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# Arts and Culture in Tempe Guide

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## About Tempe's Arts and Culture

Tempe has ignited a cultural renaissance centered downtown, and it is spreading throughout the city's neighborhoods. Enlightening and enlivening arts and culture are part of the daily experience of residents, workers, students and visitors, who have numerous opportunities to participate in, co-create, learn about and appreciate the arts. People of all ages and backgrounds are inspired by the continuum of inclusive arts experiences as Tempe is recognized as a welcoming and supportive place for artists and creativity in all of its forms. Signature events celebrate creativity at the highest levels, drawing visitors, as well as regional and national attention. Join us as we inspire imagination and vision through art.

*"Arts and Culture are essential to people's lives. They not only tell us who we are and where we've been, but also where we aspire to go."*

- Ralph Remington  
*Arts and Culture Deputy Director for the City of Tempe*



# Tempe Public Art

## Tempe Public Art



Artist: Mary Lucking; *Contours and Crossings*. Location: Cross Canal at Papago Park

Tempe Public Art aspires to cultivate a unique community identity that advances Tempe as a vibrant and progressive destination. Tempe's diverse collection of permanent and temporary public art complements the natural and built environment through innovative place-making, installations and infrastructure enhancements. Tempe Public Art promotes artistic expression, bringing people together to strengthen the city's sense of community and place.

Since its inception in 1988, Tempe Public Art has created 80 permanent and 23 temporary public artworks, overseen 39 neighborhood public art grants, and assisted in the development of 109 privately funded works of art through the city's Art in Private Development program.



Artist: John Randall Nelson; *Dance Move*  
Location: 11 St. & Farmer Ave.

For more information or to use our online map to tour the collection, visit [www.tempe.gov/PublicArt](http://www.tempe.gov/PublicArt).



Artist: Pete Goldlust; *Cycle Ops*  
Location: Tempe Transportation Center



# Arts Engagement



# Arts Engagement Program

The City of Tempe's Arts Engagement Program strengthens relationships and builds connections within the arts, community and city. Classes, workshops, arts grants and special events create opportunities to meaningfully experience and engage in arts and culture. Programming occurs in diverse locations around the city, sharing the voices, perspectives and experiences of the Tempe community.

## Arts Engagement Curriculum

Yes, you can make a living as an artist. It takes a lot of work – and a little entrepreneurial savvy. The City of Tempe is pleased to announce a series of workshops designed specifically for artists. Each one has a unique topic, expert presenters, and will provide hands-on guidance that can be immediately used by artists in their practices. The workshops are free and open to all artists in the Valley.

### ***Getting Your Foot in the Door***

**Sept 20, 2017**

Open to all artists! Expect encouragement, tough love and advice on being an entrepreneur and a working artist from artists Eunique Yazzie, Melissa Waddell and Nicole Olson as they share their success secrets. AWE Collective's Evie Carpenter and Ty Largo will provide the tips and tricks for creating the perfect digital portfolio.

### ***The Ins & Outs of Public Art***

**Sept 23, 2017**

For artists interested in the public art process, learn from successful public artists Mary Lucking, Fernando Rodriguez and Joan Baron. Hear from Tempe's Director of Public Art, Rebecca Blume Rothman, as she shares some tips and tricks to help you apply for public art projects.

### ***Selling Your Work in Festivals & Stores***

**Sept 30, 2017**

Makers and artisans will get advice on selling at and applying to festivals and markets from artists Joanna Deshay, Jenny Rodriguez and Aasia Hamid. Downtown Tempe Authority's Kate Borders and Julie Kent will share tips for applying to the Tempe Festival of the Arts and 6th Street Market.

### ***The Grant Process and Community-Minded Art***

**Oct 4, 2017**

For community-minded artists with a heart for making a difference, expect expert advice on how to obtain grants. Artists Chrystal Smothers, Julie Duty and Carmen Guerrero discuss the social and civic impact of art and share their grant success stories. Stick around for artist/Tempe's Director of Arts Engagement Maja Aurora as she discusses the grant application process and upcoming opportunities.

## Edna Vihel Arts Center



The Edna Vihel Arts Center (Edna Arts) is a facility that activates the arts for the Tempe community, offering arts and culture-related classes and programs ranging from painting to ceramics to theater and dance. Located on the southwest corner of Rural Rd. and Southern Ave. in the Tempe Community Complex, the center features a multi-purpose room with stage and dance room, as well as an art classroom and ceramic studio. Each year, the center offers a wide range of 300+ visual arts, ceramics, theater, dance-related programs and classes for all ages.

**Early Childhood** programming offers parent/child classes and independent classes in visual arts and dance. Classes include: ABCs of Art, Creative Painting, Messy Art for Minis, Mud-pies and Finger-paints, Peewee Picassos, Play with Clay, Ballet/Tap Combo, Beginning Dance, Dance Around the World, Dance 101, Dance Sampler and Enchanted Dancers.

**Free Art Friday** is a free, family-friendly program that provides the opportunity for children of all ages to create and learn through artistic expression. Each event features themed, educational projects and crafts that give children and parents a hands-on experience while learning and creating together. Free Art Friday is the fourth Friday, from 9-11 a.m.

**Youth and Teen programming** offers independent classes in ceramics, visual arts, dance and theater including ceramics, comic art drawing & painting, drawing and painting, Masters of Art, Young Artist Exploration, Imagination Station, Science Art Lab, Ballet Basics, Dance Mix, hip-hop, lyrical dance, creative drama, Readers' Theater and School Kids in Drama.



**Adult programming** offers a variety of visual arts, ceramic and dance classes including Painting, Glass Fusion, Mosaics, Ceramics Hand-Building, Ceramics Independent Study, Ceramics Throwing, Ceramics Pottery Club, Ceramics Specialty Surface Decoration, Jewelry, Bachata, Belly Dance, Country Two Step, Nuline Dance, and West Coast Swing.



## Arts in the Park

The City of Tempe grant program brings arts to neighborhood parks through arts and culture activities that reflect the identity and values of the neighborhood. The city collaborates with selected neighborhoods to plan their activities which can range from music to live artwork to yoga. This program was developed from widespread feedback from residents requesting arts and cultural experiences closer to home.



### **Music and Arts in the Parks Nov 18, 2017 at Estrada Park**

The Estate La Colina Neighborhood Association and the City of Tempe bring an afternoon of free arts activities to Estrada park. The day will include art vendors, fitness and yoga classes, live art demonstrations by Milan Art Institute, and musical performance by The Sugar Thieves, Mill Avenue Singers, Chandler Children's Choir, and Café Stringz Trio.



### ***Fox & Peacock Festival* Feb 24, 2018 at Mitchell Park**

The Mitchell Park Neighborhood Association and the City of Tempe will fill Mitchell Park with the *Fox and Peacock Music Festival*. The Festival aims to connect Tempe's rich local music past with its current and future direction, right in the heart of the neighborhoods that have produced many of the greatest Tempe bands. The festival creates a great opportunity to showcase the neighborhood, Tempe's strong art culture, and the continuing efforts from the city and many neighbors to continue the arts as an essential part of Tempe.

## Studio Artists Program

Each year, the Studio Artists Program provides visual arts education to more than 4,500 students, and supports the careers of six professional artists. The program is a partnership between Tempe Elementary School District #3 and the City. The program was developed out of a need to provide students with an opportunity to experience professional, quality arts, while also providing work and studio space for local artists. The Studio Artists Program provides art instruction for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in hands-on workshops that focus on the assigned artist's area of expertise. Artists introduce students and teachers to creative and relevant arts principles and activities. This unique partnership also offers students an opportunity to expand their understanding of the arts and interact with a professional artist from the Tempe community.

## Arts Grants

The City of Tempe Arts Grants support the Tempe Arts and Culture Plan by providing community-initiated, quality and innovative arts programming to create opportunities that support the long-term growth of the arts in Tempe.

**Arts Grants** are available to non-profit organizations to fund projects supporting arts programming in Tempe that enhances, educates and enriches the community. The grant supports a commitment to advancing Tempe as a vibrant and progressive community for cultural and artistic activity.

- **Theatre as a Second Language by Arizona Theatre Company**, provides Tempe students with tools to develop language literacy, communication skills, artistic engagement, problem solving, critical thinking, and informed cultural identity.
- **Arizona Wolf Trap from the Scottsdale Cultural Council**, develops kindergarten and first grade students' cognitive, academic, and life skills through active participation in performing arts activities.
- **Art Masterpiece Expansion**, supported by volunteers from Broadmor PTA, offers teachers and students exposure to a variety of artistic styles, historical movements, and artists.
- **El Puente Festival & Mask Procession from the Cultural Coalition**, brings new audiences to Tempe Center for the Arts during a masked procession at Tempe Town Lake.
- **Leadership Camp from Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona**, uses art to allow children to express themselves, learn new skills, and build new relationships.
- **Educational Outreach and Collaboration from Musica Nova**, provides musical education to students through a year-long residency program in Tempe schools.
- **Band Camp with the Musician Enrichment Foundation & ASU School of Music**, provides 6th-12th grade students with personal growth in music and life skills.
- **Tempe Neighborhood and Cadet Training from Phoenix Boys Choir**, helps boys develop character, discipline, leadership, global and cultural awareness and a commitment to excellence.
- **Musical Community! from the Phoenix Conservatory of Music**, brings early childhood programs to explore music with their primary caregivers at the Escalante Community Center.
- **Classroom Concert Series provided by the Phoenix Symphony**, provides student learning and cultural appreciation through orchestral concerts in Tempe's schools.
- **Hayden's Ferry Days** is an annual festival produced by the Tempe Historical Society that highlights the history of Tempe through music, art, and discussion.
- **Arts Alive II! is supported by the Tempe Impact Education Foundation** and helps coordinate bringing every third-grade student from the Tempe Elementary School District to see a play by Childsplay at TCA.

