



MIM Volunteer Team Member and Donor Honored at Governor's Arts Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Ruth Tan Lim

Dr. Ruth Tan Lim, a [volunteer team member](#) and a founding [donor](#) at MIM, was recently honored at the 36th Annual Arizona Governor's Arts Awards ceremony. Her award in the Individual Category recognizes individuals or organizations for their work in and support of arts and culture in the state.

"The arts community in Arizona is lucky to have a friend like Dr. Lim," says Niki Cuccinotto, MIM's education specialist.

In addition to being a practicing physician for more than thirty-five years, Lim has also been a donor, volunteer, and arts advocate at various organizations throughout the Valley. She believes that all people should have access to the arts, especially children and young adults.

Lim serves as board member at the Mesa Arts Center (MAC) Foundation and the i.d.e.a Museum. She also ushers at the Chandler Center for the Arts and the Arizona Opera and volunteers as a docent at Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum. She has also helped MIM advance its mission with contributions to the museum's fund-raising efforts, educational programs, and Volunteer Department.

MIM is eminently proud of Dr. Lim's association with the museum and extremely grateful for her continued contributions to the arts.



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Mandolin Orchestra Display Updated

Discover the rich culture of mandolins

MIM recently updated its Mandolin Orchestra exhibit in the [United States / Canada Gallery](#). Highlights of the display, dating back to the golden era of this musical tradition, include a rare mando-bass, an exceptional 1922 Gibson F-4 mandolin, and an Italian *liuto moderno* custom-built in 1905 for a San Francisco mandolin ensemble.

Mandolins are strongly associated with American bluegrass music today, but they carry a rich international history, which can further be appreciated through MIM's updated exhibit. In the early twentieth century, as millions of European immigrants were establishing new lives in the United States, mandolin orchestras were especially popular as a form of community music making. The mandolin is currently experiencing a revival among new generations and can be heard in many musical genres.

MIM's updated installation also highlights the creation of a distinctively American mandolin. While many manufacturers successfully imitated traditional Italian mandolin designs, it was not long before the Gibson company, originally based

A Special Visit to *Dragons and Vines*

MIM guest discovers guitar she posed for years ago

During a recent visit to MIM from Toronto, a woman named Laurie Cumming decided to stop by the museum's special exhibition [Dragons and Vines: Inlaid Guitar Masterpieces](#), as she remembered a famous guitar maker, William "Grit" Laskin, from her hometown.

While exploring the exhibition, she was surprised to come across "The Puppeteer," the very guitar created by Laskin in 1995 for which she and her husband were asked to model. The imaginative inlay on the guitar's fingerboard depicts Cumming wearing a blue dress, standing beside her husband, John, in red pants.

"It was such a thrill to find that guitar as I'd never seen it in 'real life,' just in a photo," says Cumming.

Dragons and Vines highlights more than thirty instruments featuring stunning inlay design created by North America's finest inlay artists and luthiers. Each instrument shows incredibly detailed artwork created from materials including abalone shell, mother-of-pearl, coral, gold, copper, wood, and others. It was a pleasure to

in Kalamazoo, Michigan, pioneered and popularized a full range of innovative, stylish instruments.

“We have a superb collection of mandolin-family instruments on display, ranging from instruments that were sold by the thousands to rare, virtually one-of-a-kind survivors,” says Richard D. Walter, PhD, MIM’s curator for United States / Canada and Europe.



have Cumming visit and experience such a personal connection to one of the instruments displayed at MIM.

Presented in partnership with the Maryland-based inlay company [Pearl Works](#), this [special exhibition](#) is on display at MIM’s Target Gallery through September 4 and costs \$7 with paid museum admission and \$10 for exhibition only.



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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: [Eagle Rock Gospel Singers](#) on Monday, July 10; [Amadou and Miriam](#) on Monday, July 31; [Monty Alexander](#) on Thursday, August, 17; [Ana Popovic](#) on Sunday, September 3; and [GoGo Penguin](#) on Sunday, September 17. Tickets will go on sale to [members](#) who give \$250+ annually on Tuesday, May 23 at noon. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. Members who give \$500+ annually receive 10% off concert tickets.

Educator Appreciation Month

Throughout the month of July, MIM would like to thank teachers for their dedication to Arizona students during its [Educator Appreciation Month](#). From July 1 to 31, prekindergarten through 12th-grade educators, administrators, principals, registered student teachers, and homeschool educators with a school ID, fingerprint clearance card, or affidavit of intent are welcome to explore MIM for free and discover how to incorporate a MIM field trip into their curriculum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Lisa Fischer](#)

Thursday, May 25
7:30 p.m.

\$53.50–\$73.50

After four decades of singing background for icons such as the Rolling Stones, Tina Turner, Chaka Khan, and Nine Inch Nails, Lisa Fischer is stepping into the spotlight at last. This stunning singer became a star in the Academy Award–winning documentary *Twenty Feet from Stardom*.



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[Roy Hargrove Quintet](#)

Tuesday, May 30
7:00 p.m.

\$38.50–\$48.50

Trumpeter and two-time Grammy winner Roy Hargrove has established himself as one of the premier players in jazz and beyond.



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[Casey James](#)

Wednesday, May 31
7:00 p.m.

\$35.50–\$40.50

With a smoky vocal quality, lyrical skill, and a guitar, Casey James unfolds in a variety of styles all connected directly to that blues base.



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