



**A NOTE FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**  
**Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler**

The third season of Arts at Nativity is here! As in the previous years we are mixing old and new, classical music of the West and East with folk and jazz. We are thrilled to announce that we secured some of the finest, most recognized and internationally acclaimed artists from the Valley.

Joseph Wytko's "vivid projection, effortless precision, charm and savoir-faire" were praised by *The New York Times*, and *The Arizona Republic* described him simply as "flawless." Qais Essar's recent appearances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and at the Sikh Heritage Month festival in Toronto, Canada, have expanded the reach of his unique musical message. American opera singers tenor Mitchell Sturges and soprano Dori Scholer will bring their broad performing experience gained also at European stages.

We will celebrate Christmas with a passionate and energetic concert of Vocal Ensemble under UofA alumnus Michael Frongillo, and with a performance of excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* following the well-established American Yuletide tradition. Solis Camerata choir, comprised of some of the finest singers in the Valley, will collaborate with Bartholomew Faire to bring a program of early dance music. Grand Canyon University Trio will saturate our senses with refined classical music for clarinet, bassoon and piano.

Don't miss our annual Veterans and Martin Luther King Day celebrations!

Our space is intimate; you will have an opportunity to hear and see the artists up close as they perform. After each concert, enjoy refreshments and a time to talk with performers and fellow listeners. We look forward to seeing you!

# ARTS AT NATIVITY'S 2017-2018 SEASON

**Unless otherwise noted, tickets are \$20 general admission, \$5 students and children 12 and up**

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QAIS ESSAR, RABAB

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 2 PM • FREE-WILL OFFERING**  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
GOSPEL CONCERT

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 2 PM**  
VALENTINES IN VIENNA

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11 • 2 PM**  
RENAISSANCE DANCES

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15 • 2 PM**  
GRAND CANYON  
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 2 PM

## JOSEPH WYTKO, SAXOPHONE



Hailed by *The San Francisco Chronicle* for his “astounding musicianship and virtuoso playing,” ASU Professor Emeritus **Joseph Wytko** brings an exciting blend of music: from Ravel, Mussorgsky, Piazzolla, to Sondheim, Lennon, and Brubeck.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 • 2 PM

## QAIS ESSAR, RABAB



Come experience the richness of classical and traditional forms of Afghan and Indian music. The depth of Essar’s responsibility to preserve the culture of his war-torn motherland makes his music and narrative exceptionally compelling.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 2 PM

## VETERANS DAY CONCERT



Arts at Nativity is bringing back one of our most popular musical offerings, the unique Veterans Day celebration, for its fifth year! Veterans will read beautiful poems, and a choir, soloists, and instrumental ensemble will provide special music under the direction of Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler.

Those who have come to our performances report that they leave moved and transformed, sometimes shedding a tear or two. Bring a friend! No tickets required; free-will offering gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 2 PM

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Get ready to celebrate Christmas! The Apollo High School Vocal Ensemble, led by University of Arizona alumnus Michael Frongillo, will present a vibrant program of Christmas-themed choral favorites interspersed with solos and sing-alongs.

This premiere ensemble prides itself on communicating sincere messages through music and expression. Mr. Frongillo was recently awarded the Outstanding New Choral Educator of the Year Award.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 2 PM

## EXCERPTS FROM “MESSIAH”



The Nativity Choir and outstanding Arizona-based soloists will present a selection of favorite arias, recitatives, and choruses from the famous oratorio by Georg Friedrich Handel, *Messiah*. In 1741, Handel produced this large-scale

work in a creative fervor, completing it in just three to four weeks. It was originally performed in Dublin around Easter time, but by the early 19th century it became a strong Yuletide tradition in the United States and Great Britain. Please join us in continuing this fine tradition! Free-will offering.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 • 7 PM

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY GOSPEL CONCERT



A celebration of the 89th birthday of the Civil Rights Movement’s chief spokesman and Episcopal martyr, with music from the traditional Gospel repertoire. You’ll experience an evening filled with strong emotions and energy, enhanced by a story of Dr. King’s life and work with excerpts from his speeches.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 2 PM

## VALENTINES IN VIENNA



Come hear tenor **Mitchell Sturges** and soprano **Dori Scholer** while they transport you to romantic Vienna.

Featuring three centuries of music, from Beethoven to Johann Strauss to Mahler and more, this mix of art song and operetta celebrating LOVE will delight and entertain everyone!

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 • 2 PM

## ORCHESOGRAFIE: THE RENAISSANCE DANCES



The fascinating world of Renaissance dance comes alive with the stellar voices of **Solis Camerata** and the authentic instruments of **Bartholomew Faire**, as these two valley-based early music ensembles team up to present



the music of *Orchesographie*, a 16th-century treatise on dancing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 • 2 PM

## GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY TRIO



Join the trio – **Mark Fearey** (piano), **Tim Haas** (clarinet) and

**Dr. Kristilyn Woods** (bassoon) – as they present compositions ranging from Beethoven and Brahms to more modern works. Each member of the trio will also perform a solo work by a female composer. Don’t miss this afternoon of great music from some of GCU’s top musical talents!

## Arts at Nativity Ticket Order Form

Visit [ArtsAtNativity.org](http://ArtsAtNativity.org) to purchase tickets and season passes with your credit card.

Season passes (six concerts):

- \_\_\_ Adult tickets @ \$100 – Save \$20!
- \_\_\_ Students and children 12 and ups @ \$25

Please note: In the interest of conservation, we do not issue printed tickets. Instead, we keep a list of tickets purchased at the door.

Tickets for individual recitals:

- Joseph Wytko, Saxophone**, Sun., Oct. 1, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5
- Qais Essar, Rabab**, Sun., Oct. 22, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5
- Christmas Celebration**, Sun., Dec. 10, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5
- Valentines in Vienna**, Sun., Feb. 11, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5
- Renaissance Dances**, Sun., Mar. 11, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5
- Grand Canyon Univ. Trio**, Sun., Apr. 15, 2 PM  
\_\_\_ Adults @ \$20, \_\_\_ Students and children @ \$5

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