- **Tempe Schools & Tetra String Quartet Residency Project** brings a professional chamber music ensemble to Tempe's schools to help student develop musical and interpersonal skills and apply them in and outside of the classroom.
- **United Sound** is a peer mentoring program that pairs existing music students with special needs peers in band and orchestra settings.
- **Ethnic World Dance and Arts Festival from Unlimited Potential**, promotes cultural equity and understanding through a one-day, all-ages event celebrating the voice and arts of immigrant arts, music, food, song, and dance in the Tempe Arts Park.
- **Arizona Wind Symphony** will hold four concerts and one free performance clinic for students at Tempe Center for the Arts during its 2017-18 concert season.
- **Childsplay** serves over 200,000 individuals in Tempe and the state of Arizona. It provides: Childsplay Acting Ensemble, Touring Productions, Public Performances, Education Outreach, Childsplay Academy, and New Plays programs.
- **Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music** will present a season of string quartets that will play throughout the year at Tempe Center for the Arts.
- **Lakeshore Music, Inc. (LMI)** is a full-service production company and resident concert producer at Tempe Center for the Arts. LMI exists to produce and promote high quality jazz, blues and folk music programming, master classes and educational seminars in Tempe and the Phoenix metropolitan area.
- **Stray Cat Theatre** will produce their 16th season with four stage productions at Tempe Center for the Arts, with approximately 6,000 in audience attendance (half of the audience are Tempe residents).
- **Tempe Community Chorus** performs its annual Christmas Concert at Friendship Village, a retirement community in Tempe. The chorus, which presently has 140 members and is growing, has been in existence since 1991 providing quality choral concerts to audiences in Tempe and surrounding areas.
- **Tempe Winds** will produce their 28th season performing at TCA. The ensemble is a founding partner of Tempe Center for the Arts, comprised of 50 of the finest wind, brass and percussion musicians from the Phoenix Metropolitan area.
- **MAC & Company** premiered a dance production of an original story and composition, "Andrew's Dream Adventure," created by our resident composer, Dr. Jeffrey Ouper at Tempe Center for the Arts on August 26, 2017.
- **The Bridge Initiative: Women in Theatre in association with Tempe Center for the Arts**, hosted a professionally produced weekend of new play readings, films, workshops, and music on Sept. 9 & 10, 2017.
- **CONDER/dance**, presented the 11th annual Breaking Ground Dance and Film Festival at Tempe Center for the Arts in January 2018.

- **Grand Canyon Performing Arts** will hold its annual concert at Tempe Center for the Arts in June 2018. This 100+ person chorus will feature the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus, the Omaggio Youth Chorus, Canyon Echoes Small Ensemble, and guest musicians and artists.

- **Desert Overture** The ensemble will hold their summer performance on June 3, 2018 at Tempe Center for the Arts that includes a guest musician, dancers, and our jazz ensemble, Desert City Jazz.

- **Carolyn Eynon Singers** will present choral music and dance inspired by musicals like "Hamilton" and "Beauty and the Beast" at TCA on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

- **Movement Source** continues its 30-year history of producing thought-provoking and accessible multi-media dance works, and will present *Alone Together* at Tempe Center for the Arts on May 4 & 5, 2018.

**Vibrant City Grants** are intended to activate Tempe through the inclusion of arts and cultural participation, celebration of diversity, building community connections, and supporting local arts. This grant is available to individual artists, non-profit organizations, and community groups to produce arts-related performances, festivals, and activities that encourage community participation in the arts.

- **Traditional Peruvian Christmas by Asociación de Peruanos en Arizona** broadens people's cultural scope, enlivened by singing and dancing artists, who will play typical Peruvian musical instruments, sing in a children's choir, and others who will perform Peruvian typical folklore dances.

- **Light Rail Plays**, in its fifth year in partnership with Valley Metro Rising Youth Theatre's Light Rail Plays, engage audiences in a youth-driven, larger-than-life performance experience on our community's public transportation system.

- **Digital Divide** is a new collaborative arts project, lead by Jessica Rajko, that asks, "What do seniors have to share with younger generations about digital culture?" Tempe residents of all ages are invited to join the Tempe Needlewielders for a series of informal, intergenerational conversations about digital culture.

- **Art & Journal Writing Day Retreat for Teens & Grief** organized by artist Susanne Whitaker, is for teens to participate in an emotionally safe workshop to connect with other teens experiencing grief, identifying, and processing their personal stories through art, writing, yoga, and discussion.

- **OperaTunity** is a free public performance of "Hansel and Gretel" by Arizona Opera Company. The opera and classic fairy tale teaches children the value of cooperation, creativity, and wariness toward strangers.

- **Black Horizons Fest**, curated by performer/writer and producer Leah Marche, is an ongoing cultural celebration of artistry and perspectives of the African Diaspora. The inaugural event will launch Black History Month 2018 with a spotlight on the arts and a focus on film.

- **Artists for Change**, led by dancer, public speaker, educator, and creator Niamey Thomas, is an educational and networking event for artists, creatives, and designers to discuss ways of using art for social transformation. The night will include panel discussions & performances.

- **Tides of India** is a visual art showcase spiced up with performing arts, creating a ripple Indian culture and artforms in the western world. Dance teachers, students, and visual artist Swarna Sitaraman will collaborate to create a unique presentation.

- **Connecting through Movement**, led by movement artists Allyson Yoder and Sydney Jackson, introduces contact improvisation as a bonding activity between a child and a significant adult figure in their life—whether a parent, grandparent, sibling, or mentor.

**School Arts Grants** are available for arts programming for Tempe’s schools. Funds are available to expand and enhance the services already provided by school arts curriculum, programs and clubs. The 2017 – 2018 grant funding supported arts programs in the Tempe Elementary School District, Kyrene School District, Tempe Union High School District and Tempe Preparatory Academy.

- **Aguilar Elementary School** will produce a concert for second grade students. The students will sing, audition for solos, memorize dance parts, and learn speaking parts.

- **Carminati Elementary School** will introduce their students to new genres of music through a jazz quartet and hip-hop workshop through their “Music in Our Community” program.

- **Compadre Academy** art club students will learn about art and social action, and create ceramic bowls that will be donated to the Tempe Empty Bowls event in February 2018.

- **Fees College Preparatory Middle School** will produce the musical *Seussical Jr.* and provide their students with valuable experience in theatre production. They will also invest in equipment to expand their guitar program.

- **Kyrene Middle School** will learn how to use percussion instruments available to them beyond drums, such as the marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, timpani, chimes, and maracas.

- **Laird School** orchestra and band classes will update and expand their music library to give their students more variety and experience in their repertoire.

- **Marcos de Niza High School** will develop a student-run gallery at their school. The gallery will provide students with an opportunity to not only display their artwork, but to design, set, and publicize student organized shows on a quarterly basis.

- **Rover Elementary School** will expand their musical theatre program by purchasing additional wireless audio equipment to make their productions easier to hear, and provide the student actors with the freedom to move around the stage as they sing or speak.

- **Tempe High School** arts club students will experience the connection between the arts and where they live by creating a mural on their campus with professional artist, Jake Early.

- **Tempe Preparatory Academy** will produce a stage adaptation of Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*, which will help develop knowledge and appreciation for classical literature.



# Tempe Museums

## Tempe Museums



### Tempe History Museum

Nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Tempe History Museum is a place where families and visitors of all backgrounds come together to explore Tempe's past, share its present and imagine its future. With free admission, and open six days a week, the museum offers themed exhibits, interactive stations, and Kid's Place where youth and their families can play and explore together. From fall to spring, join us for Performances at the Museum, Lunch Talks and Third Thursday programs. During the summer months, get

out of the heat and travel through the Tempe Time Machine to experience hands-on crafts and live demos or performances geared toward children ages 4-10 years old.

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*The SW corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue in Tempe has become a real cultural center in the East Valley. The Museum offers a walk through Tempe's historic, ethnic past set in a modern, colorful building. There is an active program for school children and family-friendly performances. Free admission, free parking, and free entertainment.*

*PadreArizona - TripAdvisor*



### Petersen House Museum

Included on the National Register of Historic Places and a recipient of the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, the Niels Petersen House Museum is a Queen Anne Victorian built in 1892 that stands as a reminder of Tempe's past and the residents who helped pave the way for future generations.

# Museum Programs & Performances

Musical performances, film screenings, story-tellers, and artist presentations bring the community together to explore the history and culture of Tempe, as well as the people who make Tempe the diverse and unique city it is today.

## Performances at the Museum

### **Las Chollas Peligrosas**

**Sept 9, 2017**

The all-female sextet Las Chollas Peligrosas plays traditional Latin music from mariachi to cumbia to old world gypsy folk. Six-part multi-lingual vocals, accordion, flute, violin, classical guitar, percussion and upright bass deliver a mix of classic standards and inspired original compositions. Much of the subject matter is catalytic, pointed and poignant. In the spirit of their prickly namesake, Las Chollas Peligrosas speak to truth and empowerment in the name of human rights and cultural awareness.

### **Film Screening: *Behind THE COVE***

**Sept 14, 2017**

The Japanese Culture Club of Arizona presents the Arizona premier film screening of *Behind THE COVE*. This film is director Keiko Yagi's attempt to present a comprehensive picture of the dolphin and whale hunting issues in Japan. It includes interviews of people on both sides of the whaling dispute and the sinister political side of dolphin and whale hunting. Free and recommended for audiences of 16 years and up.

