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## SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

Highlights include the Scottsdale International Film Festival, R&B legend Roberta Flack, flamenco guitarist Tomatito, the world-class Warsaw Philharmonic, The Havana Cuba All-Stars, best-selling author Garrison Keillor, Grammy-winning musician Bruce Hornsby, Broadway stars Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, The Capitol Steps' take on Trump vs. Hillary, and much more!

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OCTOBER 2016

ASU Concerts at the Center

Seduction and the Hand of Fate: Adams and Tchaikovsky

Monday, October 3, 2016, 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.

Introducing Dr. Jeffery Meyer, the new director of orchestras at the ASU School of Music, *Seduction and the Hand of Fate* features the ASU Symphony Orchestra performing John Adams' *The Chairman Dances*, a fanciful portrayal of the youthful Mao Tse Tung dancing the foxtrot with his mistress and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, a dramatic depiction of the transformation of fate. (Appropriate for all ages.)

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Scottsdale International Film Festival October 6–10, 2016

The Scottsdale International Film Festival is an annual five-day destination event that connects audiences with award-winning cinema from around the globe. Among the diverse offerings are acclaimed dramas, thrillers, comedies, documentaries, kid-friendly flicks and more.

The complete schedule of films, tickets and VIP passes will be available Sept. 6 through [www.ScottsdaleFilmFestival.com](http://www.ScottsdaleFilmFestival.com).

### Opening Night Party and Film

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Reception: 6 p.m.

Film Screening: 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$39 (reserved seating)

The Scottsdale International Film Festival kicks off on Thursday, Oct. 6, at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Daytime programming includes screenings of animated short films for children and documentaries. The opening celebration that evening features a party with live music, food and cocktails, followed by the screening of *Denial*, the dramatic story about a vital battle for historical truth starring Academy Award winner Rachel Weisz, in the Center's Virginia G. Piper Theater. True-life heroine of the film Deborah E. Lipstadt will join for a live Skype discussion after the screening.

### Screenings

Friday – Monday, October 7–10, 2016

Harkins Shea 14 Theatre, Scottsdale

Tickets: On sale September 6, 2016 (general admission)

Following the opening at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, the Scottsdale International Film Festival returns to its longtime home, Harkins Shea 14 Theatre in Scottsdale, for four days and nights of screenings.

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### Roberta Flack

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 8 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$59, \$69, \$89

Internationally hailed as one of the greatest songstresses of our time, Grammy Award winner Roberta Flack remains unparalleled in her ability to tell a story through her music. Her songs bring insight into our lives, loves, culture and politics, while effortlessly traversing a broad musical landscape from pop to soul to folk to jazz. With a string of hits, including "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," "Killing Me Softly with his Song" and "Where Is the Love," an unforgettable duet with Donny Hathaway, Flack has built an incomparable

musical legacy. She has received a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and was featured in VH1's *100 Greatest Love Songs* and *100 Greatest Women of Rock 'n' Roll* television events.

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### **Piaf! The Show**

**Performed by Anne Carrere**

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 8 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$29, \$49, \$69

Starring acclaimed vocalist Anne Carrere, Piaf! The Show celebrates the centennial of legendary French actress and singer Edith Piaf (1915-1963), one of the 20th century's greatest performers. It tells the amazing story of Piaf's life and career through classic French music and never-before-seen photos. This unique audio-visual experience takes the audience on an unforgettable journey through the streets of Paris during the time of "La Vie en rose." Featuring the talents of Carrere and a quartet of musicians on piano, percussion, accordion and double bass, Piaf! The Show has become a worldwide success, packing theaters and earning rave reviews.

Part of the 2016–17 Discovery France Series

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### **Tomatito**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Hailed as one of the best guitarists in the world, José Fernández Torres, better known as Tomatito, is a living legend of the glories of the flamenco guitar. He has presented his art the world over, from New York to Moscow, from the Middle East to Hong Kong, and influenced a generation of young guitarists. Tomatito has collaborated with performers such as Elton John and Frank Sinatra and earned multiple Latin Grammy Awards. His latest album, *Soy Flamenco*, presents an elegant and mature musician at the height of his art.

