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THE CIRCUS FARM

SUN, JULY 12, 19 & 26, 2026 | 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM

NESBITT-ELLIOTT PLAYHOUSE THEATER

The Circus Farm returns! Escape the summer heat and join us for a family-friendly Mesa Arts Center experience. The day features a 60-minute air-conditioned family circus, with games, balloons, juggling, unicycle stunts, a hula hoop, LED lighted props, a giant robot and Aerial Lollipop. Also, be sure to come early to enjoy a pre-show experience hosted by MABEL (Mobile Arts-Based Engagement Lab)! MABEL is an adaptable and flexible creative space and pop-up arts center on wheels with activities meant to create connections on the spot, prompt discussion, catalyze change and spark creativity through the arts.



THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES

SUN, AUG 16, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | VIP AVAILABLE

Performing Pink Floyd's music with note-for-note perfection, this critically acclaimed show has been astonishing audiences worldwide for more than three decades. Always striving to reproduce the complete Pink Floyd experience and bring the music to new audiences, the show continues to feature a stunning light and laser show, video animations, state-of-the-art high-resolution LED screen technology and other special effects. In addition, and in true Pink Floyd fashion, there are several huge inflatables including a giant pig and their own unique Pink Kangaroo.



ROGER DALTREY

SUN, AUG 23, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Roger Daltrey returns to the stage in 2026! A deeply personal show that blends The Who classics, rare gems and solo favorites from his extraordinary career. Backed by a semi-acoustic, rock-driven band, the performance offers a fresh, intimate take on iconic songs, alongside candid stories that give you an inside look into rock history. Exciting stories, setlist surprises and the same unmistakable voice, this is a rare opportunity to experience one of rock's most legendary performers in an up-close and personal setting.



A.J. CROCE PRESENTS CROCE PLAYS CROCE

WED, SEP 16, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Acclaimed singer-songwriter, piano virtuoso and multi-instrumentalist A.J. Croce returns with his celebrated Croce Plays Croce Tour, delivering an unforgettable evening that bridges generations through timeless music and storytelling. Croce has earned acclaim as an electrifying performer with over twenty Billboard Top 40 hits spanning American roots, rock 'n' roll, blues, jazz, soul and world music. Son of the iconic Jim Croce, A.J. intentionally waited thirty years before performing his father's songs, launching this tour only when he could honor that legacy with depth and integrity. The show blends beloved classics like "Operator," "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," "Bad Bad Leroy Brown" and "Time in a Bottle" with A.J.'s own acclaimed originals, creating a moving, high-energy concert that continues to earn standing ovations and sell out venues nationwide.

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Photo Credit: Robert McCune

JOSÉ GONZÁLEZ • AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT TOUR FRI, SEP 18, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

José González is in a class by himself. Hailed by Rolling Stone as “someone whose subtle, carefully crafted music delivers rewards to listeners who know how to wait,” González’s stellar career can only be described as a dream. From selling out tours on virtually every continent to headlining prestigious festivals around the world to being asked to perform at 2020’s Nobel Prize Award Ceremony and seeing his recorded music exceed 1 billion streams, González is one of the most exciting and in-demand touring artists working today.

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LESLIE JONES • I'M HOT TOUR SAT, SEP 19, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Leslie Jones is a three-time Primetime Emmy Award nominee as well as a Writer’s Guild Award and NAACP Award nominee for her work on “Saturday Night Live.” She has also been honored as one of Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People. Jones recently wrapped production on season two of the HBO Max series “Our Flag Means Death.” The week of January 17, 2023, Jones kicked off a new era of “The Daily Show” as the program’s first guest host. In 2021, she starred opposite Eddie Murphy in “Coming 2 America” for which she won an MTV Movie Award and was nominated for a People’s Choice Award. Jones will next produce an untitled Christmas comedy for Lionsgate which she is currently developing as a potential future starring role. Additionally, Jones co-hosts the podcast THE FCKRY with comedian Lenny Marcus. Each week, Jones and Marcus interview guests and answer listener questions, while exposing “the fckry” of any given topic.



GET THE LED OUT THU, SEP 24, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, Get the Led Out (GTLO) have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you’ve never heard before. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, GTLO re-create the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. When you hear three guitars on the album GTLO delivers three guitarists on stage. No wigs or fake English accents, GTLO brings what the audience wants a high-energy Zeppelin concert with an honest, heart-thumping intensity.



