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**ARIZONA MUSICFEST ANNOUNCES STAR-STUDED 2022-2023 SEASON
FEATURING OVER 30 CONCERTS IN NORTH SCOTTSDALE WITH
EXPANDED CLASSICAL LINE-UP (July 2022)**



Arizona Musicfest is thrilled to announce its 2022/2023 concert season featuring beloved entertainer Marie Osmond; 14-time Grammy winner David Foster with acclaimed singer Katharine McPhee; Tony-winning star of stage and screen Jason Alexander; American music favorite Rosanne Cash; Broadway's leading lady Kelli O'Hara; celebrated artists Michael Feinstein and Jean-Yves Thibaudet; Musicfest audience favorites Big Bad Voodoo Daddy; and the Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Robert Moody; plus many more outstanding artists performing between October and April.

"Following the tremendous success of our 2021/22 concert season, Musicfest is thrilled to build upon the exciting momentum that our artists and audiences have developed over the last many years," says Allan Naplan, Arizona Musicfest's executive and producing director. "We look forward to presenting many new artists this season, as well as to welcoming back some of the exceptional performers who have illuminated our stages and delighted our patrons in years past."

Included in the season's line-up of more than 30 concerts, is the expansion of Musicfest's Festival Orchestra series, now performing concerts in both February and March.

One of the Valley's premier destinations for exceptional concert experiences and dynamic music engagement programming, in addition to performances, Musicfest also provides important music education programs, valuable opportunities for young musicians, and Music Alive!, the popular lifelong learning and creative aging series for older adults.

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2022-2023 Concert Season Calendar

- Brass Transit: The Musical Legacy of Chicago November 7, 2022
- Marie Osmond November 12, 2022
- Kurt Elling with the Musicfest Big Band November 21, 2022
- Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party December 2, 2022
- Mark O'Connor's An Appalachian Christmas December 6, 2022
- The Modern Gentlemen: Harmony, Soul & Rock 'n' Roll January 6, 2023
- Gunhild Carling with the Arizona Musicfest Big Band January 15, 2023
- Shawn Colvin, Marc Cohn & Sarah Jarosz: Together in Concert January 20, 2023
- Jason Alexander: Star of Stage and Screen January 23, 2023
- Live from Laurel Canyon: Songs & Stories of American Folk Rock January 27, 2023
- The Black Market Trust February 7, 2023
- A Swingin' Valentines: Nicole Pesce with
Paolo Alderighi and Stephanie Trick: February 14, 2023
- David Foster & Katherine McPhee February 18, 2023
- Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock N Roll – Part 3 Feb 25 & 26, 2023
- Michael Feinstein & Jean Yves Thibaudet:
Two Pianos – Who Could Ask For Anything More March 5, 2023
- Zukerman Trio: Featuring Pinchas Zukerman,
Amanda Forsyth and Shai Wosner March 19, 2023
- Kelli O'Hara March 21, 2023
- Rosanne Cash March 24, 2023
- Tito Puente Jr. March 31, 2023
- *Save the date for an Arizona Musicfest jazz favorite* April 3, 2023
- The Folk Legacy Trio April 11, 2023
- Respect: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin April 17, 2023
- Takin' It To the Streets: A Doobie Brothers Tribute April 29, 2023

2022-2023 Festival Orchestra Calendar

- The Festival Orchestra: Wagner, Mozart & Dvorak
Maestro Robert Moody with violinist Jonathan Okseniuk February 1, 2023
- The Festival Orchestra: Brahms & Tchaikovsky
Maestro Robert Moody with pianist Haochen Zhang February 3, 2023
- The Creation with the Festival Orchestra and Chorus
Maestro Robert Moody and Soloists February 5, 2023
- The Festival Orchestra: Williams, Mendelssohn & Tchaikovsky
Maestro Robert Moody with violinist, Ben Beilman March 7, 2023
- The Festival Orchestra: Stravinsky's Firebird & Mahler's 4th
Symphony with Maestro Robert Moody March 9, 2023
- US Naval Academy Glee Club with the Festival Orchestra March 10, 2023

EXPANDED 2022/2023 CONCERT DETAILS

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Monday, November 7, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$51 / \$34

Musicfest kicks off the concert season with a powerhouse performance recreating the unforgettable sound of the band Chicago. Celebrating the greatest jazz-rock group of all time, **Brass Transit** transports the audience back to the freewheeling days of the '70s and '80s. Relive the band's classic hits including *Saturday in the Park*; *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?*; *Beginnings*; *25 or 6 to 4*; and other favorites, when performed by North America's top Chicago tribute band.



