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### **Arizona Musicfest 2011 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Season!**

The *Arizona Musicfest 20th Anniversary Celebration* (January 31 through March 13, 2011) has it all! Classical, Broadway and Jazz packed into one magical, glittering month of virtuoso performances in concert programs that speak to the heart, mind, soul, even the funny-bone. You'll treasure this experience for a lifetime.

Guest artists bring you the very best of iconic band tributes; gorgeous chamber music from a piano phenom and a string quartet with a sound so rich your cholesterol will zoom off the charts; a romantic Broadway-infused cabaret; and sentimental reunions of the hottest jazz and orchestral stars in the world. It's the quality you deserve with the music you enjoy.

It wouldn't be *Arizona Musicfest* without the Festival Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Robert Moody. Highlights include the much anticipated World Premiere of "Desert Transport," an important acoustic new work by Composer-in-Residence Mason Bates; Chris Thile, mandolinist extraordinaire from the Punch Brothers performing one of his own classical compositions; the presence of 2011 Artist-in-Residence trumpeter Ryan Anthony; and an intoxicating monumental finale, Beethoven's Ninth – *Ode to Joy!*

We've saved seats for you at *Arizona Musicfest*. Join us!

Call (480) 488-0806, toll free (866) 488-0806 or visit [www.azmusicfest.org](http://www.azmusicfest.org) for tickets and detailed concert information. Special ticket packages are available. Complimentary valet parking is available at all venues.

#### ***Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show: A Salute to Sinatra, Sammy & Dino* Monday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m.**

The unforgettable music and high spirits of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Joey Bishop in performance at the Sands Hotel is recaptured by the son of famed funny man Buddy Hackett, who is no stranger to the crooning, showmanship and musicianship of the Rat Pack. You'll have it your way as *Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show* delivers hits like "Luck Be a Lady," "For Once in My Life" and "My Way."

**Venue:** Scottsdale First Assembly, 28700 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85266

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

#### ***Celebrate The Beatles! The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute* Friday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute combines a perfect recreation of The Beatles' sound with wise-cracking fun. Act 1 introduces "The Early Beatles" when the lads made the ladies jump and scream with "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Help," and "Yesterday." Act 2 whisks you away on a "Magical Mystery Tour." It's the best tribute a fan can "Imagine"!

**Venue:** Scottsdale First Assembly, 28700 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85266

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

***Chamber at its Best: Miami String Quartet***

**Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

In an exclusive engagement, one of the most widely respected ensembles in America performs Haydn's "String Quartet in D Major," Vasks' "String Quartet #3," and Schumann's String Quartet in A Major." Benny Kim (violin), Yu Jin (viola), Cathy Meng Robinson (violin), and Keith Robinson (cello) of the Miami String Quartet have everything that's to be desired in a "richly, precisely balanced sound," proclaims "The New York Times"!

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

**Tickets:** \$35; No Premium Seating; Student (K-College) \$5

***Greatest Jazz Hits: Ken Peplowski & the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Band***

**Friday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

For one night only, witness the crème de la crème of jazz together on the same stage! Each member of the 20th Anniversary Reunion Band, Ken Peplowski (clarinet), Byron Stripling (trumpet), Wycliffe Gordon (trombone), Eric Schneider (saxophone), Derek Smith (piano), Jay Leonhardt (bass) and Bob Breithaupt (drums), is recognized worldwide as the top artist in his field. This band of returning *Arizona Musicfest* headliners will knock your socks off!

**Venue:** Scottsdale First Assembly, 28700 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85266

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

***Young Piano Phenom Conrad Tao plays Chopin, Rachmaninoff & Stravinsky***

**Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m.**

The future is here! 17 year old prodigy Conrad Tao thrills with Beethoven's "Appassionata," "Three Songs for Piano: Cocoon, Smoke and Catharsis" by Tao, Chopin's "Barcarolle in F Sharp Major," "Selected Preludes from Opus 23 and Opus 32" by Rachmaninoff, culminating with Three Movements from "Petrouchka" by Stravinsky. See why this phenom is already a fixture on concert stages internationally.

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

**Tickets:** \$35; No Premium Seating; Student (K-College) \$5

***Valentine's Dinner and The Love Songs of Broadway***

**Monday, February 14 at 6 p.m.**

Without a doubt, this is the perfect date night. Treat your special someone to a Valentine's Day dinner and cabaret featuring the greatest love songs of Broadway with today's brightest stars, the beguiling Jenn Newman and Broadway's handsomest, most melodious tenor, Mike Eldred.

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

**Tickets:** \$90, includes Gourmet Dinner; No Premium Seating or Student tickets

***"Rockin' in Rhythm" with the Pizzarelli Family***

**Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Pizzarelli Quartet with John (guitar and vocals), Martin (bass), Larry Fuller (piano) and Tony Tedesco (drums) is joined by Broadway vocalist Jessica Molaskey and incomparable guitar wizard, Bucky Pizzarelli in a program of beloved standards and selections from John's newest CD, "Rockin' in Rhythm." A few weeks ago, "The New York Times" declared John's band, "one of the finest traditional ensembles in all of jazz." It doesn't get better than the Pizzarelli family.

**Venue:** Scottsdale First Assembly, 28700 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale 85266

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

***Bob & Paul and Friends***

**Saturday, February 19 at 5 p.m. & 8 p.m.**

Two great showmen, Arizona Musicfest founding artistic director Paul Perry and current artistic director Robert Moody are joined by Ryan Anthony (trumpet), Steve Fitch (drumset), Lawrence Loeber (piano), Paul Sharpe (bass), and Neil Tatman (oboe) in a toast 20 wonderful years of *Arizona Musicfest*. Expect an evening filled with amusing stories, much laughter and great music.

