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Welcome to Arizona Musicfest's 2026–27 concert season!

We are delighted to present another extraordinary season filled with exceptional talent, acclaimed artists, and unforgettable performances.

Over the years, Arizona Musicfest has experienced remarkable growth and momentum, firmly establishing itself as one of the region's premier arts destinations for audiences and artists alike. If you have contributed to our success as a patron, a donor, or both, we thank you! If you are discovering Musicfest for the first time, we invite you to experience what more than 50,000 annual attendees already know—that Musicfest is much more than a concert presenter. It is a vibrant cultural, social, and community gathering that enriches the quality of life for all.

This season continues that tradition in exciting ways. From October through April, Musicfest will present more than 50 performances featuring celebrated entertainers, classical virtuosos, Broadway stars, beloved legends, and the return of many audience favorites. We are especially excited to expand our **Musicfest Theatricals** series, building on the

tremendous success of our collaborations with the Herberger Theater Center in downtown Phoenix. In 2026-27, we will double the number of these large-scale theatrical concert productions, presenting even more of "Broadway's Best at Musicfest."

Beyond the concert stage, Musicfest's impact continues to deepen and grow through our educational programs for young musicians and *Music Alive!*, our acclaimed lifelong learning and creative aging series. We also invite you to explore our **Club Musicfest** and **Pizza-cato Chamber Music** series, which offer additional opportunities to enjoy outstanding performances in intimate and engaging settings.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, volunteers, and artists, I welcome you and invite you to take full advantage of everything Musicfest has to offer. I look forward to seeing you throughout the season.



ALLAN E. NAPLAN
EXECUTIVE & PRODUCING DIRECTOR, CEO

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As I'm often asked for my recommendations of the "hidden gems" and the "can't-miss" concerts, I've chosen just a few to highlight for this season. **Look for this icon to see my picks.**



REVISITING CREEDENCE

FRI | OCT 30 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Revisiting Creedence is a concert experience dedicated to Creedence Clearwater Revival hits, performed by musicians who toured with original CCR members. Led by Dan McGuinness (lead vocals) and Kurt Griffey (lead guitar), who fronted Creedence Clearwater Revisited with CCR founders and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford, the band's collective resume includes work with John Fogerty, Pat Benatar, Santana, Foreigner, Journey and Steve Miller Band. The show features classics including "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?," "Proud Mary," "Fortunate Son," and more.



FESTIVAL CHORUS: AMERICAN VOICES

SUN | NOV 15 | 3PM | PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | STARTING AT \$39

Join the **Festival Chorus** for *American Voices*, a concert celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Featuring the words of renowned poets and music of some of the nation's most beloved composers, this program showcases works that are unmistakably American in sound and spirit. Join us for an afternoon of folk songs, contemporary choral favorites, works from musical theater, and beloved spirituals, as the Festival Chorus journeys through repertoire that reflects the landscape and cultural heritage of our country. Conducted by Maestro Josh Condon.



FRANKIE MORENO: ELVIS FOR A DAY

MON | NOV 9 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Experience the electrifying legacy of the King like never before with **Frankie Moreno's Elvis For A Day**. This isn't an impersonation act; it is a high-octane spectacular led by six-time Las Vegas "Headliner of the Year" Frankie Moreno. With his signature Vegas swagger and world-class piano, guitar and vocal skills, Moreno breathes new life into iconic hits of the King. Accompanied by a powerhouse band, Moreno blends rock-and-roll energy with modern artistry, reimagining Elvis's legendary catalog for a new generation. It's a sophisticated, soulful, and thrilling tribute to the music that changed the world.

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THE SIXTIES SHOW

FRI | NOV 20 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

The **Sixties Show** is an authentic and immersive multi-media stage production, featuring former members of legendary acts including The Who, The Beach Boys, and Bruce Springsteen. Far more than a tribute, this high-energy “time machine” recreates the greatest hits of the 1960s with stunning precision.

The experience pairs world-class musicianship with archival footage and vintage commercials to brilliantly recreate the decade with a ferocious energy that transports audiences to the music, the politics, the pop culture and the soul of an influential time that reshaped the world.



A VERY SWINGIN' BASIE CHRISTMAS

THURS | DEC 3 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$47

This holiday season, experience the legendary “swing machine” as the 19-time Grammy-winning **Count Basie Orchestra** presents *A Very Swingin' Basie Christmas*.

