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## **SALT RIVER BRASS PRESENTS HOLIDAY POPS!**

**Mesa, AZ** – On Sunday, December 9, 2018, the Salt River Brass Band with Music Director Patrick Sheridan presents **Holiday Pops!** The most popular concert of the season returns to ring in the holidays! A Valley tradition for 31 years, the Salt River Brass hosts a magical concert of holiday classics including *O Holy Night*, *White Christmas* and *Joy to the World*. The afternoon sparkles to a close with Duke Ellington's version of *The Nutcracker* and a Motown style *Jingle Bells* that will keep your feet tapping into the New Year! Start your holiday season with SRB's Holiday Pops — the perfect way for the whole family to celebrate this festive time of year!

**Holiday Pops!** will be performed in the Mesa Arts Center's Ikeda Theater on **Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.**, with tickets regularly priced from \$16 to \$25.

Tickets are available through the Mesa Arts Center at [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com) and by phone at 480.644.6500.

### **2018-2019 Season**

The Salt River Brass is celebrating 31 years of presenting dynamic musical entertainment in the Valley! Join us for our annual series in the Mesa Arts Center's beautiful Ikeda Theater, led by Music Director Patrick Sheridan. Concerts start at 3:00 p.m. Remaining performances include:

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#### **Swingin' on a Star**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Melt the last of winter away with a jolt of hot swing! Audiences around the Valley know when it comes to big band, the Salt River Brass is smokin' hot - and these cats got swing. You're in for a jump-jivin', roof-raisin', rompin' good time.

### **Pictures at an Exhibition**

Sunday, March 24, 2019

SRB will paint in glorious brass strokes and enter the magical world of music based on artwork with Modest Mussorgsky's alternately fanciful and powerful set of tone poems entitled *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Music from Giovanni Gabrielli, Richard Wagner, and Dmitri Shostakovich fill out this grand exhibition!

### **On the Shoulders of Giants**

April 28, 2019

Maestro Sheridan brings an exciting program that pays tribute to the musical melting pot of the United States and the great American brass virtuosi whose legacy has provided the foundation for countless brass giants of today. From Classical to jazz and from Herbert L. Clarke to Miles Davis, the Salt River Brass delivers an unforgettable concert of past heroes.

Performances at the Mesa Arts Center are made possible in part by the support of the City of Mesa Department of Arts and Culture through the Creative Economy Fund.

### **About Salt River Brass Band**

Picture 36 brass and percussion virtuosi crafting the upbeat brilliance of a military band, the full-throated sonorities of a symphony orchestra and the warm intimate sounds of a chamber group. This is the Salt River Brass, with the versatility to program everything from light classics and marches to show tunes, folk melodies and jazz standards.

A nonprofit organization founded by its musicians in January 1988, the Salt River Brass has thrilled audiences in the Valley's finest concert venues and across the state of Arizona. The band and its volunteer musicians are proud to present a six-concert series in the beautiful Mesa Arts Center, regularly featuring outstanding guest soloists, ensembles, conductors and new musical works for our audiences' enjoyment.

### **About Patrick Sheridan, Music Director**

Patrick Sheridan is one of the most celebrated tuba soloists in his instrument's history. He has performed more than 3,000 concerts in over 50 countries in venues ranging from the White House to NBA half-time shows to the Hollywood Bowl. He is a former member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band and has been featured on NBC's "Today Show" and NPR's "All Things Considered."

Beyond his busy performing life, Patrick is the Chief Design Consultant for Jupiter Band Instruments and XO Brass. He frequently works across the United States as a guest conductor with university bands and orchestras as well as high school and middle school

all-state and regional honor bands and orchestras. Along with Sam Pilafian, he is the co-author of the world's best-selling method for instrumental improvement, *The Breathing Gym*, which won the 2009 EMMY Award for Instructional/Informational Video Production.