Saturday, November 12, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$109 / \$87 / \$64

An American treasure, **Marie Osmond** has entertained millions throughout the world through television, radio, film, literature, live concerts and Broadway performances. With a career that has spanned over six decades, Osmond is an instantly recognizable figure across the globe. A multiple gold and platinum-selling artist, her latest studio album, "Unexpected", debuted at No 1 on Billboard's Classical Crossover Albums Chart following its December, 2021 release. For her Musicfest performance, the beloved artist will be accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra.



Monday, November 21, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$86 / \$67 / \$51

With a songbook covering decades of America's greatest music, two-time Grammy winner **Kurt Elling** has secured his place among the world's foremost jazz vocalists. *The New York Times* called Elling "the standout male vocalist of our time" and *The Guardian* (UK) named him "Sinatra with superpowers." Known for his instantly-recognizable rich baritone voice, Elling has won countless awards around the globe, has been nominated for a Grammy award fifteen times, and has won twelve Jazz Journalists Awards for "Male Vocalist of the Year."



Friday, December 2, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$86 / \$67 / \$51

For 28 years, **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's** unique take on American swing and jazz music has thrilled audiences around the world, while their unique and spirited "**Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party**" has become an eagerly anticipated annual family event. Drawing on a rich catalog of holiday classics and Christmas originals from the band's two full-length holiday albums, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy gets the holiday season swingin', when they return to Musicfest for a fun and thoroughly-entertaining concert.



Tuesday, December 6, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$51 / \$34

Mark O'Connor's music truly defies categories. From classical collaborations with Yo-Yo Ma and Renée Fleming to folk, country and Bluegrass partnerships with James Taylor, Alison Krause, Vince Gill and many others, the three-time Grammy award-winning O'Connor has become a leading proponent of a new American music idiom. For his Musicfest performance, the virtuosic O'Connor—joined by wife Maggie and son Forrest—performs beloved holiday favorites overlaid with a unique Appalachian sound. This holiday concert is certain to warm your heart.



Friday, January 6, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$86 / \$67 / \$51

For more than a decade, **The Modern Gentlemen** wowed audiences worldwide as the four voices (The Four Seasons) alongside Rock & Roll icon, Frankie Valli. Favorites of PBS audiences, and acclaimed in performances from Las Vegas to Broadway and London to Australia, the dynamic vocal quartet celebrates the music of Doo Wop, Motown, Pop and Rock. Their signature sound blends classic hits of yesterday with a modern dapper style. "The best singers I've ever worked with!" – *Frankie Valli*



Saturday, January 14, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$76 / \$53 / \$34

Swedish musical sensation **Gunhild Carling** is an internationally-acclaimed superstar and internet phenomenon. Her highly-anticipated Musicfest concert is a can't-miss event! Whether she's singing favorite jazz standards, playing one of her many instruments (trumpet, trombone, harmonica, oboe, harp, flute, recorder, or jazz bagpipe!) or juggling and tap dancing, Gunhild's sublime showmanship shines. Part musical extravaganza/part Vaudevillian spectacle, Carling's performance, accompanied by the Arizona Musicfest Big Band, is guaranteed to be one of the most feel-good, toe-tapping, exhilarating shows of the season!



Friday, January 20, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$76 / \$53 / \$34

Three of today's award-winning singer-songwriters come together for a special evening of songs and stories. Grammy-winner **Shawn Colvin's** songs, including "Sunny Came Home", are slow-release works of craft that become treasured, lifetime companions for their listeners. After winning a Grammy for "Walking in Memphis," **Marc Cohn** solidified his place as one of this generation's most compelling singer-songwriters. Though just barely in her thirties, Texas native **Sarah Jarosz** has compiled a remarkable career, winning four Grammy Awards in the Americana and Folk categories.



Monday, January 23, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$86 / \$67 / \$51

Long before becoming world renowned as the iconic George Costanza on *Seinfeld*, **Jason Alexander** was a Tony Award-winning Broadway song-and-dance man. His concert with Arizona Musicfest brings a funny and often touching retelling of his journey to and on the Broadway stage, and features a program of great music from the theatre with comedy and audience interaction. It's a much-heralded event of music, laughter and fun.