Led by Director Scotty Barnhart, this world-class ensemble brings timeless sophistication to festive favorites with unmistakable Kansas City swing. From the explosive brass of “Jingle Bells” to soulful renditions of “Silent Night,” the most decorated jazz orchestra in history redefines holiday standards with high-energy arrangements. Don't miss this chance to swing into the holidays with a sophisticated, foot-tapping good time!



HUMAN NATURE: CHRISTMAS, MOTOWN & MORE

SAT | DEC 12 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$69

Celebrate with Australia's top-selling vocal group, **Human Nature**, as they return to Musicfest with their spectacular *Christmas, Motown & More*. A cornerstone of the Las Vegas entertainment scene, this high-energy production seamlessly blends festive holiday classics with the legendary soul of Motown's greatest hits.

Experience world-class harmonies and effortless choreography as the trio reimagines favorites including “White Christmas” alongside anthems like “Reach Out I'll Be There.” Whether you're seeking holiday magic or soulful grooves, this show delivers a feel-good atmosphere that defines the glitz of the Strip!

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NEIL BERG'S THE '70s PART 2: LONG LIVE ROCK 'N' ROLL

SAT | DEC 9 | 7:30PM & SUN | DEC 10 | 3:00PM
HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Neil Berg's The '70s Part 2: Long Live Rock 'n' Roll is a brand-new show that continues last year's smash-hit. The 1970s was a decade considered by many to be the golden age of rock and roll. The show features songs and stories of iconic artists including Elton John, Billy Joel, The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Queen, Bruce Springsteen, Pink Floyd, The Rolling Stones, Chicago, Styx, David Bowie, and many others. Under the direction of perennial Musicfest favorite Neil Berg, the concert includes a mix of classic rock hits and stories from the decade. *Long live rock!*

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JEREMY JORDON

THURS | JAN 14 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$59

Jeremy Jordan is currently starring as Bobby Darin in *Just In Time* on Broadway. Recently, he originated the title role in *The Great Gatsby* and received Tony and Drama Desk nominations for *Floyd Collins* at Lincoln Center. Additional Broadway credits include his Tony and Grammy-nominated portrayal of Jack Kelly in *Newsies*, *Bonnie & Clyde* (Theatre World Award), *West Side Story*, *Waitress*, *American Son*, and *Rock of Ages*. On TV, he has starred as a series regular in *Supergirl*, *Smash*, *Hazbin Hotel*, and *Tangled*. Jeremy's film credits include *The Last 5 Years* opposite Anna Kendrick, *Joyful Noise* with Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, *American Son* with Kerry Washington, and *Spinning Gold*.

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SHAHAM & EGUCHI: BEETHOVEN SONATAS



TUES | JAN 19 | 7:30PM | LA CASA DE CRISTO | STARTING AT \$47

Grammy Award-winning violinist **Gil Shaham** and acclaimed pianist **Akira Eguchi** bring Beethoven's iconic Sonatas for Piano and Violin to life in a special concert program that promises an unforgettable evening of profound artistry. Recognized as one of the foremost violinists of our time, Shaham's flawless technique combined with his inimitable warmth and generosity of spirit has solidified his renown as an American master. Acclaimed for his extraordinary artistry, maturity and intelligence, Eguchi has captivated audiences and critics throughout the world.



JAZZ AT THE LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS WORLD ON A STRING: SWINGING SONGS OF BROADWAY

MON | FEB 1 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$47

Celebrate the fusion of two American art forms with **Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: World on a String – Swinging Songs of Broadway**. This special concert reimagines the “Great White Way” through the lens of swing, featuring sophisticated new arrangements of theater's most beloved scores.

Leading the performance are rising jazz stars **Kate Kortum**, Juilliard graduate and winner of the 2025 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, and **David Marino**, a charismatic finalist from *The Voice, Canada*. Together, they bring fresh vitality to classics from *Hamilton* to *West Side Story*, proving Broadway doesn't just sing—it swings!



GRAVITY: THREE WICKED VOICES LEADING WOMEN OF LONDON'S WEST END

SAT | JAN 23 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$59

From the creators of *The Barricade Boys* comes **GRAVITY: Three Wicked Voices**. This spectacular concert unites musical theatre icons **Kerry Ellis**, **Louise Dearman** and **Rachel Tucker**—all legendary for their era-defining turns as Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked*, both in London and on Broadway.

Beyond the emerald gates of Oz, these West End royals deliver powerhouse performances of hit tunes from *Les Misérables* and *Cats*, to Elton John, Dolly Parton and more. *GRAVITY* is a “wickedly” talented celebration of the stage and the extraordinary women who define it.