BOZ SCAGGS

FRI, SEP 25, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Boz Scaggs is an American singer, songwriter and guitarist. An early bandmate of Steve Miller in The Ardells and the Steve Miller Band, he began his solo career in 1969, though he lacked a major hit until his 1976 album “Silk Degrees” peaked at number 2 on the Billboard 200, and produced the hit singles “Lido Shuffle” and “Lowdown.” Scaggs produced two more platinum-certified albums in “Down Two Then Left” and “Middle Man,” the latter of which produced two top-40 singles “Breakdown Dead Ahead” and “Jojo.”



SNARKY PUPPY

WED, OCT 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Snarky Puppy, the five-time GRAMMY®-winning collective, is a genre-defying band shaped by influences ranging from funk, R&B, soul, rock, gospel, fusion and jazz and is best experienced on its own terms. As bassist Michael League notes, the group’s sound has expanded dramatically over time, evolving from a jazzier, more cerebral start into something groovier, more emotional and focused on communicating a clear message without “dumbing things down.” Last year, Snarky Puppy reunited with the Metropole Orkest for an ambitious live collaboration recorded over three nights in Utrecht, resulting in “Somni,” released in November 2025 via GroundUP Music. True to form, the band continues to push forward with each release, guided by a simple rule: it can’t sound like it did before.



THE RUSH TRIBUTE PROJECT

THU, OCT 8, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

The RUSH Tribute Project (RTP) is a high-energy homage to one of rock’s most enduring and influential bands, meticulously recreating the sound, spectacle and excitement of Rush’s legendary live shows across the full 40+ year catalog. RTP is widely regarded as a premier tribute to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame power trio. Using vintage instruments, multi-camera projection and state-of-the-art lighting and lasers, the band delivers an immersive concert experience for casual listeners and devoted Rush fans alike, led by classically trained multi-instrumentalist Sean Jones (channeling Geddy Lee), award-winning guitarist Bill Heck and founding drummer Thomas Slawnik, whose kit and influences pay clear tribute to Neil Peart.

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DAVIDE DE PIERRO

FRI, OCT 16, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

Inspired by Davide De Pierro's newly released novel "The Letters I Never Sent," his live show blends personal storytelling, humor and audience conversation. Throughout the night, De Pierro will deliver a monologue and read selections from the book, followed by an open Q&A with the audience. Limited meet-and-greet opportunities will also be available for those who purchase in advance. Davide is a New Jersey native that has cultivated over 3M followers on TikTok and 2.7M followers on Instagram and has been earning millions of views online. Known for his commentary on relationships, finances and those relatable moments that capture the human experience, Davide is excited to be expanding into a fresh medium.

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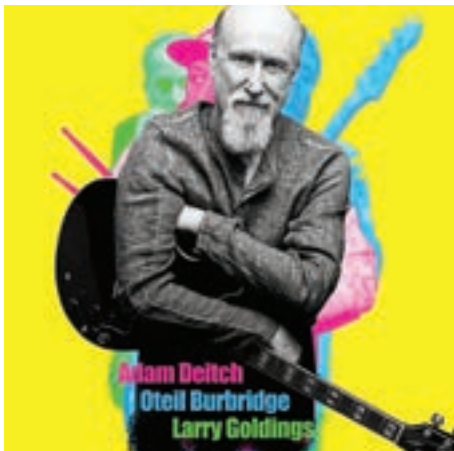


EDDIE B.

SAT, OCT 17, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Eddie B. soared to new heights with his series of comical videos titled "What Teachers Really Want to Say." In a matter of hours, those videos sparked the attention of educators all over the country when they realized that they were not alone and finally had someone to joke about the things they were reluctant to say out loud. Eddie B has established himself as the official voice of teachers across the globe with his uncensored, raw and hysterically realistic portrayal of a teacher's hectic life, from the point of view of an actual teacher!

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JOHN SCOFIELD'S ELECTROSPECTIVE

WED, OCT 28, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

John Scofield's guitar work has influenced jazz since the late '70s and is going strong today. Possessor of a very distinctive sound and stylistic diversity, Scofield is a masterful jazz improviser whose music generally falls somewhere between post-bop, funk edged jazz and R&B. Scofield looks forward to teaming up with a stellar band of colleagues, Electrospective will rely on interpretative input from Scofield alum and super funk drummer/producer Adam Deitch (Lettuce), multidimensional Larry Goldings (Scary Goldings, James Taylor) on keyboards and legendary bassist Oteil Burbridge (Dead & CO., Tedeschi Trucks, Allman Brothers).



THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES ARTISTIC INNOVATION AWARD

THEATRE FOR THE VERY YOUNG • RED

OCT 30, 2026 – NOV 8, 2026 | TIMES VARY
FARNSWORTH STUDIO THEATER

Welcome to Red, an immersive dance performance for 12–36-month-olds and their families. Developed through creative research sessions with very young children, this performance explores the bold experience of toddlerhood through joyful chaos and rough-and-tumble play. Performers and audience members dance together, co-creating a world that is unequivocally Red.

