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ARIZONA MUSICFEST ANNOUNCES 'MUSICFEST OUTDOORS', A SPECIAL CONCERT SERIES. CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY, MUSICFEST PRODUCES AN EXCITING LINE-UP OF SAFE AND ENTERTAINING CONCERTS WHICH 'BRING THE JOY OF MUSIC' OUTDOORS.

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Press Note: Arizona Musicfest, based in North Scottsdale, annually produces a major indoor concert series between November and April. Due to COVID-19, Arizona Musicfest canceled its previously-announced 2020-21 indoor concert season.

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Tickets are now on sale for Arizona Musicfest's special 'Musicfest Outdoors' concert series. Performances take place in North Scottsdale between March and May 2021.

While Musicfest had planned to celebrate this year's momentous 30th anniversary season by presenting 30 memorable indoor concert performances from November through April, due to COVID-19, the organization canceled its previously-announced concert season and has pivoted to a new outdoor performance format. "With our reimagined outdoor series, we're excited to safely reunite our audiences as we celebrate the return of live music to the Musicfest stage," Allan Naplan, Arizona Musicfest's executive and producing director, said. Naplan continued "We're grateful for the extraordinary and steadfast support of our generous donors

which has allowed Musicfest to move forward with this season's exciting alternative plans. Through these concerts, Musicfest will continue its important efforts to 'Bring the Joy of Music to All' ".

Musicfest concerts will run from March 27 to May 1, a departure from its usual seven-month season. Performances in March and April will take place at the newly-created Musicfest Performance Pavilion on the campus of Highlands Church in N. Scottsdale.



Musicfest Performance Pavilion
at Highlands Church

The special 2021 'Musicfest Outdoors' series features a line-up of exceptional artists, some making their Musicfest debuts, while others returning due to popular demand. Featured artists include The Everly Brothers Experience (3/27), celebrating the music and history of the iconic duo; popular jazz quintet The Black Market Trust (4/12); folk legends The Kingston Trio (4/17); and Musicfest audience favorites Ann Hampton Callaway (4/20) and Tony DeSare (4/24). The series concludes with the Festival Orchestra Chamber Players (5/1), comprised of musicians from some of the nation's finest orchestras. Maestro Robert Moody leads the ensemble with acclaimed guest piano soloist Cathal Breslin. For its outdoor concert series, Arizona Musicfest will adhere to COVID-19 safety and mitigation protocols. More details about Musicfest's COVID-19 safety plans and can be found on the organization's website. **For Tickets: (480) 422-8449 / azmusicfest.org.**

ARIZONA MUSICFEST 2021 OUTDOOR CONCERT LISTINGS:



THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE
Sat. Mar 27 at 1pm and 4:30pm
Musicfest Performance Pavilion at Highlands Church
\$45 · \$30

Celebrate the pivotal music and legendary history of The Everly Brothers with a concert that pays tribute to the Brothers' iconic sound and reminds us of the important role that Don and Phil Everly played in pioneering the rock n' roll movement. Hit tunes including *Wake Up Little Susie*, *All I Have To Do Is Dream*, *Cathy's Clown* and *Bye Bye Love* come to life when brothers Zachary and Dylan Zmed honor the band's legacy with **The Everly Brothers Experience**.



THE BLACK MARKET TRUST

Mon. Apr 12 at 2pm and 5:30pm

Musicfest Performance Pavilion at Highlands Church

\$45 · \$30

Self-described as a “Smithsonian of American music” **The Black Market Trust** ensemble performs an eclectic and familiar mix of jazz, swing, rock, and blues standards, all infused with a fresh European gypsy sound. Featuring acoustic instruments, intricate five-part vocal harmonies and a dash of Rat Pack-style comedy, the Black Market Trust is an innovative and entertaining musical throwback to a bygone era.