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AUDRA McDONALD

SAT | JAN 30 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$69

Experience an unforgettable evening with the “greatest living stage actor” (*Time*), the incomparable **Audra McDonald**. A record-breaking six-time Tony Award winner, McDonald is the only performer to win in all four acting categories. Her legendary career is further decorated with two Grammys, an Emmy, and the National Medal of Arts.

From her historic portrayal of Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* to her powerhouse turn as Mama Rose in *Cypsy*, McDonald's luminous soprano and dramatic “truth-telling” captivate audiences worldwide. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience a true American icon of stage and screen.



KRISTIN CHENOWETH

FRI | FEB 5 | 7:30PM & SAT | FEB 6 | 7:30PM
HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$59

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer **Kristin Chenoweth** brings her powerhouse vocals and undeniable charm to the Musicfest stage. Celebrated for her iconic roles as Glinda in Broadway's *Wicked*, Sally Brown in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and Olive Snook in *Pushing Daisies*, Chenoweth's spectacular career spans musical theater, television, and film. A Hollywood Walk of Fame inductee with a Grammy nomination for her album *The Art of Elegance*, she has captivated sold-out audiences worldwide from Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of showstoppers, American Songbook classics, and pure entertainment that only Kristin can deliver!

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A photograph of Bill Murray and Jan Vogler. Bill Murray is standing behind Jan Vogler, who is seated and playing a cello. Both are dressed in dark suits. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

BILL MURRAY, JAN VOGLER & FRIENDS



SAT | FEB 13 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$79

Legendary actor **Bill Murray** and acclaimed cellist **Jan Vogler** met during their travels and became friends in New York. Curious about each other's artistic world and interests, they created a program that showcases the core of the American values in literature and music. A show that communicates the bridges artists have built between America and Europe. Twain, Hemingway, Whitman, Cooper, Bernstein, Gershwin and Foster are some of the strongest voices that influenced generations of humans in America and gave the world a picture of the charm, energy and creative force of the New World. The performance also features acclaimed pianist **Vanessa Perez** and internationally renowned violinist **Mira Wang**. This unique program has been performed in distinguished concert halls all around the world.

A close-up portrait of actor Joshua Henry. He is wearing a brown jacket over a blue collared shirt and a necklace. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the side.

AN EVENING WITH BROADWAY'S JOSHUA HENRY WITH THE MUSICFEST POPS ENSEMBLE



MON | FEB 15 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$59

Winner of the 2026 Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Awards for his star turn in Broadway's *Ragtime*, **Joshua Henry** joins the Musicfest Pops Ensemble for "**Get Up, Stand Up!**" Through a mix of Broadway and soul classics, Henry delivers a high-energy tribute to the sounds and songs that have shaped his life. Featuring music from Nina Simone, Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke to selections from Henry's iconic Broadway career in *Hamilton*, *Carousel* and *Ragtime* ("Joshua Henry is bringing Broadway to its feet" – *The New York Times*), the concert invites every audience member to find their own joy.

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GOING BACHARACH

THURS | FEB 18 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Rediscover the soundtrack of a lifetime with **Going Bacharach**, a vibrant new revue celebrating one of America's most iconic composers. Following critically acclaimed runs Off-Broadway and in Chicago, Going Bacharach comes to Musicfest with three powerhouse vocalists and a five-piece band who take audiences on a melodic journey through Bacharach's extraordinary career.

Joyful and illuminating, Going Bacharach offers fresh, sophisticated, and original interpretations of beloved hits including "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head," "That's What Friends Are For," "What The World Needs Now," "What's New Pussycat?," "Alfie," "Do You Know The Way To San Jose?," "Always Something There To Remind Me," and many more!

"MUSICALLY IRRESISTIBLE!" – *The Wall Street Journal*

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FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA WEEK

WHERE MUSIC'S FINEST COME TO PLAY!

Each season, Arizona Musicfest assembles elite musicians from the nation's finest orchestras to perform as the **Festival Orchestra**. Musicfest is proud to present these distinguished artists as part of our Festival Orchestra family.



FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA #1

A BEETHOVEN CELEBRATION

FEATURING GILE BAE & THE FESTIVAL CHORUS

SUN | FEB 21 | 3:00PM | LA CASA DE CRISTO | STARTING AT \$59

Maestro Robert Moody and the **Festival Orchestra** present an all-Beethoven program to honor the bicentenary of the legendary composer's death. The concert opens with the monumental Piano Concerto No. 5 ("Emperor"), performed by internationally celebrated pianist **Gile Bae** in her American symphonic debut. Next, the Orchestra and **Festival Chorus** perform the cantata "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage," based on poetry by Goethe, and the jubilant "Hallelujah" from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*. The concert concludes with all forces, including Ms. Bae, combining for the **Choral Fantasy**, a work of grandeur and virtuosity that foreshadows the iconic "Ode to Joy."



FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA #2 HOLLYWOOD AND THE SEA FEATURING TIMOTHY CHOOI

TUES | FEB 23 | 7:30PM | LA CASA DE CRISTO | STARTING AT \$59

Experience an unforgettable evening of orchestral brilliance, where shimmering impressionism, cinematic adventure, and virtuosic passion collide. The concert's first half features the exhilarating magic of John Williams' "Flight to Neverland" paired with the soaring lyricism of classical-turned-Hollywood composer Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto. **Timothy Chooi**, a winner of some of the world's most distinguished violin competitions, is the guest soloist. The program culminates with the **Festival Orchestra** performing the impressionistic beauty of Claude Debussy's *La Mer* matched with the hypnotic pulse of Maurice Ravel's beloved *Boléro*.



FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA #4 DVOŘÁK AND PROKOFIEV FEATURING BRYAN CHENG

SUN | FEB 28 | 3:00PM | LA CASA DE CRISTO | STARTING AT \$59

Called "one of the most compelling artists of his generation," cellist **Bryan Cheng** joins **Maestro Robert Moody** and the **Festival Orchestra** to perform Dvořák's Cello Concerto. A definitive work of the cello repertoire, the concerto showcases soaring lyricism and dazzling virtuosity. The concert's second half features the sweeping drama and exhilarating energy of Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5, a monumental work filled with bold melodies, rhythmic intensity, and unforgettable grandeur. Combined, these two masterworks provide a thrilling conclusion to the 2027 Festival Orchestra Week.



FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA #3 ORCHESTRA 'INSIDE OUT'

FRI | FEB 26 | 7:30PM | LA CASA DE CRISTO | STARTING AT \$59

Join us for a thrilling orchestral adventure celebrating mischief, imagination, and musical innovation. From the playful antics of Richard Strauss' *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks* to the jazz-infused excitement of Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, this electrifying program blends classical magnificence with modern creativity. Additional concert works include *Philharmonia Fantastique*, a multimedia work by Grammy-winning composer Mason Bates that combines symphonic splendor with stunning animation, as well as moving orchestral renditions of Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* and Queen's iconic *Bohemian Rhapsody*!



LARK, ROMAN & MEYER

TUES | MAR 9 | 7:30PM | PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | STARTING AT \$49

Experience the exhilarating fusion of classical mastery and American roots with **Lark, Roman & Meyer**. This groundbreaking collaboration unites three visionaries—violinist **Tessa Lark**, cellist **Joshua Roman**, and bassist **Edgar Meyer**—touring together for the first time.

The program journeys from the intricate precision of Bach to the soulful energy of American folk, featuring a brand-new work by Meyer composed specifically for this trio. Prepare for "fancy fiddling" and fresh interpretations as these masters bridge genres with virtuosity, wit, and musical boundary-breaking!



DANIEL EMMET: THE SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES

THURS | MAR 4 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Last season, Musicfest audiences couldn't get enough of **Daniel Emmet**, giving him multiple standing-ovations during his appearances with David Foster & Katharine McPhee. Now, he's headlining his own concert with the **Musicfest Pops Ensemble**.

With powerhouse vocals and rock-and-roll swagger, Daniel Emmet has emerged as one of today's most compelling crossover artists. A regular headliner in Las Vegas and with orchestras around the country, Daniel rose to international prominence as a finalist on *America's Got Talent*.

Since then, Daniel has toured worldwide with legendary producer David Foster, performs as lead singer of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and has starred in his own PBS special. With a Billboard top-10 debut album, he seamlessly blends classical technique with cinematic intensity, delivering bold, emotional, and unforgettable performances. Daniel's performance will feature hits such as "Nessun Dorma," "Bring Him Home" from *Les Misérables*, Andrea Bocelli favorites, and more.

"He is amazing!" – **David Foster**



POSTMODERN JUKEBOX: THE FUTURE IS VINTAGE WORLD TOUR

SAT | MAR 13 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$59

Even in our futuristic age of AI chatbots and virtual realities, there is still nothing in the world that compares with the thrill of hearing classic genres of music, performed live by a group of exceptional singers and musicians.

