



## Introducing the Encore Gallery

*New space offers more interactive activities for children*

Many of us have picked up and played an instrument at some point in our lives. Maybe it was piano lessons in elementary school or the violin for a few years as a teen. But what about playing a djembe from West Africa? Or a concertina from Germany?

Last month MIM opened the Encore Gallery, a new space that allows guests to interact with instruments like these as well as others from all over the world, to school and youth tours. The gallery was designed with young children in mind to offer developmentally appropriate activities for early childhood learning.

Besides offering musical instruments to play, the space features many other important aspects for children including natural light, object labels mounted lower to read, open space, and materials for dramatic play such as scarves.

In 2016, we experienced a significant increase in school and youth [tours](#), with 58,000 participants visiting MIM. Our goal is to reach 100,000 participants by 2020 and the Encore Gallery will help facilitate that growing number by offering additional space for children and teachers to discover music through hands-on activities.

The Encore Gallery, built with the help of a \$150,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, is next to the [Experience Gallery](#), another interactive space where guests can play global instruments. While the Encore Gallery is currently dedicated to prekindergarten–2<sup>nd</sup> grade school tours, it may also be opened to the public on busy days and for special events.

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### CONCERT ALERT!

**TONIGHT**

March 13

[Niyaz with Azam Ali](#)

March 14

[DakhaBrakha](#)

March 14

[Béla Fleck and  
Abigail Washburn](#)

**SOLD OUT**

March 15, 16, & 17

[Judy Collins:  
“Sondheim and Hits”  
accompanied by  
Russell Walden](#)

March 18

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## MIM Collaborates with Museo de la Música Mexicana

*Partnership highlights global music with instruments and artifacts from MIM*

In December 2016, [Museo de la Música Mexicana](#) in Puebla, Mexico, opened with several instruments and artifacts from MIM's permanent collection as part of a newly formed partnership between the two museums.

The exhibits showcase world music from Africa, Latin America, and Asia. The variety of artifacts, instruments, videos, and photos from MIM are regionally focused, offering a wider glimpse into the cultures and music of those areas, while also celebrating the universality of music.

The space also includes video monitors, projectors displaying MIM's orientation film, and small identifiers at each display that trigger sound in an encased iPod that guests carry with them, along with headsets. MIM's team worked closely with the staff at Museo de la Música Mexicana to ensure the overall experience was similar to what guests have at MIM.

## The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

*Observe and touch instruments from MIM's collection up close*

MIM is excited to collaborate with the 2017 [Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival](#) to host a musical instrument petting zoo at the event on Saturday, April 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The musical instrument petting zoo will feature a variety of instruments from MIM's collection. Festival guests will be able to touch and become more familiar with the instruments while examining their details closely. The musical instrument petting zoo will also include coloring and activity sheets for young students.

The Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival celebrates the thriving art and cultural environment in Peoria Unified School District schools, and all proceeds benefit the Peoria Education Foundation, which directly supports these schools. Students from Peoria Unified School District will be showcasing their artwork and performing in dance routines, theater acts, and choir and band shows throughout the day. The event is located at Peoria and Grand Avenues at the following venues: Osuna Park, Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, and the Peoria Community Center.

The new museum features indigenous Mexican music displayed chronologically throughout Mexican history. In the months ahead, MIM will be identifying instruments and artifacts from Museo de la Música Mexicana that will be highlighted within our own Geographic Galleries.



[Discover the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo](#)

“As a global institution, MIM is fortunate to develop partnerships with international museums that share our vision and allow for meaningful cultural exchange,” says April Salomon, MIM’s executive director.



[Explore MIM’s Geographic Galleries](#)

## Noteworthy

### New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [An Evening with Triologue and the William Eaton Trio](#) on Friday, April 14; [Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals](#) on Saturday, April 22; and [Keiko Matsui](#) on Tuesday, April 25. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, March 14, 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, March 16, 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.

### Support MIM this Arizona Gives Day

We are participating in this year’s Arizona Gives Day, a statewide, 24-hour, online campaign! This event helps people find, learn about, and contribute to the causes they believe in. MIM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of the donor community to support our many programs and activities that share and celebrate the many joys of music from around the world. Please consider giving on April 4, or schedule your donation now at [azgives.org/MIM](#).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## [DakhaBrakha](#)

Tuesday, March 14  
7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$53.50

Reflecting fundamental elements of sound and soul, Ukrainian “ethnochaos” band DakhaBrakha creates a world of unexpected new music.



[Purchase Tickets](#)



## [MIMkids Mini Music Makers](#)

Wednesday, March 15  
9:30–11:45 a.m.

\$12 each or 4 for \$40

Introduce your child to the wide and wonderful world of music through MIM’s early childhood music-and-movement courses. This session’s classes will focus on European sounds.



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## [Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer](#)

Part of the [Dragons and Vines](#) Concert Series  
Saturday, March 18  
7:30 p.m.

\$25.50–\$30.50

“As close to flawless folk-bluegrass as it gets”—*Billboard*



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