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## **NOVEMBER 2016**

### **Warsaw Philharmonic**

**Jacek Kaspszyk, Conductor**

**Featuring 2015 Chopin International Piano Competition Winner Seong-Jin Cho**

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$69, \$79, \$99

For more than 100 years, the Warsaw Philharmonic has been one of Poland's most distinguished musical institutions. It has to its credit more than 140 tours on five continents, and has appeared in almost every major concert hall, where it has been warmly received by audiences and praised by music critics for its excellent and dynamic performances.

Joining the orchestra on tour will be 2015 Chopin International Piano Competition winner Seong-Jin Cho. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Mr. Cho has rapidly embarked on a world-class career. After having collected prizes at the prestigious Tchaikovsky competition, Moscow International Chopin Competition and Hamamatsu International Competition (Japan) as its youngest first-prize winner, Mr. Cho now has the full attention of the international music scene, signaled by a best-selling Deutsche Grammophon international CD release of his Warsaw Chopin Competition performances.

This is the Warsaw Philharmonic's fourth U.S. national tour and the first with Music and Artistic Director Jacek Kaspszyk, who was appointed in 2013.

### **Program**

Weinberg: Polish Melodies No. 2, Op. 47

Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11 (Seong-Jin Cho, Piano Soloist)  
Brahms: Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73

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### Noa

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 8 p.m.  
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater  
Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49

Known worldwide as Noa, Achinoam Nini is Israel's leading international singer-songwriter. She has shared the stage with superstars such as Sting, Pat Metheny, Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder and Andrea Bocelli, among many others, and together with her longstanding collaborator Gil Dor, has released more than 15 albums. Noa sings in six languages, has collaborated with symphony orchestras around the globe, and performed in the world's most prestigious venues, including the White House and Vatican. She also wrote lyrics to and recorded the hugely successful theme song for the Academy Award-winning Italian film *La Vita e Bella (Life is Beautiful)*.

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### The Havana Cuba All-Stars

#### Performing *Cuban Nights*

Friday, November 11, 2016, 8 p.m.  
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater  
Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$59

Embarking on its debut tour of the United States and Canada, the Havana Cuba All-Stars are an exhilarating band comprised of Cuba's greatest and most prominent musicians, who are devoted to promoting the rich tapestry of Cuban music. Staying true to an acoustic base, they have developed a fresh sound with inventive songwriting, preserving the traditions of Cuban music with its diverse influences from Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. The program *Cuban Nights* draws inspiration from the rhythms of Cuban *son*.

Supporting Sponsor: Piper Jaffray

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### ASU Concerts at the Center

#### Big Band Night

Monday, November 14, 2016, 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 Mike Kocour, the ASU Concert Jazz Band performs vintage selections spanning the history of big band music. (Appropriate for all ages.)

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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, February 7, 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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### **An Evening with Garrison Keillor**

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$59, \$69, \$89 (SOLD OUT)

Offering insight and anecdotes from his journey as one of America's greatest storytellers, Garrison Keillor captivates audiences with his unique blend of comedy, charisma and wisdom. The prolific writer and humorist is best known for his popular live radio variety show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, and his many best-selling books. With Grammy, ACE, and George Foster Peabody awards, Keillor has also been honored with the National Humanities Medal, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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### **An Evening with Bruce Hornsby**

Friday, November 18, 2016, 8 p.m.

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

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

Bruce Hornsby's work displays a creative iconoclasm that has been a constant in the artist's three-decade recording career. His commercial stock soared early on, when "The Way It Is" – the title track of his 1986 debut album – became one of the most popular songs on American radio, and he earned the Grammy Award for "Best New Artist." Despite his early mainstream successes, Hornsby has pursued a more personal, idiosyncratic musical path, focusing on projects that sparked his creative interest, including collaborations with the Grateful Dead, Spike Lee, Ricky Skaggs, Don Henley, Ornette Coleman, Bob Dylan, Bela Fleck, Bonnie Raitt, Pat Metheny and Robbie Robertson.

This special solo performance by Hornsby will offer a glimpse of a restless spirit who continues to push forward into exciting new musical terrain.

