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2022 MIDSEASON BROCHURE

Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF GEORGE MICHAEL
SUN, JAN 23 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $38
The Life and Music of George Michael celebrates one of the world’s most beloved artists. This show will get you on your feet dancing and singing along to the hits of Wham! and George’s illustrious solo career with blockbuster hits like “Wake Me Up Before You Go Go,” “Faith,” “Careless Whisper,” “Father Figure” and many more. The Life and Music of George Michael captures the performance and sound of one of the biggest international stars of our time.

DREAM THEATER
WED, FEB 2 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $42 - $128
Two-time GRAMMY®-nominated and millions-selling progressive metal pioneers, Dream Theater, are bringing The Top of the World tour to Mesa Arts Center along with opening act Arch Echo. Progressive metal pioneers Dream Theater share a unique bond with one of the most passionate fan bases around the globe.
Presented in partnership with Danny Zelisko Presents
AN EVENING WITH BRUCE DICKINSON
SAT, FEB 26 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $24.50 - $61.50
Bruce Dickinson is best known as the frontman of long-running British heavy metal titans Iron Maiden. With Dickinson as their focal point, Iron Maiden grew into one of the biggest metal bands in the world, thanks in no small part to his engaging stage presence and quasi-operatic range. Dickinson’s spoken word tour features tales from his colorful adventures from over 40 years on stage and in the air.
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE
RAE WYNN-GRANT | THE SECRET LIFE OF BEARS
WED, FEB 23 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $31 - $45
Conservation ecologist Rae Wynn-Grant has dedicated her life to ecological research and conservation. She works in the expansive American Prairie Reserve to protect and restore iconic wildlife populations, including North American black and grizzly bears, in a region once known for its great number of wild animals. But when the wild lands of this habitat are crisscrossed by roads, fences and ranches, how can bears and humans coexist peacefully?
Series Sponsor: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

KRYSTIN CHENOWETH IN CONCERT: FOR THE GIRLS
FRI, MAR 4 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $50 - $95
Kristin Chenoweth’s career spans film, television, voiceover and stage. In 1999, she won a Tony Award for “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” and she was also nominated for her original role of Glinda the Good Witch in “Wicked” in 2004. Chenoweth has been nominated for two Emmy® Awards and for a People’s Choice Award for her role on “Glee.” Chenoweth also recently released her latest album “For The Girls.” The album is a heartfelt tribute to the great female singers throughout history, particularly some of Kristin’s heroes and friends.
ELTON DAN & THE ROCKET BAND: A TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN
FRI, MAR 11 | 8:00 PM | PIPER THEATER | $30
An Elton Dan show pays tribute to one of the all-time greatest artists ever: ELTON JOHN. Elton Dan’s rapport and stage presence is second to none and his magical piano playing has a way of engaging you in the full ELTON experience. Before you know it, you’re captivated by his incredible band including backup singers, and thrilled with the over the top costumes and high energy performances just like ELTON in days past.

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ROGER CLYNE AND THE PEACEMAKERS
SPECIAL GUEST WADE BOWDEN
SAT, MAR 12 | 7:30 PM | MESA AMPHITHEATRE | $42 - GA | $63 - RES
Founding members of The Refreshments and later, Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Roger and PH have brought high energy and positive vibrations to crowds throughout the US, Mexico and Europe. In 2019, Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers was inducted into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame. The band has used Arizona and Mexico influences to create many of the characters portrayed in their catalog spanning 26 years. Get your tickets now and experience the biggest sounding, story-telling, rock n roll honky tonk dance party you’ve ever seen.

BLACK VIOLIN: IMPOSSIBLE TOUR
WED, MAR 16 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $40 - $65
Black Violin is led by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin). Joining them onstage are DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses their unique blend of classical and hip-hop, often described as “classical boom,” music to overcome stereotypes while encouraging people of all ages, races and economic backgrounds to join together to break down cultural barriers.

BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO DE AMALIA HERNÁNDEZ
FRI, APR 1 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $30 - $50
Amalia Hernández formed her own dance company in 1952, making presentations with choreographed work created by Amalia herself. Today they are one of Mexico’s most important cultural assets. Ballet Folklórico de México will return to Mesa Arts Center featuring renewed performances of the company’s classic choreography.
**DRUM TAO 2022**
SAT, APR 2 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $19 - $39

Modern, high-energy performances showcasing the ancient art of Japanese drumming have transfixed audiences worldwide. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography and innovative visuals, DRUM TAO 2022 is an unforgettable experience.

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**CLASSICAL MUSIC INSIDE OUT**
**ZUILL BAILEY, CELLO | CHEE-YUN KIM, VIOLIN | NATASHA PAREMSKI, PIANO**
WED, APR 6 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | $30 - $42

Zuill Bailey, Chee-Yun Kim and Natasha Paremski join forces for a concert of music by Brahms, Franck and Piazzolla. Chee-Yun’s perfect technique, dazzling tone and artistry have enraptured audiences on five continents. Natasha Paremski reveals astounding virtuosity and powerful, flawless technique. Zuill Bailey is a GRAMMY® award-winning, renowned soloist, recitalist, artistic director and teacher.

*Classical Music Inside Out supported by Bill Passe & Maria Silva, Gloria Miner Charitable Foundation*

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**CHRIS BOTTI**
THU, APR 7 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $56 - $88

Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD *When I Fall In Love*, Chris Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist. His success has crossed over to audiences usually reserved for pop music and his ongoing association with PBS has led to four #1 jazz albums, as well as multiple Gold, Platinum and Grammy Awards.

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**MY NAME IS NOT MOM**
SAT, APR 9 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $38.50 - $63.50

My Name is NOT Mom is a hilarious journey through motherhood with internet sensations Tiffany Jenkins, Meredith Masony and Dena Blizzard. This comic trio shares their take on mothering through the sleepless nights of the toddler years, middle school craziness and trying not to physically attack a high schooler. This special live event features stand-up, stories and videos from their online community and audience interaction to create an up close and personal experience that’s funnier than a pap smear.

*Presented in partnership with Tobin Entertainment*
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE
BETH SHAPIRO | HOW TO CLONE A MAMMOTH
WED, APR 13 | 7:30PM | IKEDA THEATER | $31 - $45

Could extinct species, like mammoths and passenger pigeons, be brought back to life? National Geographic Emerging Explorer Beth Shapiro is one of the scientists investigating this intriguing possibility. From deciding which species should be restored to anticipating how revived populations might be overseen in the wild, the technical challenges and ethical considerations of de-extinction are substantial.

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AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH DAVID FOSTER: HITMAN TOUR
TUE, APR 19 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $36-$86

GRAMMY® Award-winning producer David Foster, one of the biggest musical forces of our time, is embarking on An Intimate Evening with David Foster: Hitman Tour. Foster performs songs he wrote or produced from his four decades of hits and includes stories about the songs, artists and moments of his life. Delivered by powerhouse performers, the hits include Celine Dion’s “Because You Loved Me,” Whitney Houston’s “The Bodyguard,” Earth Wind and Fire’s “After The Love Is Gone” and many more.

RANDY RAINBOW: THE PINK GLASSES TOUR
WED, MAY 4 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $39.50 - $59.50

Randy Rainbow is an American comedian, producer, actor, singer, writer and satirist best known for his popular YouTube series, “The Randy Rainbow Show.” His musical parodies and political spoofs have garnered him worldwide acclaim and two Emmy® nominations for Outstanding Short Form Variety Series. His first viral video of 2020 was called “The Funniest Trump Roast Ever” by Funny or Die, and his subsequent viral parodies like “Social Distance” and “A Spoonful of Clorox” have been viewed by millions.