What can caregivers expect when they bring their family to Red?

- Red is approximately 35 minutes long and is designed specifically for children aged 12 to 36 months. Family members of all ages are welcome to join alongside children in this age range.
- Children are encouraged to fully experience the performance. We welcome all types of responses in the space, including laughing, crying, talking, making noise, moving and dancing.
- Floor seating is provided for all audience members, but children are not required to stay in their seats. They are invited to explore the space and move freely with the performers.
- Each performance is limited to 25 audience members. Strollers and diaper bags are welcome!

Red is brought to you by lead artists Amanda Pintore, Olivia Heneddo and Jisun Myung.

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JAZZ FUNK SOUL CRUSADERS TRIBUTE FEATURING LINDSEY WEBSTER

WED, NOV 4, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

Omne trium perfectum — everything that comes in threes is perfect. When it comes to the trio Jazz Funk Soul, this statement rings true. Saxophonist Everette Harp, keyboardist Jeff Lorber and guitarist Paul Jackson Jr. are the perfect union of balance and harmony, the right ebb and flow of laid back cool and gritty-driving intensity and the complete package of musical wonder.



Photo Credit: Spike Marble

LIZZY & THE TRIGGERMEN

SAT, NOV 14, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

Swing into the night with Lizzy & the Triggermen, the 10-piece jazz band hailed as “one of the hottest swing bands in LA.” With old-school glamour and a modern twist, they channel the spirit of Basie and Ellington while infusing their music with a sound and swagger all their own. As NPR raves, they are “one part Eartha Kitt, one part Ella Fitzgerald, one part Amy Winehouse.” Sophisticated, stylish and irresistibly fun, this big band is guaranteed to get the joint jumping.



UNDERTALE: THE DETERMINATION SYMPHONY

SAT, NOV 14, 2026 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Undertale: The Determination Symphony is an unforgettable concert experience featuring the most memorable themes from the hit indie game, newly arranged and performed live by a 25-piece orchestra. With gameplay footage displayed on a screen above the stage, audiences will be fully immersed in the world of Undertale, experiencing its story and music like never before.



Photo Credit: Shayyan Asgharria

AN EVENING OF ALTON BROWN TUE, NOV 17, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Although he's keeping the details under wraps, Brown has said that with *An Evening of Alton Brown* he's "stirring up some twists on his greatest hits," and "spicing things up with new demonstrations, music and slightly scaled-down mayhem." No matter what, *An Evening of Alton Brown* will present Brown as you've never seen him — unless, of course, you've been invited to his house. Best known for creating and hosting groundbreaking television such as "Good Eats," "Iron Chef America," "Cutthroat Kitchen" and "Food Network Star," Brown has also built one of the most successful culinary touring franchises ever, performing live in more than 300 cities for well over half a million fans.

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THE FAB FOUR • THE ULTIMATE BEATLES TRIBUTE A HARD DAY'S NIGHT AND THE HITS FRI, NOV 27, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

If you want to experience the best Beatles tribute ever, you won't want to miss The Fab Four — The Ultimate Tribute. Their 2026 tour brings an all-new show to the stage, celebrating the diamond anniversary of the Beatles' first feature film, "A Hard Day's Night." This spectacular performance features the iconic soundtrack, along with the Beatles' greatest hits from every era of their career. The Emmy Award-winning Fab Four are elevated far above every other Beatles tribute due to their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of classics such as "A Hard Day's Night," "Can't Buy Me Love," "And I Love Her," "If I Fell," "Yesterday" and "Hey Jude," The Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing.

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Photo Credit: Matt Christine Photography

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS BY CHIP DAVIS SAT, NOV 28, 2026 – SUN, NOV 29, 2026 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis has been America's favorite holiday tradition for over 40 years! GRAMMY® Award-winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program includes 15 musicians playing more than 20 instruments against a backdrop of dazzling multimedia effects — capturing the spirit of the season in an immersive yet intimate setting.

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Photo Credit: Dewey Hicks

HERB ALPERT & THE TIJUANA BRASS BAND

SUN, DEC 6, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the iconic album, “Whipped Cream & Other Delights” as well as 39 straight sold-out concerts! Herb and his new Tijuana brass will be performing many of those great songs on, “Whipped Cream & Other Delights” in addition to many other wonderful hit songs that we all know and love: “The Lonely Bull,” “Spanish Flea,” “A Taste of Honey,” “Mexican Shuffle” and many more.