“This band reminds you just how right music can be” NPR



THE KINGSTON TRIO

Sat. Apr 17 at 2pm and 5:30pm

Musicfest Performance Pavilion at Highlands Church

\$45 · \$30

From popular hits *Tom Dooley* and *Where Have All the Flowers Gone*, to *Five Hundred Miles* and *MTA*, join the legendary trio for an entertaining afternoon of nostalgia and beloved favorites. All three current members, Mike Marvin, Tim Gorelangton and Don Marovich, have intrinsic links to and experience with the original ensemble. Their personal memories recall the iconic trio’s performances and journey as folk music made its extraordinary ascent to the pinnacle of popular culture – and the top of the music charts.



ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY

Tues, Apr 20 at 2pm and 5:30pm

Musicfest Performance Pavilion at Highlands Church

\$45 · \$30

Celebrated cabaret star **Ann Hampton Callaway** is joined by her quartet for a special performance featuring hits by some of the great female divas of all time. A Musicfest audience favorite, Callaway is one

of the leading champions of the Great American Songbook, having made her mark as a singer, pianist, songwriter, lyricist, arranger, actress, educator, TV host and producer. An award winning composer and Tony award nominee, Callaway is best known for writing and singing the theme song to the hit TV series *The Nanny* and for composing multiple songs made popular by Barbra Streisand.



TONY DESARE

Sat. Apr 24 at 2pm and 5:30pm

Musicfest Performance Pavilion at Highlands Church

\$45 · \$30

Contemporary crooner and pianist extraordinaire **Tony DeSare** performs an exhilarating concert featuring music of the American Songbook, rock and roll, Tin Pan Alley and more! A quintessential performer with a warm and humorous stage presence, DeSare has won critical and popular acclaim from Las Vegas to Carnegie Hall and from his appearances with major symphony orchestras to his performances on the CBS Early Show and The Today Show.



FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS

May 1, 2021 at 2pm and 5:30pm

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Patio

\$45

Maestro Robert Moody leads the **Festival Orchestra Chamber Players**, a select group of the nation's finest orchestral musicians, in a special intimate concert experience. Featured works include Elgar's virtuosic *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*, Aaron Copland's beloved *Appalachian Spring* and Beethoven's elegant and heroic *Piano Concerto No. 3*, in a unique chamber setting featuring acclaimed soloist Cathal Breslin.

Patron/Press Alert: Due to uncertainties related to COVID-19, all artists, performance dates and other announced elements of Arizona Musicfest's outdoor concert series are subject to change. Please consult www.azmusicfest.org for the most current concert season information.

ABOUT ARIZONA MUSICFEST

Arizona Musicfest celebrates its 30th anniversary with the 2020-21 season. Based in North Scottsdale, Arizona Musicfest produces an annual concert season, as well as education, youth performance and lifelong learning programs.

Total season attendance for the recently completed 2019/20 season was 31,285. Recent guest artists have included Michael Bolton, Neil Sedaka, Vanessa Williams, Chris Botti, Michael Feinstein, Herb Alpert, Tony Danza, Pink Martini, violinists Joshua Bell, Gil Shaham, and Midori, Broadway legends Chita Rivera, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Tommy Tune, Country stars Wynonna Judd, Sara Evans, and Rosanne Cash, jazz greats Al Jarreau, The Manhattan Transfer, The Count Basie Orchestra, folk luminaries Judy Collins and Peter Yarrow, and blues legend Mavis Staples.

Each concert season also features the Musicfest Festival Orchestra, comprised of musicians from the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Boston Symphony, National Symphony, the Metropolitan Opera, and other leading orchestras of America.

Musicfest's education programs, provided at no charge to area schools, include Musicfest Strings, Musicfest Mariachi, Musicfest Winds, Musicfest Strummers, Music & Sound/Found & Around, Musicfest Jazz, and The Music of Arizona—the organization's signature multicultural program. Musicfest's Young Musicians Competitions, Young Musicians Performance Series, and the Musicfest College Scholarship Program serve the finest young musicians of the Valley, while *Music Alive!*, a unique lifelong learning and creative aging series, features dynamic programs for our community; from toddlers to seniors.

In the summer of 2020, Arizona Musicfest received national recognition when it was named a "High Performing Arts Organization" by DataArts/National Center for Arts Research.

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