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AMOR ETERNO | A MOTHER’S DAY MARIACHI CONCERT CELEBRATION
SAT, MAY 7 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER | $38

Give the gift of music this Mother’s Day! Enjoy an unforgettable evening of mariachi music and folklórico performances with your favorite madrecita (mom) on Saturday, May 7.

Presented in partnership with East Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
ANDY GRAMMAR | THE ART OF JOY TOUR
SAT, JUN 4 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $40 - $60
Quadruple-platinum singer Andy Grammer will perform live at Mesa Arts Center June 4. Known for his hit singles “Honey, I’m Good,” “Keep Your Head Up,” “Fine By Me,” “Don’t Give Up On Me,” “Fresh Eyes,” “Good To Be Alive (Hallelujah),” and “I Found You,” Grammer has quietly generated billions of streams. Most recently, Grammer performed his new single “Lease On Life” from his fifth album on The Bachelorette.

AMOS LEE
WITH SPECIAL GUEST NEAL FRANCIS
SUN, JUN 5 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $35 - $99.50
With one foot in the real world and the other in a charmed dimension of his own making, Amos Lee creates the rare kind of music that’s emotionally raw yet touched with a certain magical quality. Lee’s US tour shares, Galvanizing Ode To Perseverance “See The Light” the uplifting and joyous original “See The Light,” the Billboard chart-topping artist’s latest look at his upcoming new album Dreamland.

BABY SHARK LIVE: SPLASH TOUR 2022
SAT, JUN 11 | 2:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $31.50 - $71.50
Splash along with Baby Shark and Pinkfong as they journey into the sea to sing and dance through some of your favorite songs in Baby Shark Live! This one-of-a-kind immersive experience will have fans of all ages dancing in the aisles as they join Baby Shark and friends for exciting adventures into the jungle and under the sea to explore shapes, colors, numbers and so much more! Some of the hit songs in this dazzling kids spectacular include “Baby Shark,” “Five Little Monkeys,” “Wheels On The Bus,” “Jungle Boogie” and “Monkey Banana Dance!”

LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
THU, JUN 16 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $40 - $125
A singer, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Whether touring as a ‘Duo’ or with his ‘Acoustic Group’ or his ‘Large Band,’ Lovett’s live performances show not only the breadth of this Texas legend’s deep talents, but also the diversity of his influences, making him one of the most compelling and captivating musicians in popular music.

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Sign up for on sale notifications at MESAARTSCENTER.COM/YLELOVETT.
**WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?**

**THU, SEP 8 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $35 - $55**

Whose Live Anyway?, the critically-acclaimed improv comedy show, features Ryan Stiles along with fellow comics Greg Proops, Jeff Davis and Joel Murray. Together they perform many of the hilarious games made famous on their Emmy®-nominated TV series, Whose Line Is It Anyway?, which aired on ABC from 1998 to 2004 and returned to the airwaves in 2013 on The CW, where it’s currently about to enjoy its 8th season.

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**CLANNAD: THE FAREWELL TOUR**

**TUE, SEP 13 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $39.50 - $69.50**

Clannad was formed by siblings Moya, Ciarán and Pól Brennan and their uncles Noel and Pádraig Duggan. The multi-award-winning band have, without doubt, done more than any other group to take Irish music and the Irish language to a worldwide audience. Fusing elements of traditional Irish music and more contemporary folk, new age and rock they have created a beautifully unique and ethereal sound which combines haunting melodies and mesmerizing vocals to transcend the sands of time whilst appealing to a worldwide audience of all ages.

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**WARDRUNA**

**SAT, NOV 5 | 8:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER | $39.50 - $69.50**

Since their formation in the early 2000’s initiated by composer Einar Selvik, WARDRUNA have had vast worldwide success, transcending music genres, cultures and languages while being renowned for their innovative and genre-creating renditions of ancient Nordic traditions. The group’s massive musical contributions to History Channel’s TV series VIKINGS—which consists of over 60 placements and substantial work on the show’s musical score in addition to appearances by EINAR- who starred and performed on two occasions in Season 3 and 4— has exposed their music to a broad audience worldwide.