Friday, January 27, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$51 / \$34

What do The Mamas and The Papas; the Byrds; Buffalo Springfield; Doors; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; James Taylor; Carole King; Joni Mitchell; Jackson Browne; Linda Ronstadt; America; and the Eagles all have in common? They all lived in Laurel Canyon, CA from 1965 to 1975. Celebrate the bands and artists who created 'Folk Rock', as they forged a new genre of music that forever changed the look, sound and attitude of American pop music.



Tuesday, February 7, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$54 / \$39

After wowing audiences at *Musicfest Outdoors* (2021), the **Black Market Trust** returns to the Musicfest stage. With an inspired take on the great American crooners, the Trust's combination of vocal harmonies and gypsy jazz instrumentation creates a fresh sound that is daring and exciting yet familiar and inviting. Combining old-world romance with new-world form, The Black Market Trust creates a night of Rat Pack style and gypsy sounds, as they reinvent the greatest songs ever recorded, including *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Good Morning, Route 66*, *You Make Me Feel So Young* and so many more.



Tuesday, February 14, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$59

Explore the romance of the Great American Songbook with unique and innovative interpretations of timeless classics. As six hands glide across the keys, you'll hear masterful rhythms, flawless stride, delightful improvisation, and fearless trading between three talented pianists who share an effortless musical rapport. A favorite of valley audiences, **Nicole Pesce** is joined by the internationally-acclaimed duo of **Stephanie Trick** and **Paolo Alderighi**, as together they embark on exciting musical conversations using the language of swing, stride, boogie woogie, and vintage jazz.



Saturday, February 18, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$102 / \$82 / \$62

16-time Grammy award-winning musician, composer, and producer **David Foster** and acclaimed singer, television, and Broadway star **Katharine McPhee** present a special intimate concert evening at Arizona Musicfest. The powerhouse duo will perform David's popular hits made famous by Chicago, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Michael Bublé and many others, as well as Kat's biggest songs from *American Idol*, her hit TV show *Smash*, and Broadway's *Waitress*. Plus some of their favorites pieces that they just love!



Saturday, February 25 & Sunday, February 26, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$81 / \$63 / \$41

Always an audience hit! The show that makes you feel 18 again returns to Musicfest with a brand-new concert featuring songs from Chuck Berry, the Beatles, Bruce Springsteen and a dozen more Rock n' Roll legends. Combining stars from Broadway's greatest rock musicals, and hosted by the talented and always-engaging **Neil Berg**, Part 3 promises more incredible, high-energy performances from artists who are passionate about the greatest rock songs of the last 50 years. If you loved Part 1 & 2, then you are not going to want to miss Part 3!



Sunday, March 5, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$102 / \$82 / \$62

Two of today's most celebrated artists join forces for the first time in an innovative program for two pianos. Five-time Grammy nominee, Emmy nominee, and Tony honoree **Michael Feinstein** is a renowned vocalist/pianist/conductor and the leading authority on the Great American Songbook, while **Jean-Yves Thibaudet**—one of the world's premier concert pianists, and himself a two-time Grammy nominee, among many other international awards and prizes—has built a 30-year reputation for imaginative partnerships in film, fashion, and art. Experience music from Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers and more with piano duos, solos, vocals and more from these incredible pianists and showmen!



Sunday, March 19, 2pm

Ticket prices: \$93 / \$52

The acclaimed **Zukerman Trio** is comprised of three of today's leading classical musicians. With a celebrated career encompassing five decades, **Pinchas Zukerman** reigns as one of today's most sought-after and versatile musicians – violin and viola soloist, conductor, and chamber musician. Juno Award-winning cellist **Amanda Forsyth** is recognized as an eminent recitalist, soloist and chamber musician appearing with leading orchestras around the world. Pianist **Shai Wosner** has attracted international recognition for his exceptional artistry, musical integrity, and creative insight. Together, they will present an unforgettable afternoon of musical mastery.



Tuesday, March 21, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$84 / \$64 / \$49

Kelli O'Hara is one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. A Tony-winner for *The King and I*, O'Hara has also been celebrated for her starring roles in *Kiss Me Kate*, *South Pacific*, *The Pajama Game*, *The Light in the Piazza*, and countless other musicals. An Emmy-award nominee for her role on *The Accidental Wolf*, O'Hara can currently be seen in the popular HBO period drama *The Gilded Age*. An internationally-acclaimed concert artist with performances spanning from Carnegie Hall to London to Tokyo, O'Hara was hailed by the *London Sunday Times* as "Broadway musical's undisputed queen".



