



Grant Fuels MIM Growth!

MIM receives Piper Trust grant to build more space for young children

MIM is proud to have recently been awarded a \$150,000 grant by the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to build additional museum space for young children to explore and interact with musical instruments.

Our current Experience Gallery occupies 2,500 square feet of space and invites guests of all ages to touch, play, and hear a changing array of musical instruments from many different cultures. The new space will allow children from kindergarten to second grade to have a space of their own with age-appropriate instruments and physical design.

The 1,400-square-foot annex will be repurposed from an existing space adjacent to the current Experience Gallery. MIM will use the grant's funds to create a developmentally appropriate space that better supports the learning and basic needs of young children, from birth to age eight.

During field trips, the space will be used for musical story-time activities and guided drum circles. In the absence of field trips, the annex will offer geographically themed groupings of authentic musical instruments and regalia as well as video clips of instruments being played in their cultural contexts, making the additional space accessible and interactive for guests of any age.

Research today provides strong evidence that music has a significant impact on the cognitive and social-emotional development of all children, including those with disabilities. April Salomon, MIM's executive director, speaks for all of us at

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CONCERT ALERT!

TONIGHT & TOMORROW

January 16 & 17
[Ladysmith Black Mambazo](#)

January 18
[Eric Johnson: Solo and Acoustic](#)

January 19 & 20
[Steve Tyrell](#)

January 21
[David Bromberg](#)

January 22
[John Jorgenson Gypsy Jazz Quintet](#)

January 25
[MIM Musical Interludes Series featuring ASU Brass Faculty](#)

the museum: "We greatly appreciate Piper Trust's sharing in our vision to enrich the lives of children for generations to come."



January 26
[Legends of Guitar](#)
featuring [Anthony Mazzella](#)

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Hearts in Harmony

Couples seek out MIM as a special place to make memories

For many, the holiday season is synonymous with engagement season. In fact, nearly a third of marriage proposals occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Since MIM's inception, couples have turned to the museum as the special location in which to pop the question and as their wedding venue.

Sarah and Chris were one of the most recent couples to be wed at MIM. They had gone to the museum on several dates throughout their courtship. MIM was such an important part of their story that when Chris decided to propose, he knew where it had to be. Chris proposed to Sarah beside the Steinway piano at El Río (MIM's lobby), as delighted MIM guests watched. Sarah said "yes!" and the crowd of onlookers cheered. Less than a year later, they got married at the place most special to them: the Musical Instrument Museum. This is one of many stories that shows how music and MIM unite people. We cannot understate how honored we are to hold such a treasured place in the personal histories of many of our guests.

MIMspiration for Arizona High School Students

Students build their own instruments after touring MIM

We strive for all who walk through the doors to become inspired by what they see at MIM. This motivation comes in many forms for different people.

Students from the Saguaro High School in Scottsdale were emboldened to build musical instruments of their own after their visit to MIM. The educators at the high school saw the potential for many teachable moments and decided to create a whole new unit of learning. Many teachers teamed up to combine science, engineering, technology, art, and music together in a meaningful and magical way.

Since October, the young people worked on their instruments. They fashioned them out of many different materials, ranging from broken pieces of musical instruments to household recyclables. The end result was an invaluable learning experience and beautiful repurposed instruments—all of which are playable.



[Say "I do" at MIM](#)

On January 10, the students came back to MIM, proudly toting their playable works of art! During their tour of the museum, they made sure to visit one of their main sources of inspiration: the Recycled Orchestra exhibit.

Through our many youth tours, children and educators are positively impacted as they explore the world through music at MIM. We aim to increase the annual number of school tour participants, as MIM continues to find ways to bring excitement, joy, and wonder into the lives of others.



[Youth Tours at MIM](#)

Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [MIM and the Phoenix Symphony Present Mendelssohn, Finzi, and Cerrone](#) on Sunday, March 5; [DakhaBrakha](#) on Tuesday, March 14; [Charles Lloyd and the Marvels featuring Bill Frisell, Reuben Rogers, Eric Harland, and Greg Leisz](#) on Sunday, April 16. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, January 17, 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 19, 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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[Steve Tyrell](#)

Thursday, January 19
7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 20
7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$48.50

GRAMMY Award winner and Emmy nominee Steve Tyrell is truly a Renaissance man who is regarded as one of the finest interpreters of the Great American Songbook.

“Tyrell is one of the main contemporary purveyors of standards on the pop landscape.”—*Los Angeles Times*



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[MIMkids Musical Adventures](#)

Friday, January 20
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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[John Jorgenson Gypsy Jazz Quintet](#)

Sunday, January 22
7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$45.50

John Jorgenson returns with what is generally considered America’s best gypsy-jazz band.

“Jorgenson—a Gypsy jazz ambassador as well as one of the great country pickers.”—*Premier Guitar*



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