



New Taylor Swift Items on Display

See custom instruments and performance outfits

Since its debut in the [Artist Gallery](#) in 2012, the Taylor Swift display has been one of the most popular exhibits at MIM. Recently, some of the items were rotated out to showcase Swift's artistic trajectory.

The new exhibit highlights the *RED* album, which earned Swift American Music Awards as both "Favorite Country Female Artist" and "Favorite Pop/Rock Female Artist." The lead single "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" became Swift's first number-one hit on the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart.

"We are excited to share another chapter in her story with all new instruments and wardrobe items from the *RED* Tour," says MIM curator Dr. Richard Walter. "Everything was used by Swift on stage, and guests will be able to see some of the custom details that add such drama and style to her elaborate live performances."

Included in the exhibit are several custom instruments (two guitars, a banjo, and a piano) as well as a microphone (decked out with red rhinestones!). Also on display are two full costume changes, including the outfit Swift wore when she sang "Begin Again" on the *RED* Tour.

With career record sales of over 40 million and more than 130 million song downloads, Swift has become one of the most successful musical artists in the world. MIM is pleased to display some important artifacts from this talented multi-instrumentalist and songwriter.

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CONCERT ALERT!

TOMORROW

September 13
[Guitar Army featuring Robben Ford, Lee Roy Parnell & Joe Robinson](#)

September 14
[Banda Magda](#)

SOLD OUT
 September 15
[The SteelDrivers](#)

September 16
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“We hope all of our guests will appreciate a close look at these items, which helped Swift entertain audiences around the world,” Walter says.



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Eat Local Challenge 2016

Café Allegro invites you to go local

On Tuesday, September 27, the talented team at [Café Allegro](#) will again rise to the challenge of creating a meal made completely from local ingredients (defined as coming from within a 150-mile radius of the café).

This year's theme will highlight a common issue that many farms experience: excessive seasonal produce. This occurs when a bumper crop leads to an unusually large harvest. Buying bumper crops helps prevent food waste and helps local farmers get paid for food they may not be able to sell in an oversaturated marketplace.

Which bumper crop will Chef Chris Lenza and his team be working with on September 27? Okra. “September is the end of a long, hot summer season so not much is coming off the farms, but okra does really well in the heat,” he says. Look for the menu to feature dishes such as spicy Indian dahl with red lentils, okra, tomatoes, and corn and Caribbean-style steamed fish with coconut milk, carrots, ginger, and fried okra.

“The Eat Local Challenge highlights the work Café Allegro does to support the local food movement

The Benefits of Music Education

Mini Music Makers classes enhance lives and learning

Musical play in early childhood is essential. It helps young children reach musical and developmental milestones such as steady beat-keeping and matching pitch, as well as hone their spatial awareness, full-body coordination, and creativity. Additionally, singing supports pre-language and language development; playing instruments and drumming improve fine motor skills; and movement and dancing teach body awareness.

MIM's [Mini Music Makers](#) series, an early childhood music-education program, aims to enrich children's lives by providing a safe, interactive, and engaging environment for kids to explore music from around the world. Each class is structured around developmentally appropriate activities for children to interact with and create their own music.

“I loved seeing Amelia come out of her shell more and more with each class,” one parent said. “She loves music and dancing, and I love that through

while showing guests the thought that goes into sourcing the meal,” Lenza says. “September definitely challenges you to become more creative.”

In addition to the entrées, guests will find local coffee, beers, and wine from Arizona producers. Café Allegro is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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this class, she can be introduced to music making.”

By exploring music through song, dance, and basic instruments, children develop musical and social skills. Early childhood music programs are also proven to foster physical, emotional, and cognitive growth.

Mini Music Makers classes are offered throughout the year on select Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Find the class that’s right for you.



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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [Kandace Springs](#) on Saturday, October 22; [¡Cubanismo!](#) on Tuesday, October 25; [Irish Christmas in America](#) on Sunday, December 4, and Monday, December 5; [Marty Ashby’s 7th Annual Holiday Show](#) on Friday, December 9; [Etienne Charles](#) on Thursday, December 15; and [Blind Boys of Alabama](#) on Friday, December 23, and Saturday, December 24. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, September 13, and can be purchased in person, by phone, or through MIM’s new [member portal](#). Tickets will go on sale to the public starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 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 percent off concert tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Banda Magda](#)

Wednesday, September 14
7:00 p.m.

\$33.50–\$38.50

Founded by Greek-born singer Magda Giannikou, this group incorporates Greek folk tunes with samba, French chanson, Colombian *cumbia*, and Afro-Peruvian *lando* into spirited global music.



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[Sam Bush](#)

Friday, September 16
7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$53.50

GRAMMY-winning multi-instrumentalist Sam Bush is considered the “Father of Newgrass.”

“As he did in the Revival days, Bush shattered preconceptions of what can and cannot be done with a mandolin or a fiddle. From blues through swamp rock to reggae rhythms and bluegrass backbeats, it all sounded distinctive and wholly original.”—*Chicago Tribune*



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[Daisy and Brownies at MIM: Visit Latin America!](#)

Saturday, September 17
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

\$14 per person

Enjoy a day at MIM full of music, instruments, and activities—all designed just for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts. Girls can listen to a musical story, take an exclusive tour of Latin America, make a unique craft, and try out some special Latin American instruments.



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