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MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

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## Arizona Instrument Makers Display Updated

*Discover masterpieces from throughout the state*

MIM recently updated its Arizona Instrument Makers display in the [United States / Canada Gallery](#). When guests first enter the gallery from El Río, they will see the relocated display, which now features a wider spectrum of instrument makers from throughout Arizona, representing string instruments, drums, wind instruments, and more.

Contrasting old and new traditions, the Arizona Instrument Makers display includes Native American instruments, such as an Apache fiddle, and experimental innovations, such as the *violira* (bowed lute). Many of the instruments incorporate natural materials found in the Arizona landscape and decorations emblematic of the Southwest.

Next to the Arizona Instrument Makers display, guests can see a beautiful jumbo acoustic guitar generously donated by local luthier Jason Kostal. The guitar features spectacular “tonewoods” and numerous signature artistic details. A frequent visitor to MIM, Kostal has earned an international reputation for his handcrafted guitars, with new customers waiting many years to obtain a treasure from his shop in Queen Creek, Arizona.

“Arizona is home to many talented instrument makers, and the new display better reflects the state’s special combination of preserved native traditions with more contemporary, individual expressions,” says Richard Walter, PhD, MIM’s curator for United States / Canada and Europe. “The instruments, themselves, help illustrate the identities of Arizona’s people.”

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### MIMKIDS JUNIOR MUSEUM GUIDES

Saturdays, October 28 and November 4, 11 & 18  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

\$40 per session (four classes)

*Scholarships are available!*

Join our Junior Museum Guide Program! Students will learn about cultures from around the world, participate in music making, and discover the wide world of music. Junior guides will train to lead tours while exploring MIM’s unique galleries and exhibits. Participants who complete all four classes will have the opportunity to lead tours during Experience Scandinavia on December 2–3. This session will focus on Europe.

## New Concerts on Sale October 12\*

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*Classical*

**ARIZONA DISTRICT OF THE METROPOLITAN  
OPERA NATIONAL COUNCIL AUDITIONS**

Saturday, November 4

10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Free

The finest young opera singers of the region compete to advance to the next round of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.



*Global*

**DAKHABRAKHA**

Friday, November 10

7:30 p.m.

\$33.50–\$43.50

“The group mixes everything from punk-pop to traditional Ukrainian songs in cool yet beguiling textures, often with the close harmonies usually associated with Balkan music. But it’s really the live shows that take DakhaBrakha beyond mere curiosity to utter brilliance.”  
—NPR



*Singer-Songwriter*

**MELISSA MANCHESTER**

Saturday, November 25

7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$48.50

Grammy Award–winning singer-songwriter who captivates audiences with her sultry, smoky vocals



*Piano*

**NACHITO HERRERA PRESENTS “GERSHWIN  
MEETS LECUONA”**

Saturday, December 2

7:30 p.m.

\$38.50–\$45.50

Among Cuba’s greatest living musicians, Herrera bridges the piano music of Geroge Gershwin with Ernesto Lecuona.



*Guitar*

**MAKANA**

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m.

\$35.50–\$40.50

“Makana provided a textbook illustration of slack-key style. . . . Dazzling.”

—*New York Times*



*Rock*

**ALAN DOYLE**

With Special Guest **Donovan Woods**

Sunday, January 21, 2018

7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$48.50

Iconic Newfoundland singer-songwriter, best-selling author, actor, and recent recipient of the Order of Canada, Doyle infuses rock with Canadian folk sensibilities.

\*Tickets will go on sale to members who give \$250+ annually on Tuesday, October 10 at noon. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. **Members** who give \$500+ annually receive 10% off concert tickets.



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