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CHILL OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE ARIZONA BANDS AT SCOTTSDALE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Whiskey Kiss (photo by E. Brien Thompson)

**Live & Local Fridays
July 28 – August 25
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Returning by popular demand, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts' Live & Local Fridays summer concert series will open on July 28 with a performance by the Latin blues band Los Morenos in the Virginia G. Piper Theater, and with the experimental jazz quartet House of Stairs in Stage 2.

The expanded Live & Local Fridays lineup will showcase 10 Arizona groups spanning Americana, blues, flamenco, jazz, Latin and pop on Friday evenings through Aug. 25. For the first time, the series will be presented in both of the Center's indoor venues, with larger bands performing in the Virginia G. Piper Theater at 8 p.m. and smaller ensembles in the more intimate Stage 2 at 8:30 p.m. In addition to Los Morenos on July 28, mainstage concerts in the Virginia G. Piper Theater will feature Whiskey Kiss on Aug. 4, Kabarett on Aug. 11, Inspiracion Flamenca on Aug. 18 and Marmalade Skies on Aug. 25.

Following House of Stairs on July 28, Stage 2 concerts will include Chuck Hall "Rewired!" on Aug. 4, Odd Man Out on Aug. 11, Jan Sandwich Presents: Remembering Debbie Reynolds on Aug. 18 and 76th Street on Aug. 25.

Stage 2 shows are general admission and offer both table and theater seating options. The Virginia G. Piper Theater has reserved seating. Audiences are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy cocktails and tasty bites from the Encore Bar.

Next door, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) offers free admission from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays. The Museum's summer exhibitions include the immersive installation *Ocean of Light: Submergence* by the U.K.-based arts collective Squidsoup; *[dis]functional: Products of Conceptual Design*, exploring the relationship between art and design; and *I'm Sorry But It's Hard to Imagine*, juxtaposing works from SMoCA's collection with one of Nam June Paik's iconic TV sculptures.

Known for its creative and eclectic gifts, the Center's award-winning Store and Shop@SMoCA also will be open during Live & Local Fridays, offering summer specials and 10 percent off purchases.

Advance tickets for Live & Local Fridays concerts start at \$12 through www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org or 480-499-TKTS (8587). Tickets start at \$15 on the day of the event. Each concert is ticketed separately.

Live & Local Fridays is made possible by Presenting Sponsor Phoenix New Times.

2017 LIVE & LOCAL FRIDAYS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Los Morenos – 8 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Theater

Latin blues, cumbia and original tunes featuring Arizona Blues Hall of Famer Mario Moreno and his four-piece band

House of Stairs – 8:30 p.m. in Stage 2

Inspired by the art of M.C. Escher, a quartet of multidimensional jazz musicians mixing elements of pop and progressive soul with electronic instruments

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Whiskey Kiss – 8 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Theater

Retro revamped roots rock with a classic vintage backbone and modern edgy kicks

Chuck Hall "Rewired!" – 8:30 p.m. in Stage 2

An intimate acoustic evening with songs and stories from this legendary Arizona blues man

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Kabarett – 8 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Theater

A multimedia showcase featuring all-new arrangements of French and German theater songs, classic film scores, off-beat pop and originals

Odd Man Out – 8:30 p.m. in Stage 2

Funky jazz and swing with a mix of calypso, Latin and New Orleans boogaloo (Ted Sistrunk, bass; Mike Ozuna, guitar; Jacob Eary, drums)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Inspiracion Flamenca – 8 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Theater

Led by dancer Julia Chacon, an authentic, powerful flamenco experience with beautiful costumes, fiery footwork, intricate guitar and soul-stirring vocals

Jan Sandwich Presents: Remembering Debbie Reynolds – 8:30 p.m. in Stage 2

A musical salute to “America’s Sweetheart” with vocalist Jan Sandwich and pianist Nicole Pesce

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Marmalade Skies – 8 p.m. in the Virginia G. Piper Theater

A seven-piece band paying tribute to the most influential rock act of the 1960s – The Beatles!

76th Street – 8:30 p.m. in Stage 2

The emerging singer-songwriter power duo with Haley Gold on keys and Spencer Bryant on acoustic guitar

SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement 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 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 artists and genres, 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 music, dance, 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/ or contact the Member and 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 Scottsdale Arts members at the Friends 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/ 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.

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