Photo Credit: Colin Peck Photography

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS 2026 TOUR

WED, DEC 16, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

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.



GENTRI CHRISTMAS

FRI, DEC 18, 2026 | 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Billboard #1 tenor trio GENTRI returns with their most spectacular Christmas concert yet. Known for their signature cinematic sound and breathtaking three-part harmonies, GENTRI brings the magic of Christmas to life in an unforgettable evening of classic and contemporary holiday favorites.

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CIRQUE MUSICA HOLIDAY WONDERLAND

SAT, DEC 19, 2026 | 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER | VIP AVAILABLE

Experience the magic of the season with Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland! This dazzling spectacle blends breathtaking acrobatics, gravity-defying aerial feats and beloved holiday music for an unforgettable celebration. Featuring the incredible talents of the Cirque Musica ensemble, this show is a perfect family event filled with wonder, joy and festive spirit. Don't miss your chance to create cherished holiday memories in this enchanting winter extravaganza.

Presented in partnership with Gate 52.



Photo Credit: Ford Fairchild

MICKEY GUYTON & FRIENDS HOLIDAY

MON, DEC 21, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PIPER REPERTORY THEATER | VIP AVAILABLE

Mickey Guyton is a four-time, GRAMMY®-nominated artist and country music trailblazer. Over the course of her career, Mickey has been recognized for her musical achievements, including being named TIME Magazine's Breakthrough Artist of the Year in 2022 and CMT's Breakout Artist of the Year in 2021. With her debut studio album, "Remember Her Name," Mickey made history as the first Black artist to earn a GRAMMY® nomination for Best Country Album.

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JOSH GATES LIVE! • AN EVENING OF LEGENDS, MYSTERIES AND TALES OF ADVENTURE

FRI, JAN 8, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Adventurer, television personality and author Josh Gates is the host and executive producer of the smash-hit Discovery Channel series, “Expedition Unknown.” The show follows Gates as he sets out on a global journey to explore archaeological discoveries, historic mysteries and scientific breakthroughs. Josh immerses himself in each story, conducting his own investigations, showcasing the work of dedicated explorers while also highlighting vibrant cultures and fascinating destinations. Armed with a degree in archaeology, a quick wit and a hunger for adventure, Gates travels to some of the most remote corners of the planet in immersive, hilarious and thrilling journeys.

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PINK MARTINI

THU, JAN 21, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Featuring the irresistible mélange of classic big band pop and Hollywood glamour, Pink Martini’s mission of multicultural musical connection continues to charm audiences of all ages in its 32nd year of bringing its genre- and border-defying musical adventure to fans on six continents.

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PROFESSOR BRIAN COX • EMERGENCE

THU, JAN 28, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

After performing his smash hit show Horizons for nearly half a million people worldwide, Professor Brian Cox returns with his new world tour, Emergence. Over the past 15 years, he has fronted acclaimed BBC science programs including the Peabody Award-winning “Wonders of the Solar System” and the global hit series “The Planets.” Cox calls Emergence his most ambitious live show yet, created with a team of scientists, musicians, filmmakers and graphic artists to bring cosmology, biology, philosophy and history to life on massive LED screens with immersive sound and lighting, offering an all-encompassing experience designed to leave audiences with something new to think about.



JESSE COOK

FRI, JAN 29, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

A career spanning 25 years has brought this Canadian guitarist multiple accolades including a coveted Acoustic Guitar Magazine Player's Choice Silver Award, 11 Juno Award nominations (he won for 2001's "Free Fall"), a Gemini Award and, most impressively, 10 platinum and gold studio albums. Since launching his career with 1995's *Tempest*, Cook has blazed an incredible trail. Along with being a global-guitar virtuoso, he's honed his skills as a composer, producer, arranger, performer and, more recently, filmmaker and cultural ambassador.

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KODO • LUMINANCE

TUE, FEB 9, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

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.



Photo Credit: Masterclass.com

AN EVENING WITH ITZHAK PERLMAN

SAT, FEB 13, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

An Evening with Itzhak Perlman is a continuation of his acclaimed multimedia program. Discover more about the legendary "man behind the music" in this program curated by Tony Award®-winning director Dan Sullivan and produced by Elliott Forrest, which interweaves storytelling by Perlman with personal photos, clips from the GRAMMY®-nominated Itzhak documentary and music-making with his longtime pianist and friend, Rohan De Silva.



BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO DE AMALIA HERNÁNDEZ

FRI, FEB 19, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

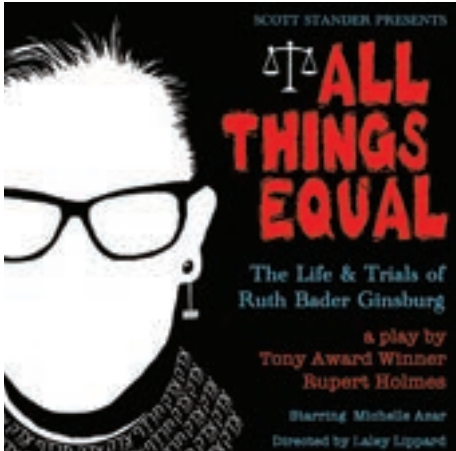
For over seven decades, Amalia Hernández's Ballet Folklórico de México has positioned itself as the most emblematic folkloric dance ensemble in Mexico and around the world. Founded in 1952 by the dancer and choreographer Amalia Hernández, the Ballet Folklórico de México revolutionized the concept of traditional dance and transformed the history of Mexican dance, laying the groundwork and setting the tone for thousands of dance troupes in Mexico and abroad with the characteristic seal of its creator.

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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER WITH WYNTON MARSALIS **SAT, FEB 27, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER**

With the world-renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and guest artists spanning genres and generations, Jazz at Lincoln Center produces thousands of performances, education and broadcast events each season in its home in New York City (Frederick P. Rose Hall, “The House of Swing”) and around the world, for people of all ages. Jazz at Lincoln Center is led by Chairman Clarence Otis, Managing and Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis and Executive Director Greg Scholl. This performance is part of Wynton Marsalis’ final season as Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center and Music Director of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.



ALL THINGS EQUAL • THE LIFE & TRIALS OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG **FRI, MAR 5 - SAT, MAR 6, 2027 | TIMES VARY | PIPER THEATER**

Written by Tony Award-winning playwright Rupert Holmes
Starring Michelle Azar as Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Directed by Laley Lippard

Supreme Court Justice “RBG” welcomes a friend of the family to her cozy chambers to convey, over the course of 90 fascinating and often funny minutes, a sense of her life and its many trials. An evening with a great and compassionate icon of straight-thinking American justice. Bring your scrunchies, your hankies, your humor and your heart to this entertaining and uplifting event!



A DAY OF BIGFOOT WITH DR. MIREYA MAYOR, RUSSELL ACORD AND CLIFF BARACKMAN **SUN, MAR 7, 2027 | 1:00 PM EXPO, 4:00 PM PERFORMANCE | IKEDA THEATER**

Join the stars of Discovery Channel’s hit show “Expedition Bigfoot” for a thrilling day of legend, lore and the untamed wild! National Geographic explorer and primatologist, Dr. Mireya Mayor, Army veteran and survival expert, Russell Acord and bigfoot field researcher, museum curator and former host of Animal Planet’s “Finding Bigfoot,” Cliff Barackman come together on stage to share highlights from six seasons combing North America and meeting with experts to search for the elusive beast.



Photo Credit: David Girson

NATIVE RHYTHMS, NATIVE JAZZ • THE GENRE-BENDING JOURNEY OF R. CARLOS NAKAI, AMOCHIP DABNEY AND WILL CLIPMAN

THU, MAR 18, 2027 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

Amidst the vast tapestry of American music, few collaborations illustrate the spirit of genre-bending innovation as vividly as that of R. Carlos Nakai, AmoChip Dabney and Will Clipman. At the crossroads of Native American flute, jazz, world percussion and contemporary soundscapes, these three musicians have crafted a sonic journey that blurs the lines between tradition and modernity, weaving stories that speak to the heart and stir the soul.



SIMPLY THREE • UNCLASSICAL

FRI, APR 2, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Simply Three: Unclassical is the rock concert you never saw coming, performed entirely on violin, cello and bass. Classically trained and conservatory-honed, this virtuosic trio shatters expectations by turning strings into a percussive, high-voltage rock experience. From explosive anthems to soaring cinematic ballads, they deliver the adrenaline of a modern rock show with the beauty and intimacy of chamber music.



Photo Credit: Toshi Sakurai

STANLEY CLARKE & HIROMI FEATURING PUBLIQUARTET

FRI, APR 16, 2027 | 8:00 PM | IKEDA THEATER

NEA Jazz Master and four-time Grammy Award winning bassist Stanley Clarke teams with frequent collaborator and innovative pianist Hiromi to pay tribute to Chick Corea in a new program of Corea works and original compositions inspired by the late, great pianist.

Blockbusters in Concert

THE FILMS YOU LOVE, ELEVATED BY THE POWER OF LIVE MUSIC.



