

## African Fest USA

**Location:** Kiwanis Park

**Date:** March 28, 2020

**Description:** African Fest USA is a non-profit organization that unites a collaboration of independent African artists and professionals to broaden the knowledge of Arizonans about African culture. African Fest invites artists and craftsmen to showcase their work and highlight their contributions to the enrichment of Tempe's thriving cultural diversity. Combining cultural inspirations and styles, artists will present a unique African style of story-telling through art, music, food, dance, and crafts. African Fest is a "story in motion," a distinctive expression and stage for showcasing African culture. Artists invited to perform will be from various African performance groups such as Burundi drummers and Kawambe-Omowale west African Drum and Dance group. The Fest collaborates with local businesses such as Awe Collectives, Bati Bazar, Ako international market, B&R Africa Styles and Sarabo Fashion.

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## Arizona Apparel Foundation

**Location:** FABRIC

**Dates:** April 20-25, 2020

**Description:** AZ Eco Fashion Week (AZEFW) is comprised of experts, volunteers, designers, and the community who call F.A.B.R.I.C home and who believe in the mission of AZ Apparel Foundation. During AZEFW there is an opportunity for the community to learn about sustainability in fashion through workshops and guest speakers, shop eco-friendly brands, attend eco-chic fashion shows, and celebrate sustainable fashion in Arizona. All AAF-hosted events and activities take place at F.A.B.R.I.C and some affiliated activities take place at ASU. Eco-Fashion week is as much a movement as it is educational for the community to learn about sustainability in fashion since the fashion industry is the second largest polluter in the world. By educating the community, sustainability in fashion can become a bigger reality.

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## Arizona Theatre Company

**Location:** Fees College Preparatory Academy

**Description:** Using theatre as a catalyst to inspire creativity, our Learning & Education staff and expert teaching artists will work with Tempe school classrooms to help students unleash their own inner storyteller, through the David Ira Goldstein Artist-in-Residence program. The David Ira Goldstein Artist-in-Residence program supports the student process of writing and presenting thoughts about a piece of dramatic literature chosen by the teacher. It is a two-part approach to teaching and learning, using classroom instruction and rehearsal formats designed to help students learn and put into practice the full range of theatre arts skills from basic acting techniques, mastery of theatre terminology, understanding the technical and production side of theatre and career development.

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### Arizona Wind Symphony

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** Six concerts in 2019-2020 season

**Description:** Arizona Wind Symphony, a dynamic volunteer Tempe-based 95-member woodwind/brass/percussion ensemble, continues their innovative programming. Since its inception, this community group has been under the leadership of well-recognized music educator Bill Richardson. Soloists (guest artists and from within AWS) will be highlighted throughout a 19th concert season. The season consists of six themed concerts at Tempe Center for the Arts (Theater) from October through May on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Highlights include a holiday concert and a repeat of the well-received chamber format (1-2 performers on each part). Themes include Broadway, American/patriotic favorites, and circus music. Some concerts will incorporate other arts (dance and vocal). AWS is proud to be a TCA founding partner and aspires to promote Tempe as a center of excellence for small and large ensemble wind-band music.

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### Arizona Wolf Trap/Scottsdale Arts

**Location:** Rover, Hudson, Laird, Scales, and Aguilar Elementary

**Description:** Arizona Wolf Trap brings art into classrooms throughout Tempe through teacher workshops, residencies and classroom resources. Affiliated with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, the nation's premier provider of early childhood education, Arizona Wolf Trap uses visual and performing arts to help young learners master a variety of skills, including language development, gross and fine motor coordination, concentration, memory, verbalization and positive self-images. Teaching artists will collaborate with up to 18 classrooms at Tempe elementary schools. Artists join the classroom for two half-hour sessions each week over seven weeks, for 14 hours of student engagement, not including pre and post meetings with teachers. Sessions use music, movement, and creative storytelling to help children connect with curriculum, filling a need for arts-integrated instruction in the classroom. Students are impacted by enhanced language development, pre-math, and pre-reading skills.