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### **Adam & Anthony Live: Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RENT**

Saturday, November 19, 2016, 8 p.m.

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

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

Touring together for the first time, Broadway stars Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp perform songs from their solo albums and amazing careers. The concert includes clever new arrangements of Jonathon Larson's timeless tunes from the iconic, groundbreaking Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play *RENT*, where the two met as original cast members.

Signature Sponsor: Linda and Sherman Saperstein

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## Virginia G. Piper Concert Series: The Tempest Trio

Alon Goldstein, piano

Ilya Kaler, violin

Amit Peled, cello

Sunday, November 20, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Combining technical mastery, expressive depth and performance experience, pianist Alon Goldstein, violinist Ilya Kaler and cellist Amit Peled have joined forces to form one of the most exciting trios on the international scene. Each virtuoso member of the ensemble has a successful solo career, and together they bring vitality to the concert stage with their dynamic musical interplay and collaborative spirit. The Trio has been recently compared by critics to the legendary "Million Dollar Trio" of Arthur Rubinstein, Gregor Piatigorsky and Jascha Heifetz.

The Tempest Trio has performed in cities throughout the United States, Europe, Israel and Asia, and has been known to share with the public unique and exotic programs of trios ranging from the standard repertoire to newly commissioned pieces as well as lesser-known repertoire.

### Program

Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 49

Bernstein: Piano Trio

Dvorak: Piano Trio No. 4 in E minor, Op. 90 ("Dumky")

Series Sponsor: Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

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## The Capitol Steps: What to Expect When You're Electing

Friday, November 25, 2016, 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, 2016, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$49, \$59, \$69

Move over CNN, Fox News and MSNBC ... for the best election news and political analysis, The Capitol Steps trump them all! 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. Returning for their annual Thanksgiving pilgrimage to Scottsdale, the Steps will perform songs and skits from their new album, *What to Expect When You're Electing*, with possible "guest appearances" by Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Paul Ryan, Donald Trump and many more.

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## Small Business Saturday Artists Market

Saturday, November 26, 2016, Noon – 8 p.m.

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Dayton Fowler Grafman Atrium

Free Admission

Shop outside the box! Just in time for the holidays, the annual Small Business Saturday Artists Market showcases nearly 20 Arizona artists, who offer unique, hand-crafted gifts for sale, including artisan jewelry, ceramics, textiles, limited-edition prints, wearable art and more.

The award-winning stores at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) will be open throughout Small Business Saturday and offer more selections of one-of-a-kind artist-made jewelry along with imaginative toys, inspiring recycled/upcycled objects from around the world, furnishings for home and office, and music, books, and greeting cards. Shoppers will also enjoy 10-percent off holiday cards and a free raffle that day. Gift-wrapping and shipping are also available. More information is available at 480-874-4644.

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**Virginia G. Piper Concert Series: Hélène Grimaud, piano**

Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$29, \$59, \$79

Celebrated for her musical, environmental and literary achievements, French pianist Hélène Grimaud performs a selection of works exploring the theme of water by nine composers.

**Program**

Berio: Wasserklavier

Takemitsu: Rain Tree Sketch II

Fauré: Barcarolle No. 5

Ravel: Jeux d'eaux

Albeniz: Almeria

Liszt: Les jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este

Janacek: In the Mists, I

Debussy: La cathédrale engloutie

Brahms: Sonata No. 2

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**SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Since opening in 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. More than 1,000 indoor and outdoor performances, educational programs, festivals and other events are presented and hosted by the Center annually, serving approximately 250,000 participants. Events take place in the state-of-the-art, 853-seat Virginia G. Piper Theater, recognized for its intimacy, acoustics and comfort, as well as the 137-seat Stage 2 and neighboring 1,800-capacity Scottsdale Civic Center Amphitheater. Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is located on Scottsdale Civic Center Park, a 21-acre urban oasis next to the city's Old Town and gallery districts.

The nonprofit Scottsdale Cultural Council is contracted by the City of Scottsdale, Ariz., to manage Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) and Scottsdale Public Art.

**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 Cultural Council. 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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