### **3rd Thursday at the Museum**

***An Evening with Café Lalibela – Featuring Ethiopian Cuisine and Culture***

**Sept 21, 2017**

Family-owned and operated for over two decades, Café Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant has introduced many a newcomer to an authentic, aromatic and artful Ethiopian dining experience. Attendees can anticipate an evening filled with the rich traditions and the pure soul of Ethiopian culture and heritage, with sample tastings and tea & coffee steeped in the rich culture of Ethiopia. Join us each 3rd Thursday for dessert, coffee and an event that is part artist portrait, part history lesson, part community forum and part creative event.

### **Mariachi Pasion**

**Sept 22, 2017**

The group started in a music class at Arizona State University and has grown into a fifteen-member group with most musicians having worked their way through their education playing mariachi music! The group of all-female musicians includes educators, insurance agents, financial managers, health care professionals, marketing professionals, entrepreneurs, IT professionals, accountants and engineers. There are also several musicians currently working their way through Arizona State University.



## Community Room Exhibit

### ***Harvest Moon & Haunting Views***

#### **Tempe Artists Guild**

**Sept 26 – Oct 31, 2017**

Who knew Tempe artists could be so creatively spooky? Come see sinister, weird and mysterious seasonal delights in the Community Room at the Tempe History Museum from September 26 through October 31. The drawings, paintings and mixed-media pieces by members of the Tempe Artists Guild are sure to make you scratch your head, look closer and shake in your boots. Join the Guild on Saturday, September 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. for an exhibit opening with refreshments and entertainment.



### **Closing Reception for *Trains of Tempe***

**Oct 5, 2017**

Reminisce about trains and have a last chance to view the featured exhibit *Trains of Tempe* at this free closing reception. Enjoy musical entertainment by Jimmy Pines and Washboard Jere, as well as a few train stories from special guests and light refreshments.

### **Lobby Exhibit *Haunted Time Warp***

**Oct 6–31, 2017**

A lobby portal transports guests to a dimension where a mix of museum images, artifacts and hauntingly fun hands-on manipulations provide a truly “Spooktacular” Halloween experience.

## **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

### ***The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari with Tetra String Quartet***

**Oct 6, 2017**

*The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* is a 1920 German silent horror film - considered the quintessential work of German Expressionist cinema. It tells the story of an insane hypnotist who uses a somnambulist to commit murders. The film features a dark and twisted visual style, with sharp-pointed forms, oblique and curving lines and structures and landscapes that lean and twist in unusual angles. Tetra String Quartet will play the score that concert pianist Stephen Prutsman wrote for this silent film. It is all very spooky and perfect for the Halloween season.

### ***Tempe Tardeada***

**Oct 8, 2017**

The 19th annual *Tardeada* is a celebration of Hispanic culture with roots in Tempe featuring music and dance, food, community booths, a Mercado, face painters, balloon animals, inflatable rides and Hispanic-themed crafts. The Tempe History Museum hosts a Community Room display of local Hispanic family albums. *Tardeada* is produced by the Tardeada Advisory Board and the City of Tempe Diversity Office.

### **Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks**

#### ***“How to Make the Best Photo You Can” with Marilyn Szabo***

**Oct 11, 2017**

Marilyn Szabo has been capturing striking imagery fueled by her love of history and photography for more than 25 years. She was traditionally trained in photography, receiving her BA from Virginia Commonwealth University in history with a minor in photography. Her photography explores a variety of diverse subjects including architecture, landscape and people, creating stunning and intimate works. Admission is free, with coffee and light refreshments provided.

### **Zarco Guerrero presents**

#### ***The Gila and The Salt: Our River Stories***

**Oct 18, 2017**

The zany cast of masked characters from *Face to Face in a Frenzy* will come together again to share the fascinating stories of the Gila and Salt Rivers. These stories span from ancient to modern times, detailing everything from flora to fauna, and the advanced native civilization, the Huhugam. More than 2000 years of history are laced with humor, sarcasm and biting social commentary. Behind the outrageous masks, there are profound moments of human drama portraying the force of starvation and the ability to thrive in our river valley for millennia. The Gila and the Salt celebrates our shared legacy as human beings.

### **3rd Thursday at the Museum**

#### ***An Evening with Pat McMahon, John Dixon, Derrick Bostrom and Henri Benard – The Valley’s Rock and Roll Stories through the Decades***

**Oct 19, 2017**

From the 60’s KRIZ and KRUX days, to KDKB, to the punk and alt era, to today’s scene, these four storytellers have been there and done that. Hear the history of over five decades of rock in the valley. Bring your stories and questions. Join us each 3rd Thursday for dessert, coffee and an event that is part artist portrait, part history lesson, part community forum and part creative event. Open to the public; donations welcome.

### **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

#### ***Witches, Cats, Brooms, and Bats! Azure Family Concert with Tetra String Quartet***

**Oct 21, 2017**

Join Tetra for a spooky concert perfect for the season. This concert will feature guest clarinetists Stefanie Harger Gardner and Joshua Gardner. Presented by the Tetra String Quartet, Azure Concerts are fun, family-friendly and engaging performances tailored to children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have similar challenges.



### **Changing Gallery Exhibit Opening**

#### ***Jan Young: Photographing Tempe in the 1970s***

**Nov 3, 2017**

Jan Young photographed for the *Tempe Daily News* during the 1970s, and in the process captured the look, feel, and values of the community during that decade. Jan Young's photographs show that Tempeans stayed current with the social and technological trends of the 1970s. She was a quirky local character, who to this day is remembered fondly for her trench coat, Volkswagen Beetle and "one shot" photographic style.

### **Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks *North Star with Kyle Mitchell***

**Nov 8, 2017**

Kyle Mitchell is a Diné (Navajo) Native American. He grew up on the reservation with his grandparents, where, every day, he learned the family's work ethic and their oral tradition. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army where he served two tours. While attending South Mountain Community College, he was introduced to the storytelling community. Now he shares oral traditions through stories that are contemporary and informative.

### **3rd Thursday at the Museum**

#### ***An Evening with Rosemarie Dombrowski and Students – Flash Memoir Writing with Phoenix's Poet Laureate***

**Nov 16, 2017**

Join Phoenix's Poet Laureate Rosemarie Dombrowski and some of her students for an evening devoted to Flash Memoir Writing. Anyone can write 100-word flash memoirs - just remember one punctuating life-moment. It could be 20 years ago, or just yesterday. It might be something painful, perhaps something blissful. Then, be in that moment, and write a few lines.

### **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

#### ***A High School Residency Kick-off Concert by the Tetra String Quartet***

**Nov 17, 2017**

Join the Tetra String Quartet for a concert kicking-off their chamber music residency project with Tempe and Marcos De Niza High Schools.

### **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

#### ***The Pangean Orchestra - Standing United***

**Nov 18, 2017**

The Pangean Orchestra returns to the Tempe History Museum bringing sounds and songs from all corners of the world. An exotic mix of talented musicians with instruments from around the globe will perform an evening of radiantly uplifting music. Join us, stand united and celebrate the gift of life and human spirit.

## **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

**Tessa Karrys and AJ Odneal**

**Dec 1, 2017**

Tessa Karrys is an Arizona-based singer-songwriter and performer. Composing, performing and recording her original music, she incorporates folk, Americana, blues and pop into her playing style and songwriting. AJ Odneal is an indie folk singer/songwriter heavily influenced by pop, jazz, and her extraordinary love for her listeners who continue to find her music fun and uplifting.



### **Christmas at the Petersen House Select December weekends**

Experience a Tempe Christmas tradition by visiting the Petersen House Museum this holiday season. Celebrating turn-of-the-century style with a Danish flair in honor of Niels Petersen, the house will be festively decorated for the season. Enjoy refreshments and activities on the grounds, and learn about the history as you tour the house.

## **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

***Christmas with The SunPunchers***

**Dec 15, 2017**

The SunPunchers are a group of merry musicians with a signature desert roots revival sound. Lindsay Cates on bass, Dominic Armstrong on drums and Betsy Ganz on guitar and lead vocals. Their songs feature contemplative lyricism combined with a bedrock of stumbling rhythms and sliding textures.

## **PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM**

***'Tis the Season for Holiday Cheer! Azure Family Concert with Tetra String Quartet***

**Dec 16, 2017**

Tetra welcomes guest guitarist Brendan Lake, as well as a special visitor from the North Pole. Presented by the Tetra String Quartet, Azure Concerts are fun, friendly and engaging performances tailored to children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have similar challenges. Azure concerts are approximately one hour in length. Family members and caregivers of all ages are welcome to attend. The performance will be followed by an instrument petting zoo.

## **Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks**

***Adventurous Spirits: Arizona's Women Artists, 1900-1950 with Betsy Fahlman***

**Jan 10, 2018**

Betsy Fahlman is a Professor of Art History at Arizona State University, where she has taught since 1988. A specialist in American Art, she has a strong interest in the art history of Arizona and has written extensively on the subject. *Making the Cultural Desert Bloom: Arizona's Early Women Artists*, was published in Arizona's Pioneering Women Artists: Impressions of the Grand Canyon State and accompanied an exhibition at the Museum of Northern Arizona.

***Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Beyond I Have a Dream with Ahmad Daniels***

**Jan 11, 2018**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a multi-talented and multi-faceted man. Yet to far too many, he is limited to his “I Have a Dream” speech made at the historic March on Washington in 1963. Ahmad Daniels’ presentation explores the final five years of Dr. King’s life and is certain to introduce you to a Dr. King known by only a few.