GHOSTBUSTERS IN CONCERT

WED, SEP 30, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Who you gonna call? Watch Ivan Reitman's beloved '80s sci-fi comedy classic on the big screen whilst Elmer Bernstein's famous score is performed live by a full orchestra conducted by Peter Bernstein. Garnering widespread acclaim, "Ghostbusters," written by Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, earned nearly \$300 million at the global box office and became a mega-pop culture phenomenon that endures four decades later. The film stars Aykroyd, Ramis, Bill Murray and Ernie Hudson as wisecracking parapsychologists who launch an ad-hoc ghost-catching start-up in New York City. The film will feature full original dialogue, which will also be subtitled.



OUTLANDER IN CONCERT

SUN, NOV 15, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

For longtime "Outlander" fans, these words feel like home. As the global phenomenon reaches its conclusion in 2026, its heart continues to beat on stage with Outlander in Concert. The officially licensed live concert experience was created in collaboration with its showrunner Matthew B. Roberts and original Emmy Award-winning composer Bear McCreary. This symphonic experience guides audiences through love and loss, past and future, Scotland and beyond. The iconic score by Bear McCreary takes center stage, performed live by an orchestra, while the series' most stirring moments unfold on a cinema-sized screen.



BLACK PANTHER IN CONCERT

FRI, FEB 12, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Marvel Studios, Disney Concerts and AMP Worldwide presents Black Panther Live-To-Film-Concert on tour, featuring Ludwig Göransson's Oscar®-winning score performed by a unique on-stage ensemble, including talking drum, African percussion, ethnic flute and Indigenous instruments.



TWILIGHT IN CONCERT

TUE, MAR 16, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Experience the legendary romance saga with this epic film-to-concert event — featuring the original movie accompanied by a sensational live band on stage and an enchanting candlelit atmosphere. Twilight in Concert offers a unique opportunity for fans to relive the story that started it all in a cinematic live experience like no other. An exceptional 12-piece ensemble of outstanding rock and orchestral musicians will take the stage to perform the beloved film score in perfect synchronization with the original movie, presented in its entirety on a full-size cinema screen. Be captivated by the magical atmosphere as over a thousand twinkling candles illuminate the grand stage, creating an ambiance that sets the stage for a truly romantic journey.

Presented in partnership with Gate 52.



HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE™ IN CONCERT

SAT, APR 10, 2027 | 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SUN, APR 11, 2027 | 1:00 PM

IKEDA THEATER | VIP AVAILABLE

Relive the film that started it all. Watch the wand choose the wizard, a troll run amok and magic mirrors in high-definition while a live orchestra performs John Williams' iconic score. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event as Harry, Ron, Hermione and all your favorite characters return to the screen and enchant the world all over again.

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THREE SHOW PACKAGE

THE WIZ, MRS. DOUBTFIRE AND STOMP:

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THE WIZ

FRI, NOV 20 – SUN, NOV 22, 2026 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER

The Tony® Award-winning Best Musical that took the world by storm is back.

THE WIZ returns “home” to stages across America in an all-new tour, direct from Broadway. This groundbreaking twist on “The Wizard of Oz” changed the face of Broadway — from its iconic score packed with soul, gospel, rock and ’70s funk to its stirring tale of Dorothy’s journey to find her place in a contemporary world. Everybody rejoice — this dynamite infusion of ballet, jazz and modern pop brings a whole new groove to easing on down the road!



MRS. DOUBTFIRE

FRI, FEB 5 – SUN, FEB 7, 2027 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER

A musical comedy about the things we do to stay together. Daniel Hillard, a struggling, out-of-work actor, will do anything for his kids. After losing custody in a messy divorce, he creates the kindly alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphegenia Doubtfire in a desperate attempt to stay in their lives. As his new character takes on a life of its own, Mrs. Doubtfire teaches Daniel more than he bargained for about how to be a father. A hilarious and heartfelt story about holding onto your loved ones against all odds, MRS. DOUBTFIRE is the musical comedy we need right now — one that proves we’re better together.



STOMP

FRI, MAR 12 – SUN, MAR 14, 2027 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER

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.



WAITRESS

FRI, MAY 21 – SUN, MAY 23, 2027 | TIMES VARY | IKEDA THEATER

Inspired by the beloved film and featuring music by GRAMMY® Award-winner Sara Bareilles, *WAITRESS* tells the story of Jenna, an expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town. A baking contest and the town's new doctor may offer her a fresh start, but Jenna must summon the strength to rebuild her own life. Don't miss this uplifting celebration of friendship, motherhood and the magic of a well-made pie.