That's the philosophy behind Scott Bradlee's **Postmodern Jukebox**, whose "The Future Is Vintage World Tour" comes to Musicfest. PMJ is known for blending iconic pop hits with the original styles that put American popular music on the map: Ragtime, Swing, Big Band, Country/Western, Doo Wop and Soul. PMJ is the rare concert act that appeals across generations. Equal parts musical variety show and career-launching talent platform, PMJ will feature a cast of performers from their wildly popular YouTube channel, to bring the musical universe to life.

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MICHAEL FEINSTEIN: HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

THURS | MAR 18 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$69

Experience the glamour of Tinseltown with Musicfest favorite and Ambassador of the Great American Songbook, **Michael Feinstein**, in his dazzling concert tour, *Hooray for Hollywood*. This sophisticated production celebrates the golden age of cinema, bringing to life the timeless melodies that defined the silver screen.

Accompanied by the **Musicfest Big Band**, Feinstein delivers masterful interpretations of iconic themes from legendary films including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Funny Girl*, and *West Side Story*. With his signature charm and unparalleled storytelling, Feinstein invites you to relive the magic, romance, and sheer elegance of the movies in an unforgettable live performance.



THE BOULEVARDS: CLASSIC ROCK OF THE '50s AND BEYOND

SAT | MAR 20 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Step back in time with **The Boulevards**, an electrifying 1950s rock and roll ensemble. This high-energy quintet revives music's golden era, delivering true-to-life performances of hits by legends like Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, and Little Richard.

Comprised of five of the UK's premier musicians, the band boasts elite credits from the West End and television, including hit productions such as *The Buddy Holly Story*. With authentic musicality and unparalleled charisma, The Boulevards capture the spirit of the '50s for an unforgettable concert experience of singing and dancing!

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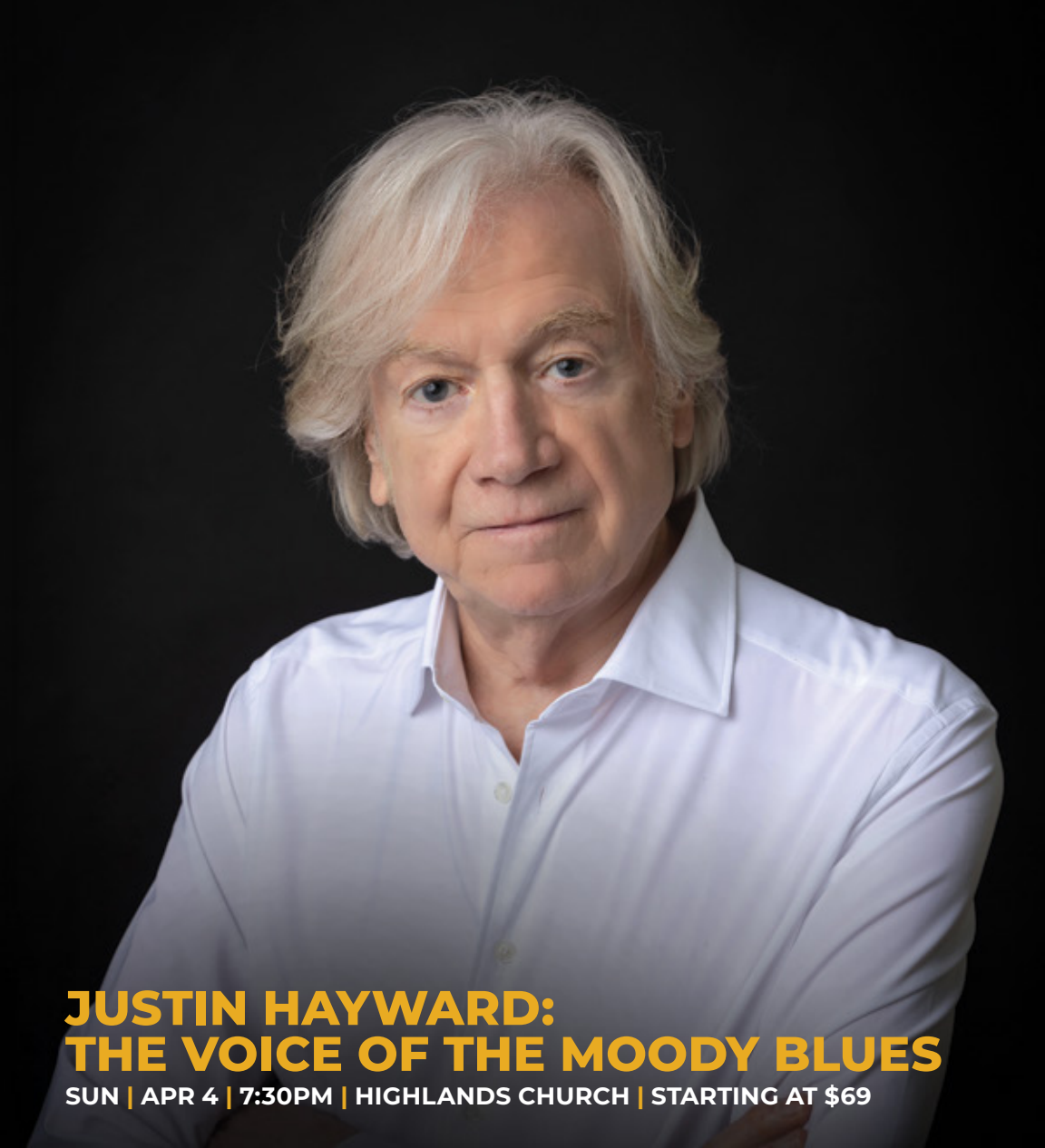


