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Arizona Musicfest 2010

Arizona Musicfest 2010 presented by Arizona Musicfest, February 1 – March 7, features top artists of classical, jazz and Broadway performing at venues throughout North Scottsdale and Carefree, plus a new concert in Sun City.

Artists at this year's Festival are Robert Moody leading the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra and Chorus; the Broadway Showstoppers; pianist Awadagin Pratt; internationally renowned Brazilian jazz Trio da Paz; the virtuosic Quartetto Gelato; *A Salute to Ray Charles* with Perrian Jordan as "Brother Ray" and the "Raelettes" backed by the Big Band Sound of the ASU Concert Jazz Orchestra with Mike Kocour; cabaret songstress Wesla Whitfield; celebrated Miró String Quartet; and the ASU Dixie Devils led by Sam Pilafian.

Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$40. Premium Seating is available for an additional cost of \$15 per ticket at selected venues. General admission student tickets (K-College) are free for All-Star Orchestra concerts; and \$5 each for selected guest artists. All-Star Orchestra tickets are also free for Active Military and one guest. Complimentary valet parking is available at all venues. Special ticket packages are available. Call (480) 488-0806, toll free (866) 488-0806 or visit azmusicfest.org for tickets and detailed information.

Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra

The "heart and soul" of *Arizona Musicfest* is the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra, conducted by Robert Moody, Artistic Director. Fifty-five musicians from the nation's finest orchestras are hand-chosen by Maestro Moody to come to Arizona for a week of strenuous rehearsing that builds to four majestic performances.

A much anticipated highlight of the Festival is the Arizona Musicfest Chorus. Eighty of the best voices in the Valley, led by Chorus Master Joel Rinsema, assistant conductor of the Grammy-winning Phoenix Chorale, will perform in *Opera Grand and Glorious* with the All-Star Orchestra under the baton of Robert Moody.

This year, each of the All-Star Orchestra concerts will include an important work by *Arizona Musicfest 2010* Composer-in-Residence, classical and electronica musician Mason Bates. Additionally, Bates has been commissioned by Arizona Musicfest to create an overture that will make its world premiere at the 20th Anniversary of Arizona Musicfest in 2011.

Arizona Musicfest 2010 Schedule of Concerts & Events

Broadway Showstoppers

Monday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Direct from The Great White Way, four of Broadway's best vocalists, Jeannette Bayardelle, Ron Bohmer, Ben Crawford and Kate Shindle with accompanist Eugene Gwozdz, sing blockbuster hits from your favorite musicals.

Venue: Scottsdale First Assembly Dream Center, 28700 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85262

Tickets: \$40; Premium Seating \$55; Student (K-College) \$5

Box office & information: (480) 488-0806, toll free (866) 488-0806 or azmusicfest.org

Piano Tour de Force

Awadagin Pratt in Recital

Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Awadagin Pratt shatters audience expectations with his vivid interpretations, incredible power, and beautiful tone. Everything he does is a *tour de force*.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) \$5

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A Night in Rio

Brazilian Jazz and *The Girl from Ipanema*

Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m.

A tribute to the sensual lifework of Antonio Carlos Jobim by jazz superstars Trio da Paz - Duduka da Fonseca, Romero Lubambo, Nilson Matta - with Joe Locke and Harry Allen featuring Jobim's favored female vocalist, Maucha Adnet.

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The Best of Quartetto Gelato

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Classical by training, eclectic by design, Peter De Sotto, Alexander Sevastian, Elizabeth McLellan and Mark Thompson of Quartetto Gelato delight audiences with a repertoire of traditional masterworks, plus the sizzle of tangos, gypsy tunes, and folk songs.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) \$5

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A Salute to Ray Charles

Friday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.

This full-blown salute to the unforgettable Ray Charles features Perrian Jordan as "Brother Ray," backed-up by beautifully pitched "Raelettes," Dee Alexander, Yvonne Gage, and Joan Collaso, along with the Big Band sound of the ASU Concert Jazz Orchestra, led by Valley favorite Mike Kocour.

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Isn't It Romantic?

Sunday, February 14 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a cabaret setting, enjoying a gourmet dinner and the equally delicious voice of the irresistible Wesla Whitfield interpreting romantic standards by Porter, Berlin, Rodgers & Hart, Gershwin, and Harry Warren.

Venue: Fairway House at Grayhawk, 8620 E. Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$85, includes Gourmet Dinner; no Premium Seating or Student tickets available

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Bob & Friends

Friday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Bob Moody steps off the conducting podium to perform an informal evening of pops, jazz, folk, and some out-of-the-box classical with his friends, Larry Loeber, Robin Mayforth, Corine Brouwer, Janet Sims, Brant Taylor, and Paul Sharpe, all extraordinary musicians.

Venue: Fairway House at Grayhawk, 8620 E. Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; no Premium Seating or Student tickets available

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Super Strings!

The Miró Quartet

Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m.

Hailed for its “explosive vigor and technical finesse,” the dynamic Miró Quartet, violinists Daniel Ching and Sandy Yamamoto, violist John Largess, and cellist Joshua Gindele, sits at the top of the international chamber music scene.