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LEGENDS OF THE OCEAN SYLVIA EARLE AND BOB BALLARD

WED, OCT 14, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Two of the most influential voices in marine exploration and conservation, Bob Ballard and Sylvia Earle will share stories from their groundbreaking explorations and inspire a deeper connection to the world's oceans.



THE GHOSTS OF POMPEII WITH CAITIE BARRETT

WED, NOV 18, 2026 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Even thousands of years after its demise, the Roman Empire captivates us, and the ancient city of Pompeii is the place to understand it all. Volcanic ash created an unparalleled glimpse into the lives of ancient people who lived, worked and played in this coastal city. We go on assignment with archaeologist Caitie Barrett to the latest dig sites to uncover new stories that still lie buried in this special place.

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SEARCHING FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST WHALE GATHERING WITH BERTIE GREGORY

WED, FEB 17, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Bertie Gregory, National Geographic Explorer and award-winning filmmaker, takes the audience to the ends of the world in search of arguably the greatest gathering of wildlife on earth. Join him on his decade-long quest to document one of Antarctica's best kept secrets— the largest gathering of fin whales anywhere on the planet. Come along for an epic adventure to the icy seventh continent and into the treacherous seas that surround it. You're sure to come away excited and inspired by the natural world and your role in it.



SAVING NATURE'S SYMPHONY WITH BEN MIRIN

WED, MAR 24, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

The world is alive with sound, and acoustic biologist and National Geographic Explorer Ben Mirin makes sure we never miss a beat. From the sweet songs of morning birds to the chatter of howling lemurs to the conversation of whales, we'll go on assignment on an auditory adventure. We'll tune in to wildlife symphonies, discover what those voices tell us about our planet and transform that science into music.



WEIRD WORLD OF FROGS WITH JODI ROWLEY

WED, APR 14, 2027 | 7:30 PM | IKEDA THEATER

Bright colors and captivating calls are just the start with some of Earth's most amazing species. Frogs can turn nearly invisible, leap more than 20 times their body length and defend themselves with poison. We go on assignment with National Geographic Explorer Jodi Rowley to discover all kinds of incredible abilities and springy biodiversity.

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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.



MARK & MAGGIE O'CONNOR'S AMERICA 250

THU, OCT 29, 2026 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

Experience an evening of virtuosic string playing with Mark and Maggie O'Connor. Mark O'Connor, a three-time GRAMMY® 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.



PAUL JACOBS

THU, FEB 11, 2027 | 7:30 PM | FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MESA

Heralded as “one of the finest organists and teachers of our day,” by The New York Times and as “America’s leading organ performer” by The Economist, the internationally celebrated organist Paul Jacobs combines a probing intellect and extraordinary technical mastery with an unusually large repertoire, both old and new. The only organist ever to have won a Grammy Award, Jacobs is an eloquent champion of his instrument.



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FRED HERSCH

THU, MAR 4, 2027 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

A member of jazz's piano pantheon, Fred Hersch has been an influential creative force over more than three decades as an improviser, composer, educator, bandleader, collaborator, and recording artist. He has been proclaimed "the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade" by Vanity Fair and "a living legend" by The New Yorker. A seventeen-time GRAMMY nominee, Hersch has garnered jazz's most prestigious awards, including a Doris Duke Artist (2016), Jazz Pianist of the Year from the Jazz Journalists Association (2011, 2016, 2018) and the Jazz Magazine (France) International Artist of the Year (2021).

BALOURDET QUARTET

THU, MAR 25, 2027 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

The Balourdet Quartet is acclaimed for their vibrant energy and masterful blend of technical precision and emotional depth that brings a fresh perspective to both beloved classics and modern compositions. Its unique closeness and willingness to take creative risks earned it the 2024 Avery Fisher Career Grant, as well as Chamber Music America's 2024 Cleveland Quartet Award.

Angela Bae, violin | Justin DeFilippis, violin | Benjamin Zannoni, viola | Russell Houston, cello



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GALVIN CELLO QUARTET

THU, APR 8, 2027 | 7:30 PM | PIPER THEATER

The Galvin Cello Quartet returns! Exploring the limitless range of a cello ensemble by bringing together new works from diverse cultural backgrounds, Galvin Cello Quartet dazzles audiences with the cello's limitless capabilities. With their untamable desire to create, change and ultimately bring joy through music, the Galvin Cello Quartet is incredibly excited to make the undeniable case that the cello quartet belongs at the center of the expressive lexicon for chamber music.

James Baik | Sydney Lee | Luiz Fernando Venturelli | Haddon Kay

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SPRING 2026

Spring exhibitions include, “Crafting Legacy: Honoring Arizona Veteran Artists,” a solo exhibition from 46th Contemporary Crafts Juror’s Choice Award winner, Ann Morton, titled “Hook, Line, and Sinker,” “Soundcraft,” “Beyond Tradition: Selections from the MCA Collection” and the 47th Contemporary Crafts Juried Exhibition.