**An Evening with FABRIC (Fashion and Business Resource Innovation Center)**

***Behind the “Seams” with Local Fashion Designers***

**Jan 18, 2018**

Join us for a brief glimpse into the world of local fashion. FABRIC’s mission is to create a headquarters for Arizona’s fashion industry and to provide a location where local fashion professionals can create, collaborate, learn, source, manufacture, market and celebrate fashion. Meet some of these professionals, see some of their creations and learn how they were produced.

**Sara Robinson Band**

**Jan 27, 2018**

This band plays what they term Sonic Blues Rock. Sara Robinson sports one of the best sets of pipes in the Valley. She and her band combine funk and blues with 60s and 70s rock. They meld Texas Roadhouse blues, Led Zeppelin instrumental jam sessions and smoldering vocals into a show that echoes Janis Joplin and Stevie Nicks.

**Aunt B**

**Feb 2, 2018**

If you like Sam Cooke, Etta James, Jackie Wilson, Stevie Wonder, Al Green, Ray Charles and The Supremes, you’ll love Aunt B. Aunt B cooks up a perfect concoction with an old family recipe of Soul, Blues and Rock. Think tasty beats to dance to and a romantic evening by a fire. Aunt B describes themselves as tattooed punk rockers who love Soul Music and R&B. If the words Stax, Muscle Shoals, Motown and Chess Records mean anything to you, then this night is for you.

**African-American Advisory Committee presents**

**Dr. Matthew Whitaker, featured speaker for Black History Month**

**Feb 7, 2018**

Dr. Whitaker is an award-winning educator, author, community engagement specialist, motivational speaker, Editor-in-Chief of MCUVO!CE, and founder the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, winner of the 2014 Arizona Diversity Leadership Alliance (DLA) Inclusive Workplace Award, at Arizona State University, where he was a professor of history for 16 years. His work examines U.S. history, African-American history and life, race relations, social movements, cultural competency, equity and inclusion, teaching excellence, and community partnerships.

**African-American Advisory Committee presents  
K-12 Essay and Art Contest Reception  
Feb 10, 2018**

Join the African-American Advisory Committee in celebrating the achievements of children who have participated in the Black History Month Essay and Art Contest.

**Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks  
*La Reina Cubana. . . with Sule Greg C Wilson*  
Feb 14, 2018**

Sule Greg Wilson's lifelong passion is providing people experiences for growth and change. He has over forty-five years as a dancer, storyteller, musician and "energy mover." He is a photographer, writer, archivist and educator. His musical talents grace documentary soundtracks, and the Carolina Chocolate Drops' 2010 Grammy Award -winning recording, Genuine Negro Jig. Wilson's book, *The Drummer's Path: Moving the Spirit with Ritual and Traditional Drumming* is considered a standard in the field, and his play, *Keep a Song in Your Soul: The Black Roots of Vaudeville* was nominated for Best Musical of 2011 by the Chicago Black Theatre Alliance.

**An Evening with Oscar Micheaux  
*Celebrating Yesterday's and Today's African-American Filmmakers*  
Feb 15, 2018**

Oscar Micheaux (1884 – 1951) was an African-American author, film director and independent producer of more than 44 films. Micheaux is regarded as the first major African-American feature filmmaker, a prominent producer of race film, and has been described as "the most successful African-American filmmaker of the first half of the 20th century." He produced both silent films and sound films. In addition to learning about this pioneer filmmaker, come hear about some of today's African-American film directors and producers.

**Charlie King  
*Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn me 'Round with Charlie King and Candace Parker*  
Feb 16, 2018**

This show offers a history of the Civil Rights Movement for African-Americans from 1955 to 1967, highlighting activists such as Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker. Charlie King is a musical storyteller and political satirist. He sings and writes passionately about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Pete Seeger hailed him as "one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time." Charlie has been at the heart of American folk music for over half a century and has been writing songs for over 40 years.

***LOUD VII: Analog Outlaws, Bear Ghost, Banana Gun*  
Feb 17, 2018**

A free, outdoor celebration of LOUD bands, food trucks and arts and crafts. The Tempe History Museum presents music favorites Analog Outlaws, Bear Ghost and Banana Gun.

## **ASU Humanities Project Film Screening and Discussion**

### ***Dolores* by Peter Bratt**

**Feb 22, 2018**

With intimate and unprecedented access, Peter Bratt's *Dolores* tells the story of Dolores Huerta, among the most important, yet least-known, activists in American history. Co-founder of the first farmworkers union with Cesar Chavez, she tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the 20th century. Tickets required.

## **African-American Advisory Committee presents**

### ***Freedom's Song – 100 Years of African-American Struggles and Triumphs***

**Feb 23, 2018**

Join the African-American Advisory Committee at Tempe History Museum to view *Freedom's Song* and discuss the topic during this Black History Month program.



## **Hayden's Ferry Days**

**Mar 3, 2018**

Third Annual Hayden's Ferry Day Celebration will kick off with a Founders Dinner on Friday, March 2. The free, family-friendly festival will be held March 3 at the Tempe History Museum, the Edna Vihel Arts Center, and Plaza between the two locations. In addition to surrounding the museum grounds with displays, antique & collectibles sale, booths, demonstrators and food trucks, the event showcases outstanding local and regional arts, music and culture. The festival is followed by a

"Walk Through History" and tours of historic houses on Sunday, March 4 which ends with a afternoon tea at Eisendrath House.

## **Azure Family Concert with Tetra String Quartet**

### ***Folk Songs from Around the World***

**Mar 10, 2018**

Explore traditional music from around the world as Tetra plays a concert filled with folk songs. This concert will feature members from the group North Brother Island. Presented by the Tetra String Quartet, Azure Concerts are fun, friendly and engaging performances tailored to children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have similar challenges. Azure concerts are approximately one hour in length. Family members and caregivers of all ages are welcome to attend. The performance will be followed by an instrument petting zoo. Free tickets are available at <http://azuredecember2017.brownpapertickets.com>

### **Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks**

#### ***What is “Real” Storytelling and Why Do We Need More of It* by Liz Warren**

**Mar 14, 2018**

Liz Warren, a fourth-generation Arizonan, directs the South Mountain Community College Storytelling Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. The Institute received the Maricopa Community Colleges 2016 Diversity Award and the 2014 New Times Best of Phoenix award for “Best Place to Learn to Tell Tales.” Her textbook, *The Oral Tradition Today: An Introduction to the Art of Storytelling* is used at colleges around the nation. Among her many awards, her recorded version of The Story of the Grail received a Parents’ Choice Recommended Award and a Storytelling World Award.

### **An Evening with FABRIC (Fashion and Business Resource Innovation Center)**

#### ***How to Do Fashion Illustration***

**Mar 15, 2018**

FABRIC’s mission is to create a headquarters for Arizona’s fashion industry. They also offer educational workshops. Come and take up pencil and learn about the tools and styles of fashion design during a sample workshop on fashion illustration. See a demonstration of how to draw a figure, how to draw fabric drape texture and then how to put it on the figure. Then it’s your turn to try it.

### **Treasurefruit**

**Mar 30, 2018**

Desert psych rock band Treasurefruit released their full-length debut in 2015. Recorded on reel-to-reel tape *Poisonous Dwellers of the Desert* offered fresh modern rock informed by elements from Django to Hank to Hendrix. Fronted by singer/songwriter Anamieke Quinn, Phoenix’s “Desert Noir” pioneers elegantly weave psychedelic rock, western roots and soulful jazz pop into moonlit dreamscapes of the Great Southwest.

### **Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talks**

#### ***Storytelling Across Cultures: Inventing the Future with Navajo Culture and Engineering Design***

**by Shawn Jordan, Ph.D.**

**Apr 11, 2018**

Shawn Jordan is an Assistant Professor of Engineering at Arizona State University. Dr. Jordan is involved in several National Science Foundation projects related to design, including *Engineering Design Across Navajo Culture, Community, and Society*; *Might Young Makers be the Engineers of the Future?*, and *Additive Innovation: An Educational Ecosystem of Making and Risk Taking*. He was named one of ASEE PRISM’s “20 Faculty Under 40” in 2014, and received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2017. He founded and led teams to two collegiate Rube Goldberg Machine Contest national championships, and has appeared on many TV shows with his chain reaction machines.



## **Ghost Cat Attack**

**Apr 13, 2018**

Ghost Cat Attack is a local indie-rock band with influences of pop, rock, folk and blues. All songs are original and written by Singer/Acoustic guitarist Sarah Chapman. The band does all the arrangements with Steve Beer on Bass, Jared Wood on Electric Guitar and Lou Perez on Drums.

Sarah has been making music since childhood and at 16 years of age, she picked up the guitar. Her love of poetry and music made songwriting a natural fit and in January of 2015, she set about finding a band to help bring her songs to life. Eventually they formed as Ghost Cat Attack and played their first show in April of 2015. Sarah believes that music from the heart, feeds the heart. This music is from her heart to yours. It has come from growing up in Arizona, surrounded by the beauty of the desert. It has been inspired by the search for love, meaning and belonging. She hopes that it will bring you joy, or comfort, or perhaps just simply a release.

## **An Evening with Kelly Williams –**

***Wellness: Back in Time for You: Reclaiming your Time and Health***

**Apr 19, 2018**

We have the luxury of buying more “leisure time” and “convenience” thanks to the rapid advancement of technology in the last 70 years. Yet, finding the time to eat right, exercise and manage stress eludes many of us. Join Kelly for a fun night of history trivia and demonstrations on of how to reclaim your time for your health with smart shopping strategies, quick food preparation, effective exercise techniques and easy stress management tricks.