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**RIVERDANCE: 25 YEARS OF RIVERDANCE**

**MAY 3 - 7 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER | $38 - $78**

For over 25 years, nothing has carried the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of Riverdance. A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved favorite, Riverdance, celebrated the world over for its thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Immerse yourself in the extraordinary power and grace of its music and dance—beloved by fans of all ages.
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.

SPRING OUT TO LUNCH CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS, FEB 17 - MAR 17
12:30PM - 1:30PM | FREE

Every week is a different sound, a different style. Enjoy captivating live music and the marvelous Arizona weather in a beautiful outdoor setting. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to bring your favorite comfortable folding chairs, cushions and/or blankets. See you there!
MESAARTSCENTER.COM/OTL

MESA CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM

SPRING 2022 OPENING RECEPTION:
FRI, FEB 11 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Mesa Contemporary Arts (MCA) Museum is pleased to host several exhibitions related to glass in conjunction with the United Nation’s declaration of 2022 as the International Year of Glass. These exhibitions are supported in part by Arizona Glass Alliance and Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass. The MCA Museum Spring 2022 exhibitions are:

• Joseph Cavalieri | Focus on 5 | Dec 10 - Mar 20
• Jennifer Caldwell and Jason Chakravarty | Head in the Clouds | Jan 14 - Apr 3
• 43rd Annual Contemporary Crafts | Feb 11 - Apr 24
• Troy Moody | Meminisse | Jan 21 - Apr 10
• Ana M. Lopez | Air Currency | Feb 11 - Apr 24

Admission to the MCA Museum is always FREE.
MESAARTSCENTER.COM/MUSEUM

THE STORE

Find one-of-a-kind art and unique gifts at The Store at Mesa Arts Center, an Artists Cooperative Gallery. The Store is closed July and August.
MESAARTSCENTER.COM/THESTORE

ART STUDIOs

Explore Mesa Arts Center’s state-of-the-art visual and performing arts studios! Spark your creativity with a class in ceramics, watercolors, printmaking, glass fusing, metal sculpture and more!

ARTS IN SERVICE

Thanks to generous grants from The Boeing Company, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and funding in part by Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services as made available through the Arizona Veterans’ Donation Fund, 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.

Summer 2022 Arts in Service Class Registration begins Fri, Apr 8 | Noon
Fall 2022 Arts in Service Class Registration begins Fri, Jul 8 | Noon
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THE COLLECTIVE

A CREATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
The Collective is a certificate program that will help build leadership skills through creative thinking and practices. Applications for The 2023 Collective Cohort available in October 2022.
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ENGAGEMENT

HACK THE MAC
The Hack the MAC series is designed to give you an introduction to Mesa Arts Center’s Art Studios programs with a social and creative spin. Register for a unique experience — learn about an art medium and create a piece of work you’ll get to take home and have a blast!
MESAARTSCENTER.COM/HACKTHEMAC

MABEL
Mesa Arts Center’s Creative Catalysts initiative takes community engagement on the road with MABEL, an adaptable and flexible mobile gallery, really big table, moving arts lab, mono-printing, custom button-making, pop-up community center on the go!
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EDUCATOR PREVIEW NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE!
AUG 18 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
PIPER THEATER | FREE
Get a sneak peak at our arts and culture offerings for schools for 2022-23!
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SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST
• Grieg, Dvorak & Weber | Feb 19, 2022
• Mozart & The Planets | Mar 26, 2022

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST
• Mozart & The Planets | Mar 26, 2022

*SALT RIVER BRASS
• United We Swing | Feb 27, 2022
• Cry of the Celts | Mar 27, 2022
• Rhapsody in Blue | Apr 24, 2022
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ALICIA ODEWALE | GREENWOOD: A CENTURY OF RESILIENCE

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