



Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi



Taj Mahal



The Django Festival All-Stars

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Summer 2016 Concert Series

Tickets on sale next week

The [MIM Music Theater](#) invites music lovers to experience “the sounds of summer.” From May through September, the MIM summer series will feature live performances from some of the finest traditional, contemporary, instrumental, and vocal artists in the world. Tickets go on sale to the public on Thursday, April 7—so make plans to buy early and secure the seats of your choice!

The MIM summer series is packed with exciting performances by emerging and established artists, including **Alpin Hong** (May 12 and 13), **Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi** (May 23), **Taj Mahal** (May 24), the **Preservation Hall Jazz Band** (June 7), the **Del McCoury Band** (June 15), **John Mayall** (June 16), **RUNA** (July 17), the **Django Festival All-Stars** (July 22), **Billy Strings** (July 24), **King Sunny Adé** (August 5), **Terry Bozzio** (August 14), the **Mehmet Polat Trio** (August 31), **Villalobos Brothers** (September 11), the **Steel Drivers** (September 15), and **Tom Rush** (September 19).

And that’s just a taste of what the summer series will bring! “We get some of the greatest musicians in the world here,” says MIM artistic director Lowell Pickett, “including some artists I can’t reveal yet.”

Circle of Friends members can hear Pickett share highlights of the series on Monday, April 4. The evening includes a reception with light snacks and a cash bar in the MIM Founders Room and a chance to purchase presale tickets that evening. Reservations are required, so RSVP by Tuesday, March 29 to

CONCERT ALERT!

TONIGHT
March 28
[La Santa Cecilia](#)

March 29
[Suzy Bogguss](#)

SOLD OUT
March 30
[Suzy Bogguss](#)

March 31
[Hanggai](#)

April 1
[“Behind the Lens with Pattie Boyd and Henry Diltz”](#)

advancement@MIM.org or 480.478.6033 to save a spot.

The member presale runs from Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. through Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Tickets will go on sale to the public starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, when they can be purchased in person at MIM, by calling 480.478.6000, or online at **MIM.org**. *Circle of Friends* donors who give \$500+ annually are eligible for 10% off concert tickets.

To see a preview of the summer series, visit **MIM.org** beginning Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m.

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Concert Spotlight: Hanggai

Mongolian folk rockers coming to MIM

Think Mongolian rock and you might envision sprawling grasslands, icy mountaintops, and blue skies above the sparsely populated country sitting between China and Russia. What you probably won't picture is a six-man band led by a former



Get Ready for Arizona Gives Day

Support MIM on April 5

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 5, for the fourth annual [Arizona Gives Day](#). During this 24-hour statewide fund-raising event, hundreds of nonprofit organizations across the state will unite to promote awareness of their causes and raise funds to create lasting change throughout Arizona.

punk singer influenced by Metallica, Led Zeppelin, and Pink Floyd.

That's the eclectic surprise of [Hanggai](#), a crossover Chinese folk group coming to the MIM Music Theater on Thursday, March 31. The band, which performs new arrangements of Mongolian tunes in traditional costume, provides a unique and modern take on Mongolian music.

Hanggai was formed when lead singer Ilchi, an ethnic Mongolian, grew tired of the punk and rap-metal music he was performing in Beijing and became interested in ancient music forms. Wanting to rediscover his heritage, Ilchi traveled to Inner Mongolia to learn the traditional art of throat singing, a highly technical style in which the singer produces two or more sounds at the same time.

While in Mongolia, Ilchi and his fellow bandmates began combining traditional Mongolian instruments such as the *morin khuur* and the *tobshuur* with Western guitars, bass, and drums. They became fixtures on Beijing's music scene, performing adaptations of Mongolian folk songs.

Although Hanggai might seem like an unlikely candidate for stardom, the group has become a breakout act that has toured the world. The group even appeared on—and won in—the Chinese reality TV talent show *Sing My Song*.

By balancing traditional and modern, past and present, folk and punk, Hanggai makes an unforgettable statement creating music that can be understood by anyone, anywhere in the world.



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We need your help! Please invite friends to join you in making a gift to MIM on April 5. Simply go to azgives.org or click [here](#). If you'd like to plan ahead, you can even schedule your donation.

You can also help MIM by spreading the word! Use the #AZGivesDay hashtag and share content about MIM from [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Last year, Arizona Gives Day raised more than 2 million dollars for 537 nonprofits across the state. More than 12,000 donors logged on to donate to their favorite nonprofits, making an average gift of \$86. This year promises to be even bigger, with more than 800 nonprofits in Arizona participating.

Take part in this grassroots movement by supporting MIM so that we may continue to enrich our world by collecting, preserving, and making available an astonishing variety of musical instruments and performance videos from every country in the world. Every gift, of every size, counts.



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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [Emel Mathlouthi](#) on Friday, April 29, and [Abdullah Ibrahim](#)

[and Ekaya](#) on Monday, May 2. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, March 29, and can be purchased in person or by phone. Tickets will go on sale to the public starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, when they can be purchased in person at MIM, by calling 480.478.6000, or online at [MIM.org](#). *Circle of Friends* donors who give \$500+ annually are eligible for 10% off concert tickets.

Café Allegro Wins National Praise

Congratulations to MIM's Café Allegro! *Paste* magazine recently named it one of six museum cafés nationwide that offer guests "even more to savor beyond the galleries." Click [here](#) to read the article.

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[Birds of Chicago](#)

Thursday, April 7
7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.50–\$35.50

Birds of Chicago, the collective centered around Allison Russell and JT Nero, reassert the simple notion that beautiful words and music can still tap deep veins of emotion.



[MIMkids Musical Adventures](#)

Saturday, April 9
1:30–2:30 p.m.

\$12 each or 3 for \$30

Pick up your MIMkids Passport and embark on a musical journey with MIMkids Musical Adventures, an educational program designed for kids aged 6–10. This session will focus on Asia, and kids will make pellet



[Experience India](#)

Saturday, April 16 and
Sunday, April 17
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Included with paid museum admission; free for members

Join us for our fourth annual celebration of East Indian music and culture. Listen to musical performances featuring the sitar and tabla. See vibrant dance performances in the classical styles of *bharata-nāṭyam* and



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odissi. The weekend will also include hands-on activities and cultural talks, as well as the opportunity to try henna body art.

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