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### Asociacion de Peruanos en Arizona

**Location:** Kiwanis Recreation Center

**Date:** May 10, 2020

**Description:** We will be offering the participation of Peruvian artists, as well as the consumption of traditional Peruvian cuisine. The event is to honor mothers and offer demonstrations of traditional Arts and crafts from the Peruvian region. Our artist consists of Pareja de Marinera who are champions in the traditional dance of Marinera. We will be holding performances by Andean Musicians who specialize in wind instruments like the flute, Zamponis and Ponzana. We will also host a fashion show with demonstration of our fine warm alpaca wool garments to enrich community members of our culture while offering an interactive photo booth theme "Machu Pichu" to enhance the communities experience in the event.

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### The Bridge Initiative

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** March 28, 2020

**Description:** The Bechdel Test Fest 3.0: Beyond the Test is the third Bechdel named festival presented by The Bridge Initiative: Women in Theatre. This year, we are building a new rubric that expands beyond the test by evaluating full creative teams, characters' agency, stereotyping, and intersectionality. We will present staged readings of up to three new plays in the Lakeside Room at 12/4/8pm (one time slot may be used for a casting workshop). The plays will feature at least one local playwright and director, as well as out-of-state writer(s)/director; the rest of the creative teams are local artists. This work elevates female voices, deepens artistic collaborations, and holds up a needed mirror to under-served populations, with an emphasis on women. The community will see complex female-identifying characters which is essential to empathy building and empowerment. If you can see it, you can be it.

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### Broadmor PTA

**Location:** Broadmor Elementary School

**Description:** The Art Masterpiece Program seeks funding to provide art education to students at Broadmor Elementary School. There is no formal art education at Broadmor; there are no art specials, teachers, or electives. The Art Masterpiece program is the only exposure our students have to any type of art enrichment. While teachers do their best to incorporate the arts, most do not have the time, training, or resources to develop and execute high-quality arts curriculum. The Broadmor Art Masterpiece program helps to fill this gap. The program began with two lessons per grade, per year and has expanded to include four lessons per grade, per year (quarterly). This year we seek to expand our student experience by adding a Broadmor Mural painted by artist Jake Early, which we will integrate into our lessons at every grade.

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### Chandler Children's Choir

**Location:** Rehearsals at Desert Cross Lutheran Church in Tempe and concert at Corona del Sol

**Description:** Chandler Children's Choir teaches youth (ages 6-18) the joy of singing and shares with audiences the beauty of the choral arts. Two programs are proposed: an introductory Prelude choir and a community choir concert free to the public. Prelude Choir focuses on Tempe youth who have never sung in a choir. The objective is to provide a safe space where families unfamiliar with choir would be introduced to how choral singing works, without the pressure of an audition or season-long commitment. Participants attend 6 weeks of Prelude rehearsals with a dedicated conductor and prepare three songs which they perform with the full-season choir as a culminating experience. Secondly, we will present a full Chandler Children's Choir community concert free to the public at Corona del Sol on February 27, 2020. Local professional instrumentalists would be invited to collaborate in a themed concert with diverse programming involving all our ensembles.

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### Childsplay

**Location:** Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder

**Description:** Childsplay is a nationally and internationally respected professional theatre company whose primary audience is children, families, and schools. Founded in Tempe in 1977 the company continues to serve Tempe and surrounding communities through a wide range of theatre and arts education programs. With this grant Childsplay respectfully requests support the Childsplay Theatre Academy – a Tempe based arts education program serving more than 1,500 children each year at Childsplay’s Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder. The Childsplay Theatre Academy provides a diverse range of theatre learning experiences taught in classes by professional Teaching Artists. These classes provide valuable tools that promote teamwork, self-esteem and creativity. The program also serves disadvantaged youth who have limited access to organized activities through an active scholarship program in partnership with a number of social service providers, ensuring all kids have access to the benefits of arts learning.

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### CONDER/dance

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** January 24-25, 2020

**Description:** Breaking Ground is a multi-faceted arts event that strives to integrate exceptional dance artists into the Tempe community through several entry points: two unique programs that are ticketed events at TCA, workshops for the Arizona dance community, and free public performances. The community outreach engagements will occur all throughout January 2020 in partnership with Tempe Center for the Arts, Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts and Arizona State University. CONDER/dance is a Tempe-based contemporary dance company and producer of Breaking Ground. By actively developing and presenting cutting-edge dance work inside and outside of the theater setting, CONDER/dance seeks to expand the artistic environment vital to the cultural fabric of Arizona.