## **Ensemble de Saxophone du Conservatoire de Grasse**

**Apr 22, 2018**

In April 2018, 15 saxophone players from the Grasse Music School on the French Riviera will come to Arizona for a performance tour in Phoenix, Chandler, Flagstaff, Las Vegas and Tempe. The Ensemble Saxophones du Conservatoire de Grasse is composed of musicians from the Conservatory of Grasse, directed by Romuald Maryn. The group’s instrumentation includes baritones, tenors, altos, a bass sax and drums. Grasse is about 10 miles north of Cannes, France. They perform throughout the southeast of France. In April 2016, Catherine (Alto Sax) told the group that she was accompanying her husband as he was relocated for 2 years to Phoenix. This was first a disappointment because Catherine was a pillar of the alto sax section. But Romuald, their saxophone teacher, turned this disappointment into an opportunity; to set up an Arizona tour to visit Catherine and perform several concerts around the Phoenix area, including the Tempe History Museum. Meet the band in a Q & A session after the show.

### **Azure Family Concert with Tetra String Quartet**

#### ***Quartet Music through the Ages***

**Apr 28, 2018**

Travel in Tetra's musical time machine and hear quartet music throughout the ages. This concert will feature Chris Nguyen on oboe! Presented by the Tetra String Quartet, Azure Concerts are fun, friendly and engaging performances tailored to children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have similar challenges. Azure concerts are approximately one hour in length. Family members and caregivers of all ages are welcome to attend. The performance will be followed by an instrument petting zoo.

### **Featured Exhibition Opening Reception**

#### ***Humans of Tempe***

**May 3, 2018**

Tempe History Museum employed four photographers to gather short interviews and informal portraits of random folks on the streets of Tempe. With the combined informal portraits and short quotes, visitors will connect with real, ordinary people and learn about people different than themselves. These portraits and stories remind us that we are all human – our problems may not be that bad, or that we are not alone, or that others share the same joy and pain. Join us for an exhibit opening on Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Meet the photographers and some of the people featured in the exhibit. Refreshments will be provided. Free Admission. Exhibit runs through March 24, 2019.

### **Barefoot and Pregnant Country Band**

**May 5, 2018**

Barefoot and Pregnant was born from a desire to write and sing songs like those by Tammy Wynette, Wanda Jackson, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, Linda Ronstadt, Emmy Lou Harris, Hank Williams, Buck Owens and Johnny & June Cash. The group also added 50s and 60s lady country standards and other songs of love gone wrong. Multi-part harmonies continue to be the driving force for Barefoot and Pregnant, with a bit of cowbell, some nice country guitar twang and a few unexpected cover songs completing their unique sound.

### **An Evening with David Miller (Primordial Creative Studio)**

#### ***Photography, Videos, Pop Culture and Surrealism***

**May 17, 2018**

David Miller has branched out from fashion and pop art photography to videos and animated motion comics. View some of David's work, then experience a workshop sampling many of these genres. Join us for the best local dessert and coffee and an event that is part community forum and part creative event.



**Dry River Yacht Club  
May 25, 2018**

One of the Tempe History Museum's favorites is back. What is Gypsy Western Folk Rock? Find out at this free event. The Yacht Club's seven-member lineup surrounds an acoustic guitar with violin, percussion, bass, bassoon and trombone. They create an artful mix of dark gypsy, Bohemian, eastern European, Americana and world music. This is a one-of-a-kind band. Meet the band in a Q & A session after the show.

***Tempe Time Machine: Humans of Tempe*  
June and July 2018**

Tempe History Museum's *Tempe Time Machine* rolls into town this summer. Kids and their families can get hands-on with crafts, interactive activities, stories, games and live demonstrations from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday and second Saturday in June and July. Feature performances or demonstrations take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. *The Tempe Time Machine: Humans of Tempe* program is inspired by the museum's current exhibit "Humans of Tempe." These drop-in events and admission to the museum are free. Groups of 10 or more are welcome and are suggested to call 480-350-5100 to schedule a time.



**African-American Advisory Committee presents  
*Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom*  
June 16, 2018**

*Juneteenth: Celebration of Freedom* takes place on Saturday, June 16 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum. This fourth annual event commemorates June 19, 1865 when enslaved Blacks were emancipated in Texas. The day is also celebrated throughout America to honor African-

American heritage and to remember the lives of enslaved people in the United States.



# Tempe Galleries

## The Gallery at TCA

The Gallery at TCA provides visitors a space for thoughtful and engaging art experiences. Located at the Tempe Center for the Arts, the Gallery offers free admission, tours and programs year-round. Large-scale rotating exhibitions include a wide variety of local, regional and international artists, as well as themes of popular culture and interest.



Artist: John Randall Nelson

### ***Tempe Xhibition*** **Sept 9, 2017- Jan 6, 2018** **The Gallery at TCA**

Exhibiting Artists: Kristin Bauer, Angie Dell, Tlizza Jaurique, Lena Klett, Mark Klett, Natalie Klett, Melissa Martinez, Emily Matyas, Dan Mayer, Jacob Meders, Marie Navarre, John Randall Nelson, Kyle O'Malley, Emmett Potter, Emily Ritter, Christy Weiser, Garth Weiser, Kurt Weiser and Marcus Zilliox.



Artist: Emily Matyas

### ***Walk in My Shoes*** **Jan 19 - May 12, 2018** **The Gallery at TCA**

The arts help us express what cannot be said. Through an artist's eyes, we can experience, discover and see how it feels to "walk in another person's shoes" for a moment.

Exhibiting Artists: Marco Albarran, Sama Alshaibi, Angela Ellsworth, Annie Lopez, Stephen Marc, Emily Matyas, Ann Morton, Julio Cesar Morales, Gregory Sale and Will Wilson.

## Exhibition Programs

### **FREE Maker Workshops**

#### ***Talking Tintype Portraits* with artist Will Wilson**

**Feb 3, 2018, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Limited pre-scheduled portrait sittings and walk-in slots available

#### ***“you are me”***

#### **Art and poetry experience with artist Gregory Sale**

**Mar 23, 2018**

Hands-on project and idea exchange that uses poetry and art to talk about love.

Enjoy free live music in the lobby with EDGE happy hour

#### ***Art and Community* presented by ASU Art Students**

**Mar 24, 2018**

Multiple hands-on art stations inspired by artworks and themes from the exhibition

#### ***Text and Image Zines* with artist Annie Lopez**

**Apr 6, 2018**

Combine art, text and printed materials to collage your own hand-stitched Zine book.

#### **Saturday Coffee Talk**

#### ***Perspectives on Conveying Empathy Through Art***

**Apr 21, 2018**

Panel Talk with artists Sama Alshaibi, Marco Albarran and Ann Morton

Moderated by Visual Arts Curator Michelle Nichols Dock

Complimentary coffee and light refreshments

#### ***DRAW***

**May 25 - Sept 1, 2018**

**Gallery at TCA**

This juried exhibition with featured artists-in-residence celebrates drawing as an essential tool and creative expression for diverse fields from visual art to architecture and fashion design.



Artist: Anne Coe

## Tempe Galleries

Tempe Galleries is an extension program of the Gallery at TCA. Exhibitions aim to place visual art in high traffic public spaces such as Tempe Public Library and the Tempe Post Office on Mill Avenue. Exhibitions and programs are developed to broaden the mind, relate to multiple age groups and create interest in a variety of fields and subjects.

### ***Do I Have Your Attention?***

**Aug 11 - Dec 6, 2017 Tempe Public Library**

Exhibiting Artists: Heather Frietas and Nicolas Rascona

### ***Sugar Skulls***

**Aug 18, 2017 - Jan 17, 2018 Tempe Post Office**

Exhibiting Artists: Marco Albarran, Zarco Guerrero and Melody Smith

### **Pyle Center Annual Senior Art Exhibition**

**Oct 10, 2017 - Jan 31, 2018 Tempe Public Library**

### ***Smart Art***

**Oct 13, 2017 - Jan 14, 2018 Tempe Public Library**

Exhibiting Artists: Jeff Davis and Brad Vance

### ***Paper Impressions***

**Dec 7, 2017- Apr 4, 2018**

**Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library | 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282**

Exhibiting Artists: Sid Freeman, Harold Lohner and Melinda Wing

### ***Walk in My Shoes II***

**Jan 19 - May 16, 2018 Tempe Post Office**

Exhibiting Artists: Chris Boyd, Jorge De La Torre, Ann Morton and Annie Lopez

### **ART 7: 45th Annual Tempe Union High School District Exhibition**

**Feb 13 - Apr 21 Tempe History Museum**

High School Artists from Compadre, Corona del Sol, Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe and Tempe

### ***Pop of Color***

**Feb 16 - June 6, 2018 Youth Library at the Tempe Public Library**

Exhibiting Artists: Ryan Carey and Angelina Martin



# Tempe Center for the Arts



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**Mission:** Tempe Center for the Arts is making waves in the desert by embracing art in all forms and all voices.

**Purpose:** Tempe Center for the Arts presents and produces compelling, provocative and inspiring programs to promote meaningful engagement with the most relevant performance arts being made today.

Opened in September 2007, overlooking Tempe Town Lake, Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust is a jewel in the crown of a city known for its support of the arts. With its iconic architecture and stunning aesthetic detail, the \$65 million venue houses a state-of-the-art 600-seat theater, a 200-seat studio theater, a picturesque 200-seat multi-purpose space, a 3,500 square-foot art gallery and several public art pieces. Since opening its doors, TCA has hosted hundreds of performances, events and exhibitions.