THE DOO WOP PROJECT: ECHOES OF THE STREETS

FRI | APR 2 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

The dynamic Broadway stars of **The Doo Wop Project** are on a mission to put Doo Wop on every playlist! Alongside their smokin' hot band, they capture the classic harmonies born on street corners and subways, while "DooWop-ifying" today's biggest hits—reimagining modern favorites as if they were written decades ago.

Experience why they are called America's premiere Doo Wop group through classics such as "Blue Moon," "Sherry," and "My Girl." From authentic vintage sounds to exciting contemporary transformations, it's a high-energy journey through the past and present of vocal harmony!



JUSTIN HAYWARD: THE VOICE OF THE MOODY BLUES

SUN | APR 4 | 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$69

Celebrate the music and legacy of **Justin Hayward**, the legendary voice of **The Moody Blues**. This concert brings audiences up close with one of rock's most iconic singer-songwriters, whose distinctive vocals and poetic lyrics helped define a generation.

From beloved classics including "Nights in White Satin," "Tuesday Afternoon," and "Your Wildest Dreams" to his acclaimed solo work, Hayward delivers a deeply personal performance filled with warmth, nostalgia, and extraordinary musicianship. With intimate storytelling woven between songs, this special concert offers a rare glimpse into the inspiration behind the music that has touched millions around the world.

Experience an evening of great music and the enduring magic of a true rock legend.

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THE SIMON AND GARFUNKEL STORY

SAT | APR 10 | 2:00 & 7:30PM | HIGHLANDS CHURCH | STARTING AT \$57

Back by overwhelming popular demand! Now performed in over 50 countries, *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* is a critically acclaimed concert style theatre show about two young boys from Queens, New York, who went on to become the world's most successful music duo of all time. Using state-of-the-art video projection, incredible lighting and a full live band *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* is a moving and powerful concert featuring all the hits such as "Mrs. Robinson," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound," "Scarborough Fair," "The Boxer," "The Sound of Silence," and many more. This is a show not to be missed!

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INTIMATE CONCERTS FEATURING THE VALLEY'S TOP LOCAL ARTISTS

Enjoy the best of Arizona's artists and musicians with intimate evening and daytime concerts at **The Annex** in North Scottsdale. Visit the Musicfest website for more details about these concerts.



CLUB MUSICFEST | MONDAYS AT 6:00PM

Tickets start at \$46 and include a wine and cheese happy hour. All tickets to Club Musicfest now include reserved seating!

A CELEBRATION OF SONDHEIM WITH JOSH CONDON & FRIENDS | NOV 2

LITTLE CHEF KLEZMER BAND | NOV 23

THE SWINGTIME SISTERS: SONGS THAT WON THE WAR | DEC 7

CHARLES LEWIS QUINTET + 1 | MAR 22

SONGS IN THE KEY OF 'NAM | MAR 29

ALL-STARS OF ARIZONA MUSICAL THEATRE | APR 12

PIZZA-CATO CHAMBER MUSIC | FRIDAYS AT NOON

Tickets are just \$36 and include general seating with a pizza lunch and non-alcoholic beverages.