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

**Cocktails:** A cash bar is available

**Tickets:** \$45; No Premium Seating or Student tickets

### ***A World Premiere Opening Night!***

**Robert Moody conducts the Festival Orchestra**

**Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

Maestro Robert Moody launches the 20th Anniversary all-star Festival Orchestra Week with Mozart's effervescent "Overture to The Marriage of Figaro." The excitement continues as Artist-in-Residence trumpeter Ryan Anthony dazzles with the "Arutunian" Trumpet Concerto followed by the World Premiere of "Desert Transport," an all-acoustic work by Composer-in-Residence Mason Bates. *Opening Night* culminates with the melodious and poignant "Symphony No. 2" by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

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

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

### ***Centuries of Concertos from Bach to Thile***

**Robert Moody conducts the Festival Orchestra & Chris Thile**

**Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

Johann Sebastian Bach's formidable "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2" opens this all-star Festival Orchestra program with soloists Ryan Anthony (trumpet), Philip Dikeman (flute), Paloma Griffin (violin) and Neil Tatman (oboe). The string section takes center stage in Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis" featuring Robin Mayforth and Corine Brouwer (violins), Janet Sims (viola) and Brant Taylor (cello). The program concludes with the prodigiously talented composer/musician Chris Thile of the Punch Brothers joining the Orchestra to perform his "Mandolin Concerto," the Arizona Premiere of a piece which recently debuted to reviews that declared it "nothing short of astonishing!"

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

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

### ***Fanfare for Four Concertmasters & Bolero***

**Robert Moody conducts the Festival Orchestra**

**Friday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

Orchestral fireworks begin with Copland's celebrated "Fanfare for the Common Man." Astor Piazzola's engagingly spicy "Four Seasons in Buenos Aires" and Chris Brubeck's "Interplay" showcase violinists Robin Mayforth, Yuriy Bekker, Charles Dimmick and Corine Brouwer, members of the Festival Orchestra who serve as concertmasters in their primary orchestras. In between Piazzola and Brubeck is the NYC pulse and excitement of Richard Danielpour's "Toward the Splendid City." Ravel's mesmerizing "Bolero" provides the evening's memorable 'send off'. What a night!

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

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

### ***Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> - Ode to Joy!***

**Robert Moody conducts the Festival Orchestra, Soloists & Chorus**

**Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m.**

Renowned soloists from around the country, Christina Major (soprano), Rita Litchfield (alto), John McVeigh (tenor) and Troy Cook (bass), join Maestro Robert Moody and the Festival Orchestra and Chorus in Beethoven's monumental "Symphony #9." The "Choral," one of the world's most treasured masterpieces, is the utmost expression of humanity's unity and the soul's celestial joy. This is an exceptional grand finale – with 125+ musicians - to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival Orchestra Celebration!

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

**Tickets:** \$45; Premium Seating \$60; Student (K-College) free

### ***Folk Music From Around The World***

**The Phoenix Children's Chorus**

**Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.**

Arizona Musicfest concert offerings were expanded last year to include Sun City. This is your chance to enjoy *Folk Music From Around The World* with the delightful Phoenix Children's Chorus! The Chorus has toured throughout Europe and China and won "Gold" in the Worldwide Choral Olympics. Two of the Chorus' four exceptional choirs, The Cadet Choir (Grades 4-7) and The Encore Choir (High School Students) - a total of 150 voices - will perform classic choral pieces like "Loch Lomond" from Scotland, and "Ma Bella Bimba" from Italy. There will be unusual pieces, "Kde Su' Kra'vy Moje" from Czechoslovakia, and "Cirandeiro" from Brazil. Don't miss "Baba Yetu," "The Lord's Prayer" sung in Swahili; "Chumbara," a French folksong; "The Seven Wonders," a Welsh folk song; and "Russian Picnic," Russian folk melodies. Of course there will be plenty of American folk music, "Simple Gifts" and "Pick a Bale of Cotton," and rousing spirituals "All My Trials" and "Witness." Three words sum up this choral concert: Youthful, Vibrant, Excellence!

**Venue:** American Lutheran Church of Sun City, 17200 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, 85373

**Tickets:** \$18; Student (K-College) \$5

## **Additional Festival Events**

### **Concert Previews**

**Tuesday, January 18 at 5p.m.**

**Thursday, January 27 at 5p.m.**

**Monday, February 7 at 5p.m.**

Delightful and knowledgeable music personality Fran Rosenthal previews the *Arizona Musicfest 2011* concert programs. Enjoy a glass of wine while being introduced to (or reminded of) the nuances of jazz and classical music in a relaxed, enjoyable way. Preview attendees are invited to stay for a buffet dinner following each Preview. Reservations are required for dinner.

**Venue:** The Boulders, 34631 N. Tom Darlington Drive, Carefree 85377

**Preview Tickets:** FREE

**Cocktails:** A cash bar is available

**Buffet Dinner at 7p.m.:** \$25 plus tax & gratuity, payable directly to The Boulders

### **Master Class**

#### **A Trumpet Master Class with Ryan Anthony**

**Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 10a.m. <to be confirmed>**

A fascinating experience! Observe Arizona Musicfest Artist-in-Residence, trumpeter Ryan Anthony working with four accomplished local students chosen from ASU's Department of Music and Valley schools.

**Venue:** Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6502 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek 85327

**Tickets:** \$10; Student (K-College) free

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