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary Year in 2017/18, *American Idol* winner and Arizona native, Jordin Sparks, helped TCA to kick off its year-long 10-year anniversary celebrations. TCA also launched its first “TCA Presents” series. Season highlights include international street dance sensation Lil Buck in November 2017; edgy, versatile and fresh Latin Grammy Award winning all-female Mariachi Flor de Toloache in February 2018; and *Gidion's Knot* a play by Johnna Adams and co-produced with Stray Cat Theatre in April 2018. Disrupt FEST, TCA’s signature festival mashup of live music & theatre, expands to two nights in April 2018.

## Tempe Center for the Arts Ongoing Events

### **EDGE Happy Hour September - May**

**Fridays and Saturdays | 6 - 8 pm | Live Music, Food, Drinks, No Cover**  
Tempe's hottest spot for free live music, cool drinks and tasty bites with Tempe Town Lake as a gorgeous backdrop.



### **Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night**

**Wednesdays | September - November; January - May | FREE**

5 - 6 pm (Youth/high school and younger); Youth sign-up: 4:45 pm

6 - 10 pm (all performers); All ages sign-up: 5:45 pm

Musicians have an opportunity to shine on stage at the region's best open mic night with host Walt Richardson.

### **Tempe Comedy Concert Series Select Fridays | 7:30 pm**

Laugh along with the most entertaining comedians in the Valley.  
No drink or food minimums.



## Arts Engagement at Tempe Center for the Arts

Film screenings, workshops, panels, and performances tie the 2017-2018 Tempe Center for the Arts Presenting Season with the community and local artists. This programming connects the content presented by touring artists to critical conversations and arts experiences happening in the community.



### **10th Anniversary Celebration featuring Jordin Sparks**

**Sept 8, 2017**

Jordin's powerhouse vocals and commanding stage presence kicks off the TCA ten year celebration with an electrifying show.

### ***Too Marvelous for Words: The Story of Nat King Cole* starring Keith David**

**Sept 9, 2017**

A fun and swingin' journey into the life of and music of Nat "King" Cole.

### ***Urban Arts Jam - Arts Engagement at TCA***

**Nov 5, 2017**

The TCA hosts its first-ever TCA Jam with a 2-on-2 freestyle dance battle with live DJs Roxswift, DeeJay Panic, and Fresco. The room will be filled with live visual arts by Haboobs, Suchstyles, Champ Styles and Houseone, and live dance performances by Epik Dance Company, Jukebox, and spoken word by Carress.

### ***Career Paths, Approaches and the Journey in Hip-Hop - Arts Engagement at TCA***

**Nov 5, 2017**

Bboy House leads Rae Rae (dancer), Suchstyles (street artist), and Pierre Boogz (DJ, community activist & dancer) through a conversation about their careers in urban arts, and the social impact of their journey.

### ***Film Screening: Worth the Weight Documentary - Arts Engagement at TCA***

**Nov 7, 2017**

Next Gen Digital began documenting Phoenix-based battle, *Worth the Weight*. The format was developed by BBoy House in partnership with Johnny Castro as a way of creating an empowering and unifying platform for beginners while challenging the advanced movers. The battle style has allowed the Arizona urban arts community to grow, reshape and reimagine the role of urban arts in Arizona.

### ***What Moves You* featuring Lil Buck and Mihai Marica with special guest Jon Boogz**

**Nov 11, 2017**

Lil Buck has become an international sensation with his spectacular style of street dance, "Memphis jookin." This show is an intimate collaboration between Lil Buck and one of today's most accomplished young cellists, Mihai Marica. Together they challenge the boundaries of what the body and cello can do.

## **Women in the Arts – Arts Engagement at TCA**

**Jan 31, 2018**

Join three women (playwright, Felipa Lerma, b-girl, Alexis Purnell, comedian Mary Upchurch) as they share their experiences, battles, and achievements in their artistic fields as women.



*Flor de Toloache*

### **Mariachi Flor de Toloache**

**Feb 3, 2018**

Edgy, versatile and fresh, the Latin Grammy Award winning, all-female Mariachi Flor de Toloache melds traditional and modern Mexican music defining their own sound.

### **VoicePlay from NBC's "The Sing Off"**

**Feb 9, 2018**

VoicePlay's amazing, humorous, and vertigo-inducing harmonies recreate the orchestrated sound of an entire musical production with nothing but the human voice.

### **Rhythmic Circus – Feet Don't Fail Me Now**

**Mar 3, 2018**

"Heatbox," the human beatbox, joins the swingin' seven-piece funk band to accompany each tap, shuffle and stomp as this dancing circus blows audiences away with their rapid-fire moves and high-energy fun.

## **Gidion's Knot Directors' Chat – Arts Engagement at TCA**

**Mar 9, 2018**

Hear from Ron May, Artistic Director of Stray Cat Theatre, Tracy Liz Miller, Director of *Gidion's Knot*, and Ralph Remington, TCA Producing Artistic Director. They will share why they chose to present *Gidion's Knot* and give a behind-the-scenes look at how this play was created.

## **TCA Theatre and Stray Cat Theatre present *Gidion's Knot***

**A play by Johnna Adams Directed by Tracy Liz Miller**

**Mar 9 – 24, 2018**

During a parent/teacher conference, a distraught mother and an emotionally overwhelmed primary school teacher have a fraught conversation about the mother's son, Gidion. As his story is slowly uncovered, the women try to reconstruct a satisfying explanation for Gidion's violent act and come to terms with excruciating feelings of culpability.

### ***The Right to Express* – Arts Engagement at TCA**

**Mar 23, 2018**

Before experiencing the closing weekend of *Gidion's Knot*, take a moment to hear a discussion between an arts activist, a therapist, a teacher, and mothers as they explore censorship, the line between reality and expression, mental health, and parent-teacher relationships.

### **Williamsburg Salsa Orchestra**

**Mar 30, 2018**

Bringing the attitude of a rock band and the grooves of classic New York salsa, this group transforms favorite indie tunes into astonishing salsa anthems, taking the music in new directions with love and respect for the tradition.

### **Brazilian Drumming Workshop – Arts Engagement at TCA**

**Apr 7, 2018**

AZ Beat Lab is proud to present a hands-on Brazilian drumming workshop led by Joe Goglia (Samba de Cavalo) and Samuel Pena (PVCC Samba). We welcome all levels of experience to join us for this one-hour workshop. Drums will be provided and no previous experience with drumming is required!

### **Che Malambo**

**Apr 7, 2018**

Debut in Arizona and only at TCA - Razor sharp precision footwork, rhythmic stomping and pounding drums are at the heart of the South American gaucho tradition in this thrilling spectacle of music and dance.

### ***Disrupt FEST***

**Apr 13 – 14, 2018**

This two-evening festival is a live mashup of super charged experiences including provocative live theatre and music, comprised of unique artists who challenge preconceived concepts of the traditional performing arts.

### **Creative Collaboration Workshop with Keith Wallace – Arts Engagement at TCA**

**Apr 14, 2018 / Free**

Actor and playwright, Keith Wallace, creator of *The Bitter Game*, a play about trauma, police brutality and what it means to be a black man in America, will lead a public devised theater-making workshop that utilizes artists' individual and personal narrative to create collaborative performance pieces. No experience as an artist is required.

## TCA Events September 2017 – June 2018

### September

#### ***BLACK!***

**Sept 1 - 2, 2017**

In this piece, you will meet four individuals who will each describe their personal experiences with the word *BLACK*. We will learn about their stories, how their lives are affected by this word and most importantly, their individual perspectives.



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#### ***Bechdel Test Fest***

**Sept 9 - 10, 2017**

Co-produced by The Bridge Initiative and TCA, *Bechdel Test Fest* includes new play readings, film screenings, live music, an audition workshop, panel discussions and on-site workshops for children.

#### **Childsplay presents *The Phantom Tollbooth***

**Sept 17 – Oct 15, 2017**

Through the eyes of Milo, everything is positively boring and nothing interests him at all until a phantom tollbooth magically appears in his room. Then Milo is thrust on a fantastical adventure in the Land of Wisdom! (Ages 6+)

#### **Performance with a View presents *Tchaikovsky Piano Trio***

**Sept 19, 2017**

Pianist Po Hsun Chen, violinist Aihua Zhang and cellist Wesley Skinner perform this powerful work.

**Lakeshore Music presents Benny Green Trio**  
**Sept 23, 2017**

Benny Green is one of the foremost jazz pianists of our time. His chronicled ascent from child prodigy to world fame as a Jazz Messenger is on of jazz legend.

**ariZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence**  
**Sept 25, 2017**

The ariZoni Theatre Awards is a not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting the visibility and growth of theatre in the Valley of the Sun and Maricopa County.

***Ballet Under the Stars***  
**Sept 28, 2017**

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a free evening of dance under the beautiful Arizona sky.

October

**Desert Dance Fall Concert**  
**Oct 6 - 7, 2017**

**Performance with a View presents ASU Tubafest 2017!**  
**Oct 17, 2017**

The ASU tuba euphonium ensemble and their director, Dr. Deanna Swoboda, perform an hour of polkas, waltzes, and lively tuba euphonium ensemble magic.

**Chamber Singers, Choral Union, and Gospel Choir**  
**Oct 18, 2017**

The ASU Choirs open their fall season with a concert honoring the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, including “Bach’s Contata 79”, short works by other composers, as well as contemporary gospel music.

**Childsplay presents *Tomás and the Library Lady***  
**Oct 21 – Nov 11, 2017**

Based on the true story of Tomás Rivera and the book by Pat Mora, this play is a celebration of reading, imagination and creativity. (Ages 5+)

**Lakeshore Music presents Michael Kocour and Friends with Dee Alexander**  
**Oct 28, 2017**

Jazz pianist and ASU Director of Jazz Studies, Mike Kocour, and the TCA All-Stars team up for a night of classic jazz with acclaimed Chicago vocalist Dee Alexander.

