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SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
November 2017 EVENTS



Rita Rudner

Virginia G. Piper Concert Series
Moscow State Symphony Orchestra
Conductor Pavel Kogen
Featuring Piano Soloist Dmitry Masleev, Gold Medal Winner of the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition

Saturday, November 4, 8 p.m.

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

\$109 (M \$101) / \$99 / \$69

Under the leadership of Music Director and Chief Conductor Pavel Kogan, the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra has become renowned around the globe for its artistic excellence, imaginative programming and community engagement. With a proud history of collaborating with eminent conductors and soloists, the MSSO performs 100 concerts annually throughout Russia and regularly tours overseas.

This distinguished orchestra showcases an all-Russian program, which features the winner of the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition, Dmitry Masleev, performing an audience favorite: Tchaikovsky's brilliant Piano Concerto No. 1.

Program:

Rachmaninoff: The Rock, a symphonic poem

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1

Sibelius: Symphony No. 2

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

The Okee Dokee Brothers

Sunday, November 5, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

\$19 (M \$11) / \$9

The Grammy Award-winning duo of Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander records and performs family music with a goal to inspire children and their parents to get outside and experience nature. They have been exploring the outdoors together since they were kids. Now, as the Okee Dokee Brothers, they have put their passion for the outdoors at the heart of their musical collaborations. They believe this can motivate kids to gain a greater respect for the natural world, their communities and themselves.

The two-time Parents' Choice Award winners have garnered praise from the likes of NPR's *All Things Considered* and *USA Today*, and have been called "two of family music's best songwriters." The Okee Dokee Brothers make room for kids to dance, for parents to share stories and for everyone to gain respect for nature, each other and the world we live in.

Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Orchestra: Eddie at 80

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m.

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

\$59 (M \$51) / \$49 / \$39 (Free for students, teachers and veterans; 50 percent off for patrons 29 and under)

One of the finest pianists of the past 60 years, Eddie Palmieri has earned multiple Grammy Awards as a bandleader, arranger and composer of salsa and Latin jazz. His playing skillfully fuses the rhythm of his Puerto Rican heritage with the complexity of his jazz influences: Thelonious Monk, Herbie Hancock and McCoy Tyner, as well as his older brother, Charlie Palmieri. A true powerhouse of brilliance, known for his astute arranging

skills and historic compositions, Palmieri has shown that time is infinite with respect to his repertoire as he continues to thrill audiences throughout the world with his legendary style.

Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott

Friday, November 10, 8 p.m.

Orpheum Theatre, Phoenix

SOLD OUT

Performing together since 1984, world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Kathryn Stott share the stage for this extraordinary concert.

This performance marks Yo-Yo Ma's return to Phoenix after a five-year hiatus. His multi-faceted career is a testament to his continual search for new ways to communicate with audiences, and to his personal desire for artistic growth and renewal. His discography includes more than 100 albums, with 18 Grammy Award winners. Among his many other honors are the Avery Fisher Prize, the National Medal of Arts, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Kennedy Center Honors.

A regular visitor to international festivals both as soloist and chamber musician, pianist Kathryn Stott has performed around the world since 1978, when she was a prize winner in the Leeds International Piano Competition.

Program:

Stravinsky: Suite Italienne

Prokofiev: Sonata in C Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 119

Rachmaninoff: Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 19

Rita Rudner

Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m.

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

\$79 (m \$71) / \$59 / \$49

Comedian Rita Rudner has charmed her way into the hearts of millions with her witty stand-up routines, sold-out tours, best-selling books and many appearances on HBO and late-night television. She also has become one of the most popular performers in Las Vegas, where she holds the record for the city's longest-running one-person comedy show. She brings her unique brand of soft-spoken humor to Scottsdale for this very special engagement.

Supporting Sponsor: The Saguaro Hotel

David Sedaris

Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m.

Orpheum Theatre, Phoenix

\$69 / \$59 / \$49 / \$29

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor

writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* and *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*, each of which became an immediate best-seller. Sedaris' new book is a compilation of his diaries titled *Theft by Finding: Diaries (1977–2002)*. His next book is *David Sedaris Diaries: A Visual Compendium* (October 2017, Little, Brown and Company).

Returning to the Valley by popular demand, Sedaris reads some of his latest works and answers questions from the audience, followed by a book signing.

ASU Concerts @ The Center

Big Band Matinee

Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m.

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

General admission: \$10 (Free for students, teachers and veterans; 50 percent off for patrons 29 and under)

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.

A longtime favorite of Valley audiences, the ASU Concert Jazz Band performs choice selections spanning the history of big band music and beyond.

The Capitol Steps

Friday, November 24, 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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

\$69 (M \$61) / \$59 / \$49

Returning for their annual Thanksgiving pilgrimage to Scottsdale, The Capitol Steps plan to bring down the House ... and Senate ... with their blend of sharp political satire set to popular music. The irreverent D.C.-based troupe pokes fun at all sides of the issues, from left to right, with fresh, up-to-the-minute material inspired by the latest headlines, scandals and more. The Steps' performances include songs from their latest album and possible "guest appearances" by many of your favorite (or least-favorite, as the case may be) celebrity politicians.

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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