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SCOTTSDALE ARTS PRESENTS THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER



The Manhattan Transfer

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — One of the most innovative vocal groups in the history of popular music, The Manhattan Transfer brings its harmonic jazz stylings to the Valley on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m., at the Celebrity Theatre in Phoenix. The one-night-only performance is part of Scottsdale Arts' new Scottsdale Arts Presents series, which showcases artists and programs at venues beyond the downtown Scottsdale campus.

The Manhattan Transfer's longevity is no accident. The release of its self-titled debut album in 1975 marked the beginning of a constant stream of hit songs that would find an enthusiastic audience worldwide for more than 40 years, from its first, the remake of the Friendly Brothers gospel classic, "Operator," to the Weather Report song "Birdland," which would become the group's anthem and earn its first two Grammy® Awards.

Among the group's many other hits are "Route 66," "Boy From New York City" and "Chanson D'Amour." The group has achieved worldwide sales in the millions, Grammy Awards by the dozen and countless sold-out international tours.

As "Operator" rose up the charts, The Manhattan Transfer was invited to appear on various variety shows and television specials. Soon, it was tapped for a weekly hour-long summer replacement comedy-variety show, which premiered in August 1975, and allowed the group to do such innovative things as feature Bob Marley and the Wailers in their first U.S. TV appearance.

In 1981, they became the first group ever to win Grammys in both Pop and Jazz categories in the same year – Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal for "Boy From New York City," and Best Jazz Performance, Duo or Group for "Until I Met You (Corner Pocket)." In 1982 and 1983 the group won consecutive Grammys in the Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Duo or Group category for, respectively, "Route 66" and "Why Not!"

Critical praise and commercial success continued for the group, including 12 Grammy nominations for the album *Vocalese*, worldwide sales in the millions and numerous sold-out world tours. Two albums, *Coming Out* and *Pastiche*, brought a string of Top 10 hits in Europe and produced a No. 1 smash in Britain and France with "Chanson d'Amour."

In the 1990s, the group wrote and performed more original material, and tackled seasonal standards (*The Christmas Album* arranged by Johnny Mandel) children's music (*The Manhattan Transfer Meets Tubby the Tuba*), 1950s & 1960s popular music (*Tonin'*), and different genres of swing music (*Swing*).

Over the years, they have worked with an impressive roster of talent, including Tony Bennett, Bette Midler, Smokey Robinson, Laura Nyro, Phil Collins, B.B. King, Chaka Khan, James Taylor and Frankie Valli.

In the new millennium, The Manhattan Transfer recorded a tribute to the music of Louis Armstrong, made a second foray into Christmas music and released *The Chick Corea Songbook*, among other musical endeavors.

Celebrity Theatre

Tickets: \$79 / \$59 / \$49 / \$39

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

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