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*Excellent venue. In particular, the main theater is very comfortable, with outstanding acoustics. Views of the Town Lake are beautiful.*

- Denise M.  
Facebook

**Tempe Winds presents *A Salute to America's Finest*  
Oct 29, 2017**

Tempe Winds presents a Veteran's Day Salute to current and former members of our armed forces. Patriotic marches and soul-stirring selections will be performed to thank our Veterans for their service.

**Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series presents *Piano Duets and Cello Sonatas*  
Oct 29, 2017**

Pianists Jerome Lowenthal and Ursula Oppens perform a program inspired by William Kappel, Mr. Lowenthal's teacher, on the anniversary of his death. William Kappel was associated with Gregor Piatagorsky and the cellist, Evan Drachman, is Mr. Piatagorsky's grandson.

November

**The ASU Wrigley Institute  
*Environmental, Business & Policy Solutions for Sustainable Tourism in the 21st Century*  
Nov 2, 2017**

**Arizona Wind Symphony presents *Shades of America*  
Nov 2, 2017**

**Rhythm Dance Company presents *UTSAV - A Bollywood Dance Production*  
Nov 4, 2017**

A dance production that showcases an amalgamation of various Indian classical and cross-cultural dance forms put together with creative stage sets/props and glamorous costumes.

***Zachin: The Challenge & Celebration of Life ... Through Taiko*  
Nov 5, 2017**

"Zachin," a high-energy Taiko drumming performance that explores the universal themes of struggle, determination, hope and celebration. Fushicho Daiko celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a dynamic and primal call to gather and honor community.

**KFYI presents "AZ Talks" 2017  
Nov 8, 2017**

Presented by The UPS Store® benefiting Operation Santa Claus.

**Esteban: *Electric Flamenco* presented by M&M Productions  
Nov 10, 2017**

The passion of Spain and Flamenco (Gitano Andalusia) performed in a new modern way that you'll never forget: riveting Flamenco and Spanish Guitar and Gypsy violin performances, along with full band. VIP seats include a pre-show meet & greet with Esteban at 5:30 p.m. as well as a glass of wine, beer, or soft drink.



**TCA Presents *What Moves You* featuring Lil Buck and Mihai Marica  
with special guest Jon Boogz**

**Nov 11, 2017**

Lil Buck has become an international sensation with his spectacular style of street dance, “Memphis jookin.” This show is an intimate collaboration between Lil Buck and one of today’s most accomplished young cellists, Mihai Marica. Together they challenge the boundaries of what the body and cello can do.

**Performance with a View presents Anne Kopta’s Studio Class**

**Nov 14, 2017**

**Lakeshore Music presents Tierney Sutton Band**

**Nov 18, 2017**

Comprised of Sutton and instrumental virtuosos Kevin Axt, Ray Brinker, Trey Henry and Christian Jacob, the band functions as a true collaborative unit. In 2011, the TSB received a Grammy nomination for its collaborative arranging, the only collaborative team ever to receive that honor.

**Stray Cat Theatre presents *Mercury***

**Nov 24 – Dec 9, 2017**

World Premiere! No one’s happy, people stop being nice, and blood spills in a story that mashes up violent myth and ideas about “good neighbors” to explore what happens when the mercury rises.

**Childsplay presents *Go, Dog. Go!***

**Nov 25 – Dec 23, 2017**

Bringing the adventures of P.D. Eastman’s book to life in a frolicking musical dog party!  
(Ages 3+)

December

**Childsplay presents *A Christmas Carol* with Katie McFadzen**

**Dec 1 – Dec 24, 2017**

Using Dickens’s own immortal words, this one-woman tour-de-force will bring you the heartwarming story like you’ve never seen or heard it before!



*Lil Buck*

**Performance with a View presents Studio E451 Violin Recital**

**Dec 5, 2017**

Students of Professor of Violin Katherine McLin present an eclectic program of violin music from the 20th and 21st century, representing a wide variety of styles from classical to fiddle to rock.

**Tempe Professional Development Network presents**

***Laugh ... Learn ... Love ... Live with Tom Dreesen***

**Dec 6, 2017**

Tom Dreesen Delivers a mix of inspiration and comedy design to help you achieve the best in you. Whether your goals and dreams are to be an entertainer or an entrepreneur or to be more successful where you are, Tom's insights will motivate you to find the winner in you and accomplish more goals.

**Tempe Comedy School: Class Clowns Comedy Showcase**

**Dec 8, 2017**

Tony Vicich brings his long-running stand-up comedy show, *Class Clowns*, to TCA. This show takes comedians from their first stage experience to national prominence!

**Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series presents Trio Combray**

**Dec 10, 2017**

Trio Combray will perform a concert inspired by Marcel Proust's masterpiece *Remembrance of Things Past*. The book is rich in musical reference and Proust scholar Jeffrey Swann will describe the pieces and how they relate to the book.

**Tempe Comedy Concert Series: Keith Ellis**

**Dec 15, 2017**

Tempe's favorite comic helps us close out the year with his clean, clever and fun brand of humor! Come out and see the comic everyone is talking about so you can talk about him, too!

**Lakeshore Music presents Bob Ravenscroft Trio: *Twas the Night Before the Night Before Christmas***

**Dec 23, 2017**

Bob Ravenscroft, bassist Dwight Kilian, drummer Rob Moore and a crew of multi-media studio artists have promised a "uniquely creative jazzy Christmas music and video concert for families and aficionados alike" with tradition, humor and a multi-media backdrop that is a show in itself.

**Flat 9 Entertainment presents: *The Amplified Soul Experience - Acoustic Piano Performance***

**Dec 29, 2017**

A great evening of smooth jazz, soul and funk music featuring international recording artist/pianist/producer/composer Frank McComb.

**Flat 9 Entertainment presents: *The Amplified Jazz Experience – Vol. 7***

**Dec 30, 2017**

National recording artist & saxophonist Will Donato joins the stage with award-winning composer/singer Sandra Basset for an exciting evening of jazz, R&B, and soul music.

January

**Dana Metz Company presents *Out of Mind***

**Jan 2, 2018**

The Dana Metz Company returns to TCA with this new contemporary dance performance.

**Scottsdale Musical Theater presents *Annie***

**Jan 3 – 7, 2018**

TV, Film and Broadway stars Bronson Pinchot, Kaitlin Hopkins and Anneliese van der Pol will headline SMTC's limited one week engagement of the classic musical *Annie*. With memorable songs by Charles Strouse and Lee Adams like "Tomorrow," "Little Girls," "Easy Street," and "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile," *Annie* is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser that follows the adventures of everyone's favorite little comic-strip orphan.

**Arizona Wind Symphony *It's Time to Shine***

**Jan 10, 2018**

Timeless classics.

**Suzu Foundation: *Laughing the Night Away 2018***

**Jan 13, 2018**

A fun-time night of comedy benefiting children with special needs. There will also be a raffle drawing at intermission. Featured performers: Tony Behinfar, Mike James, Brian Kohatsu and The Comedy Spot Improvisors, Sean Dillingham and Parrish Spisz.

**Lakeshore Music presents *A Piano Triptych: Stephanie Trick, Paolo Alderighi, Nicole Pesce***

**Jan 13, 2018**

Three renowned pianists, Nicole Pesce, Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi, will perform an evening "On Broadway" with two concert grand pianos. This premiere performance on the TCA Mainstage is a benefit for the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute Scholarship Fund at ASU.

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*Watched a play here. Very nice seating and gorgeous theater. The best thing is the view from the patio. There are many good performances that take place every day here. We picked up info and plan on going back!*

- Marie B. [YELP](#)

**CONDER/dance present “*Breaking Ground*” 2018**

**Jan 19 - 20, 2018**

The CONDER/dance *Breaking Ground* Festival is an exhilarating weekend of performances, master classes and social events featuring some of the most voices in contemporary dance today.



*Aldo López-Gavilán*

**Lakeshore Music presents Aldo López-Gavilán Trio: *The Cubans are Coming!***

**Jan 20, 2018**

Celebrated Cuban pianist Aldo López-Gavilán returns to TCA, this time with his quartet of Cuba’s leading jazz musicians.

**Hayden’s Ferry Chamber Music Series presents Violin Recital**

**Jan 21, 2018**

Benjamin Baker, violinist, and Daniel Lehardt, pianist, both first prize winners of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, will perform a duet recital.

**Childsplay presents *The Snowy Day***

**Jan 21 – Mar 11, 2018**

Celebrate the magic and boundless possibilities of the first snowfall with Peter and his friends. (Ages 3+)

**Performance with a View presents Carole FitzPatrick Studio Class**

**Jan 23, 2018**

Students of Carole FitzPatrick sing opera, operetta and musical theater selections.

**Carnival of Illusion: *Magic, Mystery & Oooh La!***

**Jan 26 & 27, 2018**

Hang onto your hat, grab your partner, and jump into an evening of Old-World Magic. Travel up-close with the national recipients of “Excellence in Magic” and catch the longest running Arizona theater show.

**JCO Concert - *Tribute to Television***

**Jan 29, 2018**

Enjoy your favorite television theme songs from the golden era of the small screen and see how many of the songs you recognize as singers and dancers perform along with the orchestra, which is comprised of members from the Phoenix Symphony.

February

**Childsplay presents *The Snowy Day*  
through – Mar 11, 2018**

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**TCA Presents Mariachi Flor de Toloache  
Feb 3, 2018**

Edgy, versatile and fresh, the Latin Grammy Award winning, all-female Mariachi Flor de Toloache melds traditional and modern Mexican music defining their own sound.

