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scottsdale center for the performing arts

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SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
APRIL EVENTS

Highlights include: The Hit Men, Max Raabe & Palast Orchester, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet and more!



Max Raabe and Palast Orchester – April 2, 2017 (photo: Gregor Hohenberg)

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

The Hit Men: Time Travel Tour

Saturday, April 1, 2017, 8 p.m.  
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater  
Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$59

Want to feel like you're 23 years old again? Time travel through the most magnificent years of rock 'n' roll with The Hit Men – legendary performers who toured and recorded with Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Tommy James and The Shondells, Carly Simon, Carole King, Elton John, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce and many more huge stars. The Hit Men have audiences all over America on their feet cheering, singing and dancing in the aisles. Experience a show full of No. 1 hits, sung and played by these amazing artists the way you first heard them ... the way you remember them.

During this exciting multi-media production, The Hit Men will also take you behind the scenes with never-before-heard stories about their unforgettable times on the road and in the recording studios with these world-class rock stars. Travel back in time with The Hit Men to relive the music, the magic and the memories!

Supporting Sponsor: FineMark National Bank & Trust

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### Late Nite Catechism III: 'Til Death Do Us Part

Starring Patti Hannon

Written by Maripat Donovan With Marc Silvia

January 7 – April 1, 2017

Performed Weekly, Saturdays, 8 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

#### **April 1**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Stage 2

Tickets: \$39

Arizona's favorite ruler-wielding nun, Sister, is back in the habit! In this popular sequel to the *Late Nite Catechism* comedies, Sister offers up the latest dogma fresh off the Internet, some hilarious lessons about love and marriage, and her own outrageous version of *The Newlywed Game*.

Each *Late Nite* performance is unique and will appeal to people of all ages and faiths.

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### Sunday A'Fair

Selected Sundays, January 15 – April 2, 2017, Noon – 4 p.m.

January 15, 22, 29

February 12, 19, 26

March 5, 19, 26

#### **April 2**

Outdoors at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Free Admission

Celebrating its 30th season, Sunday A'Fair features free outdoor concerts in Scottsdale Civic Center Park by top Arizona musicians, along with an arts-and-crafts market, fun activities for children and families, and free docent-led tours of the sculptures in the park. Guests are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs or picnic baskets, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of great entertainment. Delicious foods from the grill, snacks and cocktails, beer, wine and soft drinks are also available for purchase.

Highlights of Sunday A'Fair 2017 include Peace and Community Day honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 15; La Gran Fiesta: A Celebration of Latin and Hispanic Cultures headlined by the L.A.-based band Salt Petal on Feb. 19; and Origination: A Festival of Native Cultures celebrating the arts of France and Native Arizona on March 26.

Presenting Sponsor: Nationwide

Signature Sponsor: Renewal by Andersen

Supporting Sponsor: Wag N'Wash

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**A Night in Berlin: Max Raabe & Palast Orchester**

Sunday, April 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$49, \$59, \$79

Slick, nostalgic and unmistakably modern, Max Raabe & Palast Orchester are internationally renowned for entertainment at its best, channeling the high style and musical glory of the Weimar-era big band with uncanny precision, drama and humor. Raabe's drily witty concert announcements provide a whimsical counterpoint and a main attraction in the show. Dashing, dapper and debonair, he might have walked straight out of the Golden Age of Berlin in the 1920s. With his elegant poise, suave sophistication and silky-smooth baritone, Raabe brings to life the songs and style of that bygone age, including timeless tunes by legends like Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Fred Astaire.

Presenting Sponsor: Suzanne Diamond and Dimitri Haniotis

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**Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel**

**A Few of Your Favorite Things**

Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49

Returning for his 38th season in Scottsdale, acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel makes the joy of music accessible to audiences of all ages. His brilliantly engaging concerts with commentary combine captivating remarks with world-class performances of masterpieces of the piano repertoire – and conclude with a fast-paced Q-and-A session.

*A Few of Your Favorite Things* highlights treasured works of the vast piano repertoire selected by the audience.

Concert may feature Keyboard in the Sky™ video-display technology.

Presenting Sponsor: Joan and David Goldfarb

Classical music concerts at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts are also supported in part by the Dayton Fowler Grafman Endowment for Classical Music.

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**San Francisco Opera: Grand Opera Cinema Series**

**The Magic Flute by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

General Admission: \$12

Screened in glorious HD, the Grand Opera Cinema Series features recent productions of the world-renowned San Francisco Opera.