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### Cultural Coalition

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** March 1, 2020

**Description:** The 8th Mask Alive@El Puente is a free community engagement arts event to be held in the lobby of the Tempe Center for the Arts. Cultural Coalition will host the Festival on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 from 2 to 6 pm and will feature many local performing arts groups showcasing young performers: Desert Sounds Mariachi, Quetzalli Ballet, Axé Capoeira Drummers, Japanese Taiko Drummers, Mariachi Juvenil, as well as music students from Tempe High School, Marcos de Niza High School, Corona del Sol and Kyrene Middle School. The festival features young musicians and dancers, art activities for all ages (including mask making) and participatory performances. At closing, drummers and puppeteers will lead the participants in a masked procession over the beautiful Tempe Town Lake pedestrian bridge. The importance of this project is to highlight different cultural artistic practices and invite the public to share in Arizona’s unique ethnic heritages.

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### Dansense~Nrtyabodha

**Location:** The Hackett House

**Date:** February 28 and 29, 2020

**Description:** The upcoming project "Look into my Voice and Hear my Dance" is a performative presentation of live dance and mini-performances of movement, spoken word and videos occurring simultaneously in a curated informal space in Tempe. This pioneering project brings together 6 dancers of the Indian form of Bharata-Natyam and 6 survivors of sexual and domestic violence to share their stories in a uniquely creative way with the general community. The project team also includes a stage manager, videographer, dramaturge and advocacy staff from the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). This momentous project brings together two groups with different experiences of marginalization in the community to engage in the arts not only to make their stories heard, but to invite the whole community to foster a culture of understanding and inclusivity.

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### Desert Overture

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** March 15 and June 21, 2020

**Description:** Desert Overture Wind Symphony is a 50-piece instrumental ensemble consisting of woodwinds, brass and percussion. The June concert will mark a major milestone in our history as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. Past members, both local and remote, will be invited to play with the band for this special event. We will play highlights from our past concerts and bring back two or three of the most popular featured guest musicians. Desert Overture is a lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Wind Symphony whose mission is to entertain, enrich, educate and support the community and out members through our passion for music.

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### Downtown Tempe Foundation

**Location:** Downtown Tempe

**Description:** Mill Avenue has a rich history of live music and the thriving music scene made downtown a destination for many years. For various reasons, live music has dwindled, and many community members and stakeholders have said they want to bring it back. While our organization has been involved in supporting live music through the years at all of our events (Tempe Festival of Arts, Beyond the Bricks music series, the parades, 6th Street Market, and Downtown Recess), we want to grow our support of live music in the area. Currently, we predominantly hire solo artists since it is more budget friendly. We'd like to employ more duos and trios, place musicians on street corners in a busking fashion and enhance our Pride activation with musicians sprinkled throughout Downtown. Live music enhances public spaces, builds community, offers an art experience, and encourages people to linger longer which helps our downtown thrive.

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### Grand Canyon Men's Chorale

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** May 30-31, 2020

**Description:** Grand Canyon Men's Chorale seeks to hold its 7th annual Spring concert in Tempe. This concert will feature the full membership of GCMC to include our Omaggio Youth Chorus, local guest musicians, dancers, tech and visual artists in the production of "It Isn't Finished." This will be a musical review celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stonewall and the History of our LGBT community. A cast of 70+ and hiring of local artists, dancers, instrumentalists will be utilized for this project. This is a multidisciplinary performing art show with music, choreography, lighting, audio/video production. This project is in collaboration with GLSEN, Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, One-in-Ten, Aunt Rita's Foundation, and Tyler Clementi Foundation. Our concerts focus on the diversity of the LGBT community, recognizing that the LGBT community in Tempe spans all color, socio-economic, and age demographics.