**TCA Presents VoicePlay  
Feb 9, 2018**

From NBC's "The Sing Off," VoicePlay amazing, humorous, and vertigo-inducing harmonies recreate the orchestrated sound of an entire musical production with nothing but the human voice.

**Carnival of Illusion: *Magic, Mystery & Oooh La!*  
Feb 10, 2018**

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**Esteban: *Valentine's Love* presented by M&M Productions  
Feb 14, 2018**

Esteban and Teresa Joy, along with a full band, play the most memorable love songs of all time, bringing joy and romance to your heart and soul.

**2018 Phoenix Arts Ensemble Spring Festival Gala  
Feb 17, 2018**

TCA once again hosts the Phoenix Chinese Art Ensemble (Pcae) for the Chinese New Year Festival Concert. Director Shang-Gao Cai will be joined by elite Chinese performers in Arizona.

**Lakeshore Music presents *Salsariachi Carmela y Mas with Mariachi Passion*  
Feb 17, 2018**

Carmela Ramirez and her Latin Jazz Salsa band "Más," create an evening of Latin musical fusion with Mariachi Pasión. You won't be able to sit still!



*Esteban*

**Tempe Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert**

**Feb 19, 2018**

The TSO performs its spring concert. Tickets available at the door one hour prior to performance time.

**Performance with a View presents Violin Extraordinaire**

**Feb 20, 2018**

The students of Danwen Jiang present a Studio E435 violin recital.

**Tempe Winds presents *Masterworks***

**Feb 26, 2018**

Music from some of the greatest and best-loved composers featuring Martin Schuring, oboe, and Andrea Pitmar, soprano and Antonio Luzano, tenor.

March

**Arizona Wind Symphony – *March On!***

**Mar 1, 2018**

Now in its 17th season, the Arizona Wind Symphony entertains us with an enjoyable variety of music under the baton of William J. Richardson.

**TCA Presents Rhythmic Circus – *Feet Don't Fail Me Now!***

**Mar 3, 2018**

“Heatbox,” the human beatbox, joins the swingin’ seven-piece funk band to accompany each tap, shuffle and stomp as this dancing circus blows audiences away with their rapid-fire moves and high-energy fun.

***Amor al Baile 4***

**Mar 4, 2018**

Yumi La Rosa Flamenco Dance Company presents all new *Amor al Baile 4*. This dramatic evening brings together some of the world’s best talent under one roof for a flamenco and world dance extravaganza.

**TCA Theatre and Stray Cat Theatre present *Gidion's Knot***

**A play by Johnna Adams**

**Directed by Tracy Liz Miller**

**Mar 9 – 24, 2018**

During a parent-teacher conference, a distraught mother and an emotionally overwhelmed primary school teacher have a fraught conversation about the mother’s son, Gidion. As his story is slowly uncovered, the women try to reconstruct a satisfying explanation for Gidion’s violent act and come to terms with excruciating feelings of culpability.

**Lakeshore Music presents *Forever Irish* with Irish tenor Dennis McNeil**

**Mar 17, 2018**

McNeil brings us an evening of Irish song and story, singing some of the most beloved melodies ever to come from the Emerald Isle. Let “Danny Boy” and “Galway Bay” and many other popular Irish ballads sweep you away into an Irish dream.

**Hayden’s Ferry Chamber Music Series presents Soprano Recital**

**Mar 18, 2018**

Julia Bullock, soprano; John Arida, piano

Bullock, first prize winner of the Naumberg International Vocal Competition and a Young Concert Artists International Auditions winner, will perform with pianist John Arida. The New York Times recognizes her as an “impressive fast-rising soprano...poised for a significant career.”

**Performance with a View presents World Percussion Ensemble**

**Mar 20, 2018**

Benjamin Yats directs the Arizona State University World Percussion Ensemble in rhythms drawn from Africa, the Middle East, India, the Caribbean and South America.

**Arizona State University Symphony Orchestra**

**Mar 28, 2018**

The ASUSO presents a collaboration with ASU’s Daniel Bernard Roumain, Gordon Hawkins, and the ASU Gospel Choir.

**Tempe Youth Wind Symphony**

**Mar 29, 2018**

The Tempe Youth Wind Symphony is an honor group comprised of young musicians from Tempe middle schools and mentors from area high schools and is coordinated by William J. Richardson and conducted by Douglas Akey.

**TCA Presents Williamsburg Salsa Orchestra**

**Mar 30, 2018**

Bringing the attitude of a rock band and the grooves of classic New York salsa, this group transforms favorite indie tunes into astonishing salsa anthems, taking the music in new directions with love and respect for the tradition.

**Childsplay presents *Maddi’s Fridge***

**Mar 31 – Apr 8, 2018**

Based on the book by Lois Brandt, this play is a gentle, yet sometimes hilarious exploration of friendship, empathy, and doing the right thing. (Ages 3+)

April

**TCA Presents Che Malambo**

**Apr 7, 2018**

Debut in Arizona and only at TCA - Razor sharp precision footwork, rhythmic stomping and pounding drums are at the heart of the South American gaucho tradition in this thrilling spectacle of music and dance.

**Tempe Symphony Orchestra Season Finale**

**Apr 9, 2018**

The TSO continues to entertain us with spring-time selections as its season draws to a close.

**Tempe Winds presents *When You Wish Upon a Star, Part II***

**Apr 10, 2018**

Featuring the music of the Disney Film Studios.

**Arizona Wind Symphony presents *Bandancing!***

**Apr 12, 2018**

In this exciting five-movement suite of American dances, you will hear elements of popular dance infused with harmonic style: city shuffle (jazz); tango (slow); waltz (jazz waltz); slow dance (with mixed meters) and last dance.

**TCA Presents *Disrupt FEST***

**Apr 13 & 14, 2018**

This two-evening festival is a live mashup of super charged experiences including provocative live theatre and music, comprised of unique artists who challenge preconceived concepts of the traditional performing arts.

***Broadway Bonanza***

**Apr 15, 2018**

An entertaining show featuring selections from Broadway hits performed by the Carolyn Eynon Singers and children from DC DANCE AZ. Included are hits from "1650 Broadway," "Hamilton," "Mama Mia," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Disney Friendship Medley."

**Scottsdale Musical Theater Company presents *That Irving Berlin Thing***

**Apr 19 & 20, 2018**

The two-act revue of more than 40 of the beloved songwriter's most notable and rarely heard material is more than just a biography of the legendary composer. It also explores the cultural impact Berlin had for decades to come.



*Disrupt FEST: Amy Lynn and the Honey Men*



**Lakeshore Music presents Jeff Hamilton Trio**

**Apr 21, 2018**

Legendary drummer Jeff Hamilton is a jazz icon and is joined by pianist Tamir Hendelman and bassist Christopher Luty for an evening that is sure to be exciting!

**Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series presents Jupiter String Quartet**

**Apr 22, 2018**

Recent performers at the Aspen Music Festival, the Jupiter Quartet has won the Fishcoff Grand Prize and Young Concert Artists International Auditions. They will be performing a program of Beethoven, Bartok and Schumann.

**Childsplay presents *Flora and Ulysses***

**Apr 22 – May 20, 2018**

Bringing to life Kate DiCamillo's most recent Newberry-Award winning story, Flora and Ulysses embark on an adventure full of quirky characters and bursting with heart! (Ages 3+)

**Performance with a View presents Robert Hamilton's Studio**

**Apr 24, 2018**

Selected students from the international piano studio of Arizona State University professor Robert Hamilton will perform classics from the piano repertoire.

***Music Under the Stars***

**Apr 27, 2018**

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and settle in for a wonderful evening of music for the entire family under the beautiful open skies and stars of Arizona.

**Movement Source Season Finale *Alone, Together***

**Apr 27 & 28, 2018**

You won't want to miss this spring performance of thought-provoking modern dance and live music as Movement Source Dance Company celebrates its 30th season. The works will include "La Ida," a mesmerizing piece about the decision to stay or go.

May

**Stray Cat Theatre presents *Silence! The Musical***

**May 4 – 19, 2018**

This subversive musical parody of “The Silence of the Lambs” combines whip-smart dialogue and shocking songs that serves up just the kind of tuneful delirium you would expect from the kitties as a season closer.

**Performance with a View presents *Saxophone Interplay!***

**May 15, 2018**

The saxophonists of Arizona State University have a reputation of being exceptional! Come hear ASU saxophone Professor Christopher Creviston play in a variety of chamber ensembles featuring some of his outstanding students.

**Lakeshore Music presents *Diego Figueiredo & Ken Peplowski Duo***

**May 19, 2018**

Figueiredo is an incredible artist who brings an infusion of Brazilian music and jazz and joins forces with equally talented Peplowski for an evening that will leave you amazed!

**Dominate 2018**

**May 24 & 25, 2018**

**Teen Universe Arizona Pageant**

**May 27, 2018**

**All About Dance 17th Annual Production**

**May 30 & 31, 2018**

June

**Starz in Motion Dance Recital**

**June 1 & 2, 2018**

**Tempe Comedy Concert Series**

**June 8, 2018**

**Phoenix Metropolitan Men’s Chorus Summer Concert**

**June 9 & 10, 2018**



*Diego Figueiredo & Ken Peplowski Duo*

**Opera Fringe Fest**  
June 11 – 17, 2018

**Encore Dance Center 2018**  
June 15 & 16, 2018

**Arizona West Coast Gospel Music Awards**  
June 23, 2018

**Bodybuilding Competition**  
June 23, 2018

**WBFF Arizona Fitness & Fashion Spectacular**  
June 29 & 30, 2018



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