



Experience the Silk Road

Join us for our newest cultural celebration on January 14 and 15

Explore the Silk Road at MIM and engage your senses through music, as well as dance performances, a Silk Road–themed menu, and culture talks that span ancient cities of Asia through the Middle East.

Listen and learn from MIM curator Colin Pearson as he reveals the surprising variety of music, instruments, and ideas that were exchanged along the Silk Road. Make your own rattle drum, receive beautiful (and temporary) henna body art, and have your picture taken at MIM's photo booth.

Learn the classical *bharata-nāṭyam* style of dance while witnessing the grace of these mesmerizing routines as performed by students from the Sampradaya Dance of India.

Indulge in the ancient sounds of the Hindu Kush mountains with a performance by the international *rabab* artist Qais Essar, accompanied by celebrated *tabla* artist Prafulla Athalye.

You might also enjoy a Chinese classical music performance by the Phoenix Chinese Arts Ensemble, featuring traditional Chinese instruments such as the *dizi*, *xiao*, *erhu*, *banhu*, *pipa*, *guzheng*, and *gu*.

Take your taste buds on a journey and enjoy traditional dishes from the Silk Road at [Café Allegro](#). Don't forget to shop the [Museum Store](#) for a colorful selection of fairly traded crafts and more.

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CONCERT ALERT!

January 5
[Extreme Acoustic Guitar](#)

January 6
[Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 1960s and Beyond](#)

January 7
[Bryan Sutton Band with Molly Tuttle](#)

January 8
[Dar Williams: Return to Mortal City](#)

January 10
[John Paul White](#)

January 11
[Dave Alvin and Jimmie Dale Gilmore](#)

January 12

Finally, enjoy a unique collaboration by all of the day's artists as they close out the festivities.

[Experience the Silk Road](#) activities are included with paid museum admission and free for [members](#).

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[Rob Kapilow: What Makes It Great?® Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik](#)

January 13
[Martin Sexton](#)

January 14
[Andy McKee](#)

January 15
[Matt Haimovitz: The Bach Suites – Overtures to Bach](#)

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Inspiration by Way of MIM Exhibition

Dragons and Vines evokes glowing reviews and strong emotions

In November 2016, MIM opened its newest special exhibition. [Dragons and Vines: Inlaid Guitar Masterpieces](#) highlights an extraordinary collection of instruments featuring stunning inlay design. The exhibition shines a spotlight on an interconnected community of inspirational artists whose imaginings come to life in each instrument on display.

[MIM's mission](#), in part, is to show how humans innovate, adapt, and learn from others to create music. *Dragons and Vines* reflects how the

Resolve to Make 2017 More Musical

Come together over music at MIM

As another year has now drawn to a close, the seasonal practice of creating New Year's resolutions has begun. Familiar pledges such as to "eat healthier" or "be more active" are popular, but they do little to create feelings of community and inclusion.

At MIM, we believe music brings people together. It is a form of communication that bridges differences in language. As part of an audience, you are bonded by the sounds you hear and the feelings they inspire. As you tour our galleries or attend a performance, remember the music,

innovators behind this spectacular collection of guitars and other musical instruments achieved greatness by generously sharing resources, exchanging knowledge, and inspiring each other. Together, they transformed dreams into tangible, musical works of art. Both visually stunning and evocative, *Dragons and Vines* validates the power of unity and collaboration.

Since MIM is the only museum in the world to showcase this never-before-seen exhibition, be sure to make *Dragons and Vines* part of your next visit and prepare to be inspired!

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instruments, and cultures you encounter are meant to be a shared experience. Usher in the new year by fostering community and openness through culture's original medium. Come together over music at MIM.



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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [Davina and the Vagabonds](#) on Wednesday, March 8; [An](#)

[Evening with Kasey Chambers](#) on Sunday, March 12; [Jon McLaughlin: The Indiana Tour 2017](#) on Saturday, April 8. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, January 3, and can be purchased in person, by phone, or through MIM's [member portal](#). Tickets will go on sale to the public starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, when they can be purchased in person at MIM, by calling 480.478.6000, or online at [MIM.org](#). *Circle of Friends* members who give \$500+ annually are eligible for 10 percent off concert tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Become a Volunteer Museum Guide](#)

Apply by Sunday, January 8

Are you interested in learning more about MIM's collections? Wouldn't you love to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others? MIM seeks passionate lifelong learners to be volunteer museum guides and provide guided tours for scheduled school, youth, and adult groups. Museum guides encourage guests to forge their own connections to the museum's collections and stories. Tours explore topics such as music, history, science, geography, music education, and more. You don't need a musical background to apply—training covers everything a guide needs to know.



[Professional Development Session: Build Early Skills Through Music](#)

Saturday, January 14
10:00 a.m.–noon

Free for educators

Designed for educators working with preK–2nd grade

Music is a powerful tool to be harnessed at any age. Early childhood (from birth through age 8) educators will learn how to engage students in observation, discussion, and play through music. Participants will receive a set of developmentally appropriate lesson plans inspired by MIM's collection. Activities will support early childhood language, physical, and cognitive growth.



[MIMkids Musical Adventures](#)

Saturday, January 14
1:30–2:30 p.m.

\$12 each or 3 for \$30

Pick up your MIMkids Passport and embark on a musical journey with MIMkids Musical Adventures, an educational program designed for kids aged 6–10. This session will focus on Latin jazz and participants will make bongos.



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