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### Grey Box Collective

**Location:** The Artist's Box (located in the Smith Industrial innovation Hub)

**Date:** Performances September 2019 – May 2020

**Description:** Grey Box Collective creates original, interdisciplinary performances on topics of social and emotional wellbeing. The 2019-2020 Season's performances are addressing: the foster care system, intergenerational communication, surveillance of queer bodies, toxic masculinity, and mental health stigmas. We have approximately 25 millennial and gen-z artists and designers producing three weekends of performances at the Artist's Box in Tempe between September-May. This season tackles tough conversations through trauma-informed and compassion-based creative practices for Tempe's younger generations. GBC is creating opportunities for new, emerging artists in multiple disciplines to gain experience, produce work, and bring marginalized stories to centerstage. This has a positive impact on Tempe by encouraging artists to create sustainable lives here and by providing a safe, supportive, and brave space for all individuals to share concerns and build an inclusive community.

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### Higher Octave Healing

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** November 2, 2019

**Description:** Higher Octave Healing intends to serve teens and adults with Developmental Disabilities and the community of Tempe through a project called Music from the Heart, a three-part concert performed by members of HOH's Rock Band program. HOH is partnering with the Rotary Club of Tempe Downtown, the Tempe Diablos, and Music As Therapy on November 2nd at 10am, 2:30pm, and 6:30pm for this special concert day. Each band will perform their chosen music and sign autographs for the audience after the concert. Music from the Heart impacts the community of Tempe by providing opportunities for inclusion, integration, and connection among the band and audience members. This concert experience empowers band members as they showcase their hard work from throughout the year and share their talents with the community in a safe and supportive environment.

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### **Ignite Collaborative Initiative**

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** September 21-22, 2019

**Description:** Our second full-length multimedia show called "It's Lit: Lessons Learned from Literature", follows, Max, through the struggles of high school and finding one's place in the world. The production is inspired by our favorite books; Where The Wild Things Are, Wuthering Heights, Lolita, The Great Gatsby, and more. Video will show Max at school facing conflicts such as bullying, love interest, friendships, and heartbreak. Each section onstage is inspired by the books that Max reads in the videos and they directly relate to the conflict she was facing in the film. This show is a mix of theatrical dance, modern abstract dance, film, and storytelling. As a collaborative dance company, the show will feature choreography, costume design, video, poetry, acting, and dance from our fifteen company members, with artistic direction by Rosy Mack. This project is a way for us to connect with the community through shared human experience as it is explored through dance, film, and storytelling.

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### **Lakeshore Music**

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** Nine concerts in 2019-2020 season

**Description:** Lakeshore Music enters its 11th year with nine monthly concerts between September and May at the Tempe Center for the Arts featuring outstanding regional, national, and internationally known jazz musicians and emerging artists. The ethnic and cultural diversity of the artists provide a rich cultural experience helping to keep the American art form of jazz alive. Patrons of all ages, as well as jazz students, have the opportunity to hear and meet renowned artists in intimate theater settings. The 2019-20 jazz series features vocalist and guitarist Camila Meza, trumpeter Sean Jones, Latin band leader Carmela Ramirez, pianist Beth Lederman, New West Guitar Group, vocalist and clarinetist Chloe Feoranzo, Gypsy jazz group Hot Club of San Francisco, pianist Harold López-Nussa from Havana, and Tamir Hendelman's Spirit of Israel Ensemble.

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### **MAC & Company**

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** August 30, 2019

**Description:** MAC & Company, a Phoenix based modern dance company, will present their annual concert MAC 5.0 "Planets". Fourteen new dance works featuring original choreography will be presented in an evening length performance. The first half will feature the choreographically diverse works of the company members in a wide array of styles including modern, ballet, jazz and hip hop. The dance pieces in the second half are inspired by planet based mythology for a themed section titled "Planets." The entire performance will include a mix of humor, serious emotional context and abstract work that will ensure there is something for every audience member. By presenting MAC 5.0, MAC & Company will bring diverse, professional dance work to the Tempe and Metro Phoenix communities to enrich the human experience through the medium of dance.

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### **MusicaNova**

**Location:** Tempe High School, Connolly Middle School, and Gililand Middle School

**Description:** The MusicaNova Orchestra and Tempe High Orchestra share a unique partnership. Other professional orchestras support young musicians, but no others invite their teen partners to join them on stage. As a result, the Tempe High Orchestra has experienced huge growth. MusicaNova's professional musicians will inspire excitement and energy in the Tempe High community throughout the school year with two free, public performances at the Tempe High auditorium, at least two educational outreach visits bringing music to the full student body, and at least four workshops intended for THS musicians and teachers. In many cases, it's the first-time students and parents have heard classical music.