Filled with ritual and symbolism, Mozart's final masterpiece is a playful but profound look at man's search for love and his struggle to attain wisdom and virtue. From the virtuosic arias of the Queen of the Night to the folksong-like melodies of the bird catcher Papageno, the full range of Mozart's miraculous talent is on display in this magical fairy-tale opera. Donald Runnicles conducts an enchanting cast headed by soprano Dina Kuznetsova and the lauded lyric tenor Piotr Beczala.

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**ASU Concerts at the Center**

**Singing is Believing**

Monday, April 10, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

General Admission: \$10 (Free for Students, Teachers and Veterans)

Combining performances with commentary from the stage, this concert series showcases the talented faculty and students of the Arizona State University Herberger Institute School of Music.

Directed by Jason Thompson and Brian DeMaris, this ASU vocal music showcase features gospel music, opera selections from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and musical selections from *Shrek The Musical* by Tesori and Lindsay-Abaire. (Appropriate for all ages.)

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### Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

Thursday, April 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15, 2017, 8 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$39, \$49, \$69

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's bold vision – top global choreographers, distinctive groundbreaking repertoire and virtuoso dancers – has fostered a jewel of a dance company in the American West. The company's pioneering spirit arises from a dual set of home cities: Aspen, nestled in the Rocky Mountains, and Santa Fe, gracing the southwestern plateau. Shaping the cultural landscape of these communities – and influencing the dance field at large – is a contemporary ballet company now two decades old. A deep commitment to curating new ballets while cultivating choreographic talent has resulted in a catalog of adventurous repertoire. A European sensibility glossed with American ebullience forges ASFB's aesthetic, as the company has come to epitomize the contemporary-classical genre.

The company's program includes *Silent Ghost* (2015) by Alejandro Cerrudo, the resident choreographer of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

Signature Sponsor: Jamie Kapner M.D.

Supporting Sponsor: New England Foundation for the Arts

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### Talk Cinema

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

General Admission: \$17

Mixing Hollywood flair with the element of surprise, Talk Cinema offers sneak previews of new independent and foreign films. Audiences arrive at the theater not knowing in advance what will be screened and are among the first to see a new movie and then engage in a critical discussion led by film scholars and special guests – destined to start conversations before the films ever come out!

Films are personally selected by Talk Cinema founder Harlan Jacobson, the nationally recognized film critic whose signature guarantees quality selections from Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and other internationally ranked film festivals. The selection may be an award-winning drama, an outrageous indie comedy, a provocative documentary or the next breakout hit. (Last season, four of the eight films screened as part of Talk Cinema Scottsdale were nominated for Academy Awards!)

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### SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its dynamic partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational and outreach opportunities for the community, while fostering the active engagement of individuals, businesses, education and government with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has

grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through three acclaimed operating divisions – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) and Scottsdale Public Art – serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

### **SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Since 1975, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts has provided a stage for a wide range of voices and perspectives, creating shared, inspiring experiences for the community that celebrate artistic excellence and cultural awareness. Today one of the premier performing-arts halls in the western United States, the Center presents a diverse season of dance, music, theater, comedy and film from around the world.

### **LOCATION AND PARKING**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is located at 7380 E. Second St. in downtown Scottsdale. Free parking is available in the public parking garage located to the west of Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Wells Fargo Avenue. Additional free parking is available at the Old Town Parking Corral at East Second Street and Brown Avenue and at the Civic Center Library parking garage located on Drinkwater Boulevard at East Second Street.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts offers performance accommodations to enhance audience members' experience, including: American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation or live audio description with two weeks advance notice. Assistive-listening devices and wheelchair seating are also available. Visit [www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/accessibility/](http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/accessibility/) or contact the Patron Services Box Office at 480-499-TKTS (8587) [TDD: 480-874-4694] for further details. Please inquire about services when ordering tickets.

### **TICKET DISCOUNTS**

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts offers a variety of ticket discounts for members at the Duet level and above, groups of 10 or more and those purchasing packages to four or more events in one order. The Center provides free tickets to selected events for eligible students, teachers and active-duty military and veterans, and 50-percent off tickets to selected events for patrons 29 and under. Visit [www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/tickets-discounts/](http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/tickets-discounts/) or call 480-499-TKTS (8587) for more information.

### **THE STORE**

The award-winning Store at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts supports the mission and diverse programs of the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts. The Store's unique selection of merchandise includes artist-made jewelry, stylish furnishings for home and office, unique creations by Arizona artists, fair-trade and upcycled/recycled global crafts, music, books, greeting cards and imaginative toys. Purchases are tax-free, and members receive a 10-percent discount. Gift-wrapping and shipping are also available. The Store is open seven days a week: Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.; and throughout most evening events. Phone: 480-874-4644.

### **HOW TO REACH US**

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