Monday, March 27, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$102 / \$82 / \$62

One of the country's pre-eminent singer-songwriters, **Rosanne Cash**, returns to the Musicfest stage for the first time in almost 10 years. Cash has released 15 albums, earned four Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. A prolific artist also acclaimed as a writer of essays and best-selling books, Cash's songwriting is informed by her southern roots and family heritage. Her songs are deep, impactful, and rooted in truth with their folk and country ties. Cash was recently awarded the Edward MacDowell Medal for her outstanding contribution to American Culture.



Friday, March 31, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$76 / \$53 / \$34

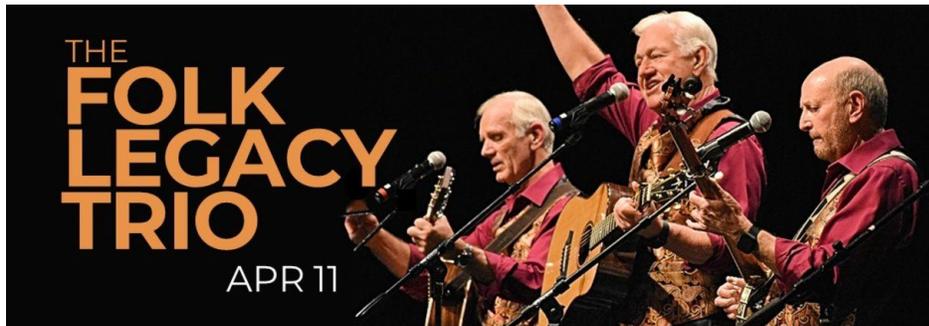
Son of the legendary American salsa and Latin jazz musician Tito Puente, **Tito Puente, Jr.** has emerged as one of the most exciting Latin musicians touring today. His explosive stage presence will make this one of the most electrifying concerts of our season. Backed by a sizzling band, his Latin rhythms will have your feet moving from start to finish. Experience this high voltage celebration of music, evoking the showmanship of Tito Sr., Desi Arnaz and other Latin greats.



Monday, April 3, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: To be announced

An Arizona Musicfest favorite returns to our stage. Find out who this Fall!



Tuesday, April 11, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$81 / \$63 / \$41

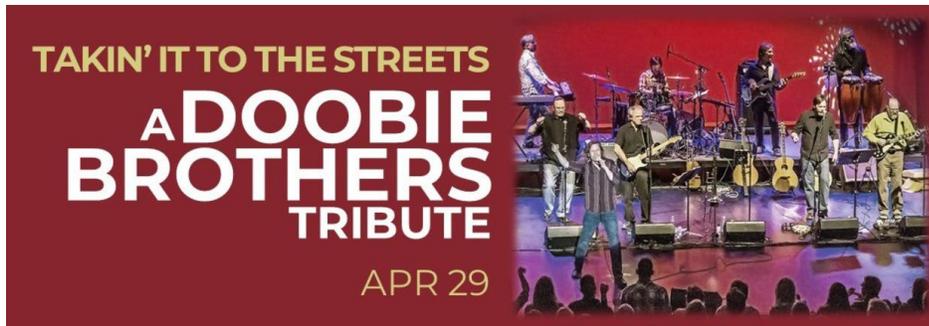
Featuring former members of the Kingston Trio, The Limelickers and The Diamonds, **The Folk Legacy Trio** has been hailed as the “living library” of the folk era. Performing beloved songs from the 50s-70s, the Trio will take you on a nostalgic journey through the music of Peter, Paul and Mary; The Weavers, Judy Collins; Joan Baez; Simon & Garfunkel; John Denver; and many others. Anything but a tribute, these are three men who have been performing the music you love for a generation.



Monday, April 17, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$51 / \$34

Celebrate the life and music of an American icon with favorite hits from the “Queen of Soul”! Join three powerhouse Broadway vocalists to pay R-E-S-P-E-C-T to **Aretha Franklin**, “the #1 singer of all time” (*Rolling Stone*). The concert will celebrate the singer, the icon, the leader and the woman with legendary hits including *A Natural Woman*; *Think*; *Chain of Fools* and many more.



Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:30 pm

Ticket prices: \$74 / \$51 / \$34

Takin' It To The Streets is the ultimate Doobie Brothers tribute show. This fun concert performance covers all of The Doobie's greatest hits with stunning accuracy. You'll hear *Long Train Runnin'*; *China Grove*; *Listen To The Music*; *Takin' It To The Streets*; *What A Fool Believes*; *Rockin' Down The Highway*; *Minute By Minute*; *Black Water* and many more! A Doobie Brothers concert experience doesn't get any better than Takin' It To The Streets.



Sunday, Nov 20, Jan 15, Mar 26

Ticket prices: \$20

Arizona's brightest young classical musicians showcase their astounding virtuosity, technique and prodigious musicianship. Committed to promoting these rising stars, Arizona Musicfest is proud to present these extraordinary young artists in a concert that is sure to delight and entertain you.

Presented in collaboration with the Musical Instrument Museum.

EXPANDED 2022/2023 FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA DETAILS

Music's finest come to play! Each season, our Festival Orchestra features musicians from some of the nation's finest orchestras. This year, in a new and expanded programming format, Maestro Robert Moody will lead the exceptional ensemble in six unique concert programs over two weeks.



Wednesday, February 1, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$96 / \$72 / \$49

Maestro Robert Moody leads the **Festival Orchestra**—comprised of musicians from the nation's finest orchestras—in Dvorak's magnificent Symphony No. 8, a work that evokes Bohemian folk melodies and revels in exuberant celebration. The concert begins with Wagner's majestic "Entry of the Gods into Valhalla" from *Das Rheingold*. **Jonathan Okseniuk**, a distinguished alumnus of Musicfest's acclaimed Young Musicians Programs is featured soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4. First Place winner of both the national Sphinx Competition and the Music Teachers National Association Competition, Okseniuk has received considerable attention for his prodigious talent.



Friday, February 3, 7:30pm
Ticket prices: \$96 / \$72 / \$49

In 1958, the young American pianist Van Cliburn electrified the global music scene by winning the inaugural International Tchaikovsky Competition. To claim the coveted prize, Van Cliburn performed the Russian master's Piano Concerto No. 1. For his highly anticipated Musicfest debut, **Haochen Zhang** (2009 Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist) will join the Festival Orchestra to perform this same work, a pillar of the repertory. The concert begins with **Maestro Robert Moody** and the Festival Orchestra performing the lyrical, optimistic Symphony No. 2 by Brahms.



Sunday, February 5, 2pm
Ticket prices: \$93 / \$52

“And there was light!” Franz Josef Haydn’s oratorio, *The Creation*, presents the radiant vision of creation found in Genesis. Featuring the **Festival Orchestra, Festival Chorus** and **Soloists**, Haydn’s music explores the full spectrum of human emotions with melodic inventiveness, grandeur, and majesty. This choral masterpiece is a timely reminder that we *can* all live in harmony with nature.



Tuesday, March 7, 7:30pm
Ticket prices: \$96 / \$72 / \$49

Hailed as “mightily impressive” by *The Washington Post*, the celebrated violinist **Benjamin Beilman** joins the **Festival Orchestra** to perform Mendelssohn’s richly melodic Violin Concerto. **Maestro Robert Moody** begins with John Williams’s dynamic musical suite *Adventures on Earth* (from *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*). The concert concludes with a piece that, while composed in 1872, holds timely relevance for today, Tchaikovsky’s *Symphony No. 2*. A strikingly joyful work, the music was inspired by the rich tradition of Ukrainian folk songs and dance melodies.



Thursday, March 9, 7:30pm
Ticket prices: \$96 / \$72 / \$49

The concert opens with *Symphony No. 4* by Gustav Mahler, inviting listeners into an exuberant drama filled with congeniality, introspection, and ultimate innocence. **Maestro Robert Moody** pairs this readily accessible masterwork with Igor Stravinsky’s sumptuous ballet score, *The Firebird*. One of the most popular of all orchestral works, the shimmering musical fairy tale dazzles in performance by the virtuosic **Festival Orchestra**.



Friday, March 10, 7:30pm

Ticket prices: \$102 / \$78 / \$51

Celebrate America when the Festival Orchestra sets sail with the United States Naval Academy Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, one of the country's premier choral ensembles. The concert will feature music from the best of Broadway as well as rousing and moving patriotic works honoring our country's proud military tradition. Anchors Aweigh!

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