DRIFTWOOD QUINTET | DEC 4

BAUMER STRING QUARTET | JAN 8

URBAN NOCTURNES | FEB 12

ARIZONA OPERA PULLIN STUDIO ARTISTS | MAR 26

DESERT ECHOES FLUTE CHAMBER CHOIR | APR 16

INTRODUCING MUSICFEST THEATRICALS



MAN OF LA MANCHA

Starring Tony Award-Winner Paulo Szot

HERBERGER THEATER CENTER | STARTING AT \$79.50

FRI | OCT 23 | 7:30PM

SAT | OCT 24 | 2:00 & 7:30PM

SUN | OCT 25 | 2:00PM



Step into the world of **Man of La Mancha**, the timeless Broadway classic inspired by Don Quixote's quest for honor, hope, and the pursuit of the impossible. Winner of the 1966 Tony Award for "Best Musical," the beloved work is filled with unforgettable tunes including "The Impossible Dream (The Quest)," "Dulcinea," and "I, Don Quixote." Don't miss this theatrical exploration of courage, imagination and the power of believing in something greater. Broadway's **Paulo Szot** (Tony Award-Winner, *South Pacific*) leads the cast as Cervantes/Don Quixote. The full-scale production will feature additional guest Broadway artists alongside top musical theater talent from the Valley. The on-stage **Musicfest Pops Ensemble** performs the Spanish-inflected Broadway score featuring traditional Flamenco rhythms and classical-influenced anthems.

Man of La Mancha is a co-production of Arizona Musicfest and the Herberger Theater Center

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Written by DALE WASSERMAN

Music by MITCH LEIGH | Lyrics by JOE DARION

Original Production Directed by Albert Marre

Following the great success of Musicfest's *Carousel* ('25) and *Ragtime* ('26), Musicfest Theatricals productions will now both open and close the 2026-27 concert season. These are self-produced, fully staged, large-scale theatrical concert experiences featuring guest Broadway artists in leading roles alongside top musical talent from the Valley, all accompanied by the Musicfest Pops Ensemble orchestra. Don't miss Broadway's Best produced by Musicfest!



SOUTH PACIFIC

HERBERGER THEATER CENTER | STARTING AT \$79.50

FRI | APR 23 | 7:30PM • SAT | APR 24 | 2:00 & 7:30PM • SUN | APR 25 | 2:00PM

Considered one of the greatest Broadway musicals of all time, **South Pacific** weaves together powerful stories of love, courage, and cultural understanding with breathtaking melodies and iconic characters. Featuring "Some Enchanted Evening," "There Is Nothin' Like a Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" and other enduring classics, *South Pacific's* soaring musical score will sound glorious when performed by guest Broadway artists joined by leading musical theater talent of the valley, and the 40-piece **Musicfest Pops Ensemble**, under the direction of Maestro Josh Condon. Stage direction is by Mark Stoddard, with assistant stage direction and choreography by Kathleen Brazie. Don't miss Musicfest's production of this legendary masterpiece!

South Pacific is a co-production of Arizona Musicfest and the Herberger Theater Center.

South Pacific is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com

Music by RICHARD RODGERS | Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Book by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II and JOSHUA LOGAN

Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener
Concert Adaptation by David Ives



Musicfest offers bus transportation from North Scottsdale to the Herberger Theater Center for all productions. See our website for more information.

THERE'S MORE TO MUSICFEST
WITH CLASSES, SEMINARS, MUSIC-MAKING AND MORE!



Last season, over 5,000 people enjoyed free classes, seminars, lectures, music-making, and intimate performances at Musicfest. Come learn, socialize, and dive deep into all things music with Resident Artist and Director of Community Music Programs Josh Condon and an impressive roster of guest teaching artists and performers.



SEMINARS & LECTURE-PERFORMANCES

Explore the music you love through engaging seminars, lectures, and live presentations led by acclaimed musicians, educators, and industry professionals. Arizona Musicfest Resident Artist **Josh Condon** hosts **Listen Up! Seminars on Music**, a popular Wednesday morning series exploring music history, legendary artists, active listening, and a wide range of musical genres. Additional programs include **Music as a Path to Brain Vitality** with music therapist Suzanne Oliver, **Music & The Music Business** with Dr. Dan Puccio, **The '60s Before the Beatles** with authors Steve Bregman and Brian Rosner, and more. Blending live performance with expert commentary, special lecture-performances include **The History of Film Music** with pianist Nicole Pesce, **The Gershwin Legacy Project** with acclaimed Gershwin specialist Kevin Cole, a **Musical Theatre Masterclass** with ASU professor Toby Yatso, and other unforgettable musical experiences.