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FREE SPRING 2026 PROGRAMMING

May 21 | Hook, Line and Sinker: Storytelling Session with South Mountain Storytelling Institute
June 4 | Lecture and Walk-Through with Juror Andres Payan Estrada
Jun 12 | Boom for Real: The Late Teenage Years of Jean-Michel Basquiat
Jun 13 | Family Day

FREE PUBLIC TOURS EVERY SATURDAY AT 1:00 PM



2nd Friday Hours:
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
3rd Thursday Hours:
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Stay out late with us!

Enjoy extended hours, explore the galleries at your own pace and immerse yourself in art after the sun goes down.

FALL 2026

Continuing the celebration of 250 years of American craft, in partnership with Craft in America’s Handwork 2026, the fall season showcases artist Zarco Guerrero, designer Galina Mihaleva, two exhibitions from prospectus winners, “In Concrete Contrast” by Samira Hemmat and “Retablo Sonorese” by Perla Segovia, as well as two guest-curated exhibitions, “Recon/Figured” by M.C. Baumstark and “Brutal Beauty” by Ninabah Reid Winton.

Education and Engagement

ART STUDIOS



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Discover the joy of creating at Mesa Arts Center's state-of-the-art studios. From ceramics and watercolor to glass and metal sculpture, hands-on classes inspire creativity and connection across our community.

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An unforgettable summer starts at Mesa Arts Center. Youth and teens explore ceramics, jewelry, glass, media and more through hands-on camps.

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ARTS IN SERVICE

Arts in Service provides free arts classes and events for veterans and service members, creating opportunities for connection, creative expression and personal growth through hands-on studio experiences. The program also includes free **We Serve Too** events and workshops for military families.

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MABEL

The Mobile Art-Based Engagement Lab brings community arts beyond the campus, delivering free, hands-on creative experiences that spark imagination and connection wherever it goes.

FREE

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Our goal is engage older adults physically and mentally in creative activities that enhance self-esteem, morale and overall health.

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Through candid conversations, explore the stories and inspiration behind the artists and creatives shaping our cultural landscape.

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LIT INK

Igniting Literacy and Building Connections through the Art of Storytelling

LIT Ink residencies create a brave space for students to embrace new perspectives while exploring their beliefs, ideas and feelings, alongside others in the same storytelling process.

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Kids explore reading and storytelling through creative play, drama and performance. Growing their confidence and emotional skills along the way.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC INSIDE OUT

Turning classical music "inside out," Guest Artistic Director Zuill Bailey leads engagements with students and community to inspire love and appreciation of classical music.

FESTIVALS



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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

Sat, Oct 24 | 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM | FREE

Relaxed Hour 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Sun, Oct 25 | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM | FREE

Relaxed Hour 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



STICKER SHOGUN

Fri, Dec 11

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM | FREE



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ALT FEST

ART + LIGHT + TECHNOLOGY

Fri, Mar 19, 2027

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM | FREE

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RESIDENT COMPANIES



BALLET ETUDES

The Nutcracker | Dec 12 - 20, 2026

EAST VALLEY CHILDREN'S THEATRE

TBA | Sep 17 - 27, 2026

TBA | Dec 3 - 13, 2026

TBA | Feb 11 - 21, 2027

TBA | Apr 8 - 11, 2027

TBA | Jun 10 - 20, 2027

MESA ENCORE THEATRE

TBA | Nov 6 - 22, 2026

TBA | Jan 16 - February 1, 2027

TBA | Mar 5 - 21, 2027

TBA | May 14 - 30, 2027

METROPOLITAN YOUTH SYMPHONY

A Musical Beginning | Nov 4, 2026

Midseason Interlude | Feb 24, 2027

Musical Celebrations | May 5, 2027

SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Richard III | Oct 10 - 25, 2026

Amadeus | Nov 13 - 21, 2026

Julius Caesar in Rep with Comedy of Errors

Feb 12 - 27, 2027

Tartuffe | Mar 19 - Apr 3, 2027

SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Nov 7, 2026

Dec 12, 2026

Feb 20, 2027 | Side by Side Performance with

Youth Symphony of the Southwest

Apr 17, 2027

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Oct 19, 2026

Nov 30, 2026

Apr 26, 2027

SALT RIVER BRASS

Heroes | Nov 8, 2026

Believe | Dec 13, 2026

Heatwave | Feb 21, 2027

Rising | Apr 18, 2027



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