Venue: Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, 34605 N. Scottsdale Road, Carefree 85377

Tickets: \$35; no Premium Seating available; Student (K-College) \$5

Box office & information: (480) 488-0806, toll free (866) 488-0806 or azmusicfest.org

A World Class Opening

Robert Moody conducts the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Maestro Moody opens his orchestral series with an unforgettable sweep of World Class wonders: *Danzon No. 2* by Arturo Marquez; Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini*; Mason Bates' *Rusty Air in Carolina*; and the colossal *Pines of Rome* by Respighi.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) free; Active Military and one guest, free

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Opera Grand and Glorious

Robert Moody conducts the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra & Chorus

Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Bolt down the roof, because here are the great operas of Western Civilization: choral, ensemble and orchestral favorites selected from *Carmen*, *La Boheme*, *Aida*, *Nabucco*, *Idomeneo*, and *La Traviata*, joined by the fifth movement of Mason Bates' *Sirens*.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) free; Active Military and one guest, free

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Orchestra Fireworks!

Robert Moody conducts the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra

Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

This blowout concert begins with selections from Bernstein and ends with the most amazing performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* you'll ever hear, with piano soloist, Larry Loeber. In between are the not-to-be-missed Widor *Toccata for Organ and Orchestra*, James Jones, organist; and *The B-Sides* by Bates.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) free; Active Military and one guest, free

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Symphony Fantastique!

Robert Moody conducts the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra

Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m.

Fantastique! is the word for Mozart's *Overture to The Marriage of Figaro*, Mason Bates' *Liquid Interface*, Schumann's *Concertstück in F*, and the dramatic *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$35; Premium Seating \$50; Student (K-College) free; Active Military and one guest, free

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Dixieland Extravaganza!

Arizona Musicfest arrives in Sun City with a special Jazz concert and dinner

Sunday, March 7 at 5 p.m.

Arizona State University “Dixie Devils” perform a nonstop, 55-minute Dixieland jazz extravaganza with sweet solos from J. Samuel Pilafian, band director, on trombone; Ken Johnston, trumpet; Jeremy Lappitt, saxophone; Amy Swietlik, trombone; Gabriel Hall-Rodrigues, banjo and accordion; and Gabriel Sears, tuba. The concert is preceded by a superbly catered pre-concert dinner at 4 p.m.

Venue: American Lutheran Church, 17200 N. Del Webb Boulevard, Sun City 85373

Tickets: \$22 Concert; \$6 Dinner; no Premium Seating or Student tickets available

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Special Events

Coming to the Festival? Join us for a Preview!

Delightful and knowledgeable personalities preview Festival concerts for interested music lovers: Buzz Katzen covers the jazz and Broadway concerts; and Fran Rosenthal previews the classical concerts. All Festival Previews start at 5p.m. and take place at Terravita Golf & Country Club. Tickets are FREE. A cash bar is available. Enjoy a glass of wine while being introduced to or reminded of the nuances of jazz and classical music in a relaxed, enjoyable way. For more information, call (480) 488-0806.

Festival Preview: Jazz

Monday, January 25 at 5 p.m.

Arizona Musicfest 2010 jazz concerts are illuminated by 'jazzologist' Buzz Katzen at a Festival Preview that includes insights on the Brazilian jazz of *A Night in Rio* with Trio da Paz and *A Tribute to Ray Charles*. An audience couldn't ask for a better guide to this year's jazz concerts with Buzz's first-hand expertise on guest artists and their music, accompanied by plenty of musical excerpts.

Venue: Terravita Golf & Country Club, 34034 N. 69th Way, Scottsdale 85262

Tickets: FREE

Cash bar available.

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Festival Preview: Chamber & Orchestral

Monday, February 8 at 5 p.m.

Arizona Musicfest 2010 orchestral and chamber concerts are in the spotlight for this Festival Preview with Fran Rosenthal. In addition to discussing music for small ensembles such as Festival guest artists, the Miró Quartet, Fran will introduce selections from the All-Star Orchestra's concert programs: Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Respighi's *Pines of Rome* and Schumann's *Concertstück for Four Horns*. Fran has a well-earned reputation for explaining the nuances of classical music in a way that entertains and enlightens.

Venue: Terravita Golf & Country Club, 34034 N. 69th Way, Scottsdale 85262

Tickets: FREE

Cash bar available.

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Festival Preview: Symphonic

Monday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

Arizona Musicfest 2010 symphonic works take center stage for this Festival Preview as Fran Rosenthal explains what makes Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, Marquez's *Danzon No.2* and Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rocooco Theme for Cello* so very exciting. Fran will also introduce *Arizona Musicfest 2010* Composer-in-Residence Mason Bates' work, *The B-Sides*, *Liquid Interface*, *Rusty Air in Carolina* and *Sirens*. Fran keeps it fresh, entertaining and enlightening with lively commentary and CD excerpts.

Venue: Terravita Golf & Country Club, 34034 N. 69th Way, Scottsdale 85262

Tickets: FREE

Cash bar available.

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Piano Master Class

A Master Class with Awadagin Pratt

Friday, February 5 at 10 a.m.

Observe guest artist and master educator, pianist Awadagin Pratt teach accomplished local students.

Venue: Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, 25150 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85255

Tickets: \$10

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