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### **Musician Enrichment Foundation**

**Location:** ASU School of Music Buildings in Tempe and final performance at Gammage

**Date:** June 8-13, 2020

**Description:** Musician Enrichment Foundation is partnering with the ASU School of Music to offer the 4th Annual MEF/ASU Music Camp. This world-class day camp will provide personal growth in music and life skills to band and choir students, grades 7th-12th. Also partnering with MEF are Tempe Elementary and Tempe Union High School Districts. They will assist MEF in selecting 50 students from Title 1 schools to receive a Tempe resident discount or waiver to attend camp. MEF's mission to enhance community life and enrich individual musicians will find fulfillment in providing exceptional musical instruction to 220+ youth; presenting a free concert and Instrument Exploration Lab for 100+ Tempe Elementary School District summer school students; and providing work and volunteer opportunities for 50+ adults. An estimated 50% of those served by the MEF/ASU Music Camp live, work or attend school in Tempe.

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### **Phoenix Conservatory of Music**

**Location:** Escalante Community Center

**Description:** Starting in September 2019 through June 2020, The Phoenix Conservatory of Music will partner with the Escalante Community Center to provide a series of educational programs that provide a pipeline of learning for students and families at the center. It will consist of: sequential week to week learning for Parent/Child Workshops exploring music and building music vocabulary, Pre-School music programs designed to develop basic music competency, and after-school music programs: for kinder students from Thew Elementary School, for students grade 1-5 from Thew Elementary School and the surrounding community, and summer music programs for students enrolled in SummerKamp. These programs are important for youth in this community. They provide much needed low to no cost enrichment opportunities for students who would otherwise not have them and to provide an entry point for skill set acquisition for students who want to pursue future in depth musical studies.

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### The Phoenix Symphony

**Location:** Carminati, Hudson, Thew, and Laird Elementary Schools

**Description:** In support of bringing educational music programming directly into Tempe elementary schools, The Phoenix Symphony will bring two back-to-back Classroom Concert Series performances to four Tempe schools (totaling eight concerts), engaging 1,900 K-8 students during the 2019-2020 academic year. The 40-minute, school-based concerts are designed to complement classroom learning. As a wealth of research demonstrates, music has proven to be a powerful facilitator of learning, enhancing the cognitive skill sets that children utilize in all areas of life. Despite wide recognition of the benefits that music education yields, 50% of Arizona schools lack any budget for arts education. Arizona school districts continue to receive relatively low per-pupil funding, increasing the need for supplemental Arts funding in Arizona schools.

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### Rising Youth Theatre

**Location:** Light Rail Stations in Tempe

**Description:** Rising Youth Theatre, in partnership with Valley Metro and the Tempe Transportation Center, will bring The Light Rail Plays to Tempe for the second year. This site-specific theatre experience pairs youth and adults together to create original plays that will be performed on and around the Light Rail, using the Tempe Transportation Center as a home base. The company will work in partnership with Valley Metro for the seventh year in a row, and Tempe Transportation Center for the second year in a row to build this project, creating a theatre experience that engages a wide variety of audiences. Rising Youth Theatre will work to engage Tempe artists, both adults and youth. To deepen our recruitment of youth artists we will work to build relationships with local Tempe middle and high schools, as well as the Escalante Center, that can lead into participation in the plays.

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### Stray Cat Theatre

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts

**Date:** Four Shows in 2019-2020 season

**Description:** Stray Cat Theatre led by founding Artistic Director and recent national Zelda Fichandler Award finalist Ron May will bring 4 exciting Valley premieres of thrilling contemporary plays:

SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS by Bess Wohl – September 9-24

AMERICAN PSYCHO THE MUSICAL by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa and Duncan Sheik based on the novel by Brett Easton Ellis – November 8-23

THE WOLVES by Sarah DeLappe – February 7-22

DANCE NATION by Clare Barron – May 8-23

This project will bring provocative, nationally recognized works that Tempe and AZ would otherwise likely never see, offering numerous rich opportunities for local artists. The goal is to continue to bring Tempe the kind of cutting-edge, modern theatre it deserves, continuing to nurture and develop the vital second-rung of talent to supplement what's available on the better-funded main stages in our state and community.

