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scottsdale center for the performing arts

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER DECEMBER 2018



Diane Reeves

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — The holiday season is fast approaching the Valley, and Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts has a jam-packed schedule. Don't miss Broadway greats Sutton Foster and Audra McDonald in intimate performances that mix popular song with candid showbiz stories, Hollywood legend Alan Cumming and the 40th anniversary of Jeffery Siegel's beloved series Keyboard Conversations. Below are a few noteworthy concerts happening this winter at the Center.

**Scottsdale Arts Gala
featuring Matthew Morrison**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
Tickets: \$150 / \$500

An all-encompassing arts celebration in the heart of Oldtown Scottsdale featuring Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe nominee Matthew Morrison (star of "Glee" and Broadway's "Hairspray").

Presenting Series Sponsors: BMO Harris Bank
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Honorary Chair: Scottsdale Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane

Dianne Reeves

Christmas Time is Here
With Peter Martin, Romero Lubambo, Reginald Veal, Terreon Gully
Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
Virginia G. Piper Theater
Tickets: \$69 (\$61 for members) / \$49 / \$39

Ring in the holiday season with Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves and music from her celebrated album, "Christmas Time is Here," featuring renditions of "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Let It Snow" and many more.

Presenting Series Sponsors: Fred J. English and Sara M. English Charitable Trust

Scottsdale Philharmonic Holiday Show

Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
Virginia G. Piper Theater
Tickets: \$10 / \$5

Conducted by Ajay Patel and Alex Zhang, the professional musicians of the Scottsdale Philharmonic perform a special holiday program featuring many traditional classics of the season.

Alan Cumming: Legal Immigrant

Monday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Virginia G. Piper Theater
Tickets: \$95 (\$87 for members) / \$80 / \$65

Alan Cumming returns to the Center with an all-new show featuring a collection of musings on his 10 years as a U.S. citizen and what it's like to be an immigrant in today's America.

Supporting Sponsor: Gail and Daniel Tenn

Keyboard Conversations® With Jeffrey Siegel

The Joyous Music of Beethoven

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$49 (\$41 for members) / \$39 / \$29

Acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns to the Center to kick off his 40th anniversary of Keyboard Conversations. Siegel explores the humor and high spirits of Beethoven's music, from the "Farewell" Sonata to "Rage Over a Lost Penny."

Presenting Series Sponsors: Joan and David Goldfarb

Signature Sponsor: Marie and Richard Steward

Mark Cortale Presents

Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Sutton Foster

Featuring Seth Rudetsky as Music Director and Host

Friday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.

Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$89 (\$81 for members) / \$69 / \$59

The Center welcomes two-time Tony Award winner Sutton Foster with multi-talented pianist Seth Rudetsky for a cabaret-style concert featuring popular songs and candid showbiz stories.

Presenting Series Sponsors: Linda and Sherman Saperstein

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[Mariachi Sol de Mexico® de José Hernández Presents](#)

[A Merry-Achi Christmas](#)

[Special Guest Las Chollas Peligrosas](#)

Saturday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$59 / (\$51 for members) / \$39 / \$29

Maestro José Hernández and his platinum-selling Sol de México perform treasured holiday classics and favorites from the mariachi songbook.

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[Rob Kapilow: What Makes It Great?®](#)
[“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”](#)
[Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas](#)

Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m.

Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$49 / (\$41 for members) / \$39/ \$29

Composer and musician Rob Kapilow, along with veteran Broadway vocalists and a superb local youth choir, tell remarkable, largely unknown stories behind some of the world’s best-known Christmas songs.

Sister’s Christmas Catechism

The Mystery of the Magi’s Gold

Dec. 7–16

Friday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.

Stage 2

Tickets: \$39 (\$31 for members)

In an unusually jolly mood, Sister, the tart-tongued, ruler-wielding nun, teaches her students the story of the Nativity and asks for their help to solve the greatest Christmas caper ever. Each performance is unique and will appeal to people of all ages and faiths.

Supporting Sponsor: Courtyard Marriott Scottsdale Salt River

Mark your calendar for this can’t miss January performance:

Mark Cortale Presents

Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Audra McDonald

Featuring Seth Rudetsky as Music Director and Host

Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 p.m.

Virginia G. Piper Theater

Tickets: \$89 (\$81 for members) / \$69 / \$59

Powerhouse performer and six-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald takes the stage with multi-talented pianist Seth Rudetsky for an intimate evening of music and storytelling.

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SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through four acclaimed branches — Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Scottsdale Public Art and Scottsdale Arts Education & Outreach — serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Since 1975, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts has provided a stage for a wide range of artists and genres, 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 music, dance, theater, comedy and film from around the world.

LOCATION AND PARKING

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is located at 7380 E. 2nd 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/ or contact the Member and 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 Scottsdale Arts members at the Friends 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. Visit www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/tickets-discounts/ or call 480-499-TKTS (8587) for more information.

THE STORE

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