.

In addition to his passion for music, Gill donates a great deal of his time supporting numerous charitable organizations. He is one of country music's most active and effective humanitarians. A sports enthusiast, he is an avid golfer; in 1993 he helped create the annual Vince Gill Pro-Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament ("The Vinny") which has raised in excess of five million dollars to help support junior golf programs throughout Tennessee.

Gill has also been dubbed the "Springsteen of country music," as his shows are known to last for hours. Those along for the ride are his ace band which consists of Willie Weeks, Bass; Billy Thomas, Drums; Tim Akers, Keyboards; Jeff White, Guitar, Vocals and Paul Franklin, Steel Guitar.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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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 multidisciplinary arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, 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.