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### Tempe Artist Guild

**Location:** Friendship Village and Tempe History Museum

**Description:** Tempe Artists Guild [TAG] supports local artists by providing a forum that promotes community and encourages artistic growth; and enriches the city of Tempe through art outreach programs. Tempe Artists Guild will utilize the funding from the Community Arts Grant to enhance and expand its existing programs to better benefit both its members and the city of Tempe. Enhanced Speaker Series: TAG will invite ten professional artists to its monthly speaker series to present their work and demonstrate their craft. Additionally, three accomplished art critics will rotate attendance at the series to offer members feedback about their current work. Workshops and Exhibits: This grant will support four Saturday art workshops where an instructor will teach the attendees a specific art technique, such as dry brush watercolor or encaustics. The grant will enrich TAG's annual art exhibition at the Tempe History Museum by providing support for marketing.

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### Tempe Community Chorus

**Location:** Rehearsals at University Presbyterian Church in Tempe and concert at Friendship Village

**Description:** Founded in 1991, the Tempe Community Chorus provides high quality vocal concerts to audiences in Tempe and surrounding areas. The summer season is comprised of a series of musical workshops, with no performance. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at the evenings at the University Presbyterian Church in Tempe. The TCC performs in the Skirm Auditorium at Tempe Friendship Village each season. We present an hour-long program of varied musical styles chosen around a particular theme. The 141 members participate enthusiastically, and residents of Friendship Village enjoy and look forward to our performances. The concerts are narrowcast throughout the facility, reaching a greater audience.

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### Tempe Winds

**Location:** Tempe Center for the Arts, Friendship Village and Gammage

**Date:** Five concerts in 2019-2020 season

**Description:** Tempe Winds, organized in 1990 and a founding partner with the Tempe Center for the Arts, is composed of 50 of the finest musicians from the Phoenix metropolitan area. These musicians are dedicated to the performance of quality band literature and perform for free as a community service. Under the direction of maestro. Dr. Michael Willson, the ensemble is critically acclaimed and recognized as one of the finest adult wind ensembles in the United States having received the "Sudler Silver Scroll" award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation. During the upcoming 30th season, Tempe Winds will perform 3 concerts at the Tempe Center for the Arts (11/4/19, 2/23/20, and 4/5/20), a concert at Friendship Village (1/21/20), and a joint concert in Gammage Auditorium (11/26/19) with the Arizona State University Concert Band. Tempe Winds provides a musical cultural resource to the community of Tempe serving all ages.

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### **Tetra String Quartet**

**Location:** Marcos de Niza, Gililland Middle School, McClintock High School, Tempe High School, Connolly Middle School, Tempe History Museum, and Friendship Village

**Description:** In collaboration with the Tetra String Quartet, a local professional chamber music ensemble, the orchestra students of Marcos de Niza, McClintock and Tempe High will develop musical/interpersonal skills and apply them in and out of the classroom. Students will form small ensembles and independently prepare pieces, receive coaching from Tetra, and perform multiple community concerts at Friendship Village Senior Living Community and the Tempe History Museum (including concerts for children with autism). The Tetra String Quartet will also work with orchestra students at Connolly and Gililland Middle Schools in preparation for their future participation in the residency. The project's curriculum is based on the core values of Focus, Intention, Reflection and Empathy (FIRE). Through practicing these values, young musicians will develop life skills that are relevant beyond their high school orchestra experience.

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### **United Sound**

**Location:** Tempe High School and Arizona State University

**Description:** For New Musicians (students with special needs), music education opportunities are scarce in the public-school setting. United Sound provides authentic learning, music making, and performance opportunities. New Musicians are taught by their Peer Mentors (general education band and orchestra students) to play an instrument at a personally modified level and join the full band or orchestra to perform. Our current partners include the band at Tempe High School and concert band at ASU. For the 2019-20 school year, we would like to expand our reach to include 2 additional programs - orchestra and guitar - at Tempe High School. The band director at Tempe High school will collaborate with United Sound to create, develop, test, and implement the guitar curriculum. United Sound musicians will perform for the public in the City of Tempe at least 8 times this year building relationships and a sense of community that is second to none!