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OCTOBER

- **OCTOBER 23-25**
Man of LaMancha
- **OCTOBER 30**
Revisiting Creedence



NOVEMBER

- **NOVEMBER 9**
Frankie Moreno:
Elvis for a Day
- **NOVEMBER 15**
American Voices
- **NOVEMBER 15**
The Sixties Show



DECEMBER

- **DECEMBER 3**
A Very Swingin'
Basie Christmas
- **DECEMBER 12**
Human Nature Christmas



JANUARY

- **JANUARY 9 & 10**
Neil Berg's The '70s Part 2
- **JANUARY 14**
Jeremy Jordan
- **JANUARY 19**
Gil Shaham & Akira Eguchi:
Beethoven Sonatas
- **JANUARY 23**
Gravity: Three Wicked Voices
- **JANUARY 30**
Audra McDonald



FEBRUARY

- **FEBRUARY 1**
World On a String:
Swinging Songs of Broadway
- **FEBRUARY 5 & 6**
Kristin Chenoweth
- **FEBRUARY 13**
Bill Murray, Jan Vogler & Friends
- **FEBRUARY 15**
Joshua Henry
- **FEBRUARY 18**
Going Bacharach
- **FEBRUARY 21**
Festival Orchestra #1:
A Beethoven Celebration
- **FEBRUARY 23**
Festival Orchestra #2:
Hollywood and the Sea



- **FEBRUARY 26**
Festival Orchestra #3: Inside Out
- **FEBRUARY 28**
Festival Orchestra #4:
Dvorak & Prokofiev

MARCH

- **MARCH 4**
Daniel Emmet
- **MARCH 9**
Lark, Roman & Meyer
- **MARCH 13**
Postmodern Jukebox
- **MARCH 18**
Michael Feinstein
- **MARCH 20**
The Boulevards



APRIL

- **APRIL 2**
The Doo Wop Project
- **APRIL 4**
Justin Hayward
- **APRIL 10**
The Simon &
Garfunkel Story
- **APRIL 23-25**
South Pacific



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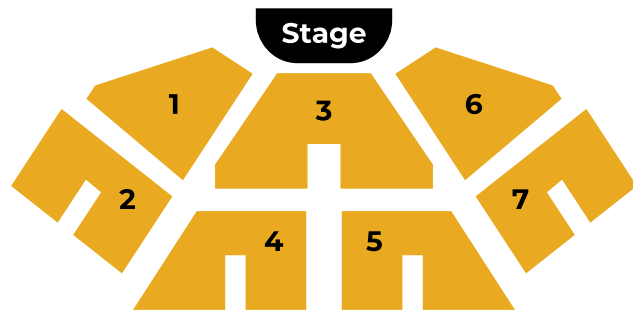
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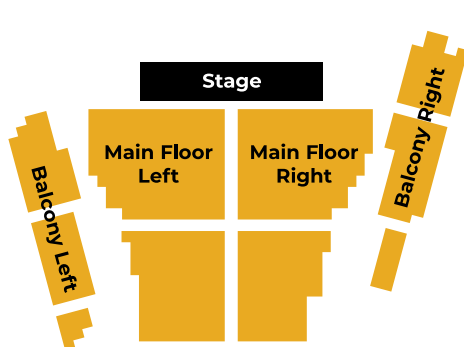
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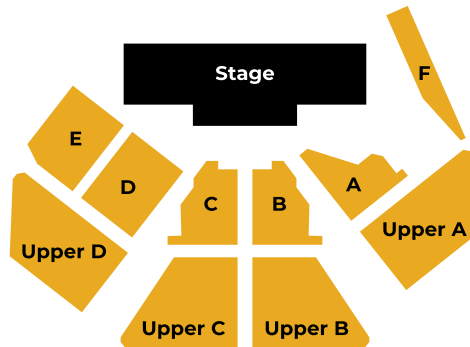
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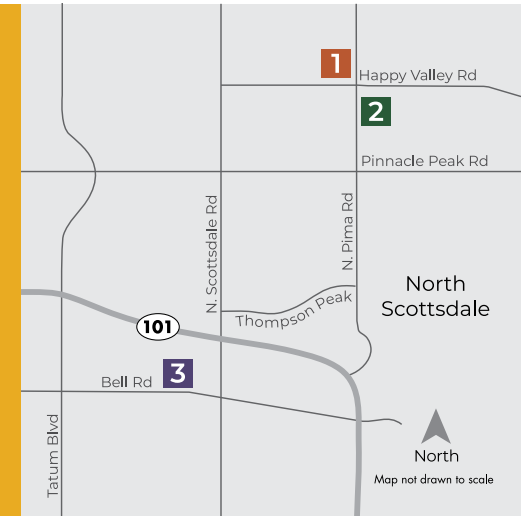
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