



Jason Malloy, Interim Music Director

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SALT RIVER BRASS PRESENTS GRANDMA'S PIANO BENCH!

Mesa, AZ – On **Sunday, October 10, 2021**, the Salt River Brass Band presents a motherlode of musical delights that can be found in **Grandma's Piano Bench!** Led by Interim Music Director, Jason Malloy, the Salt River Brass opens its season with classics ranging from Bach's *Fugue in G Minor* to Rachmaninoff's *Prelude #5* to Queen's *Symphonic Highlights* and Scott Joplin's famous rag, *The Entertainer*. The Salt River Brass will perform an afternoon of heart-warming classics that's not to be missed!

Grandma's Piano Bench will be performed in the Mesa Arts Center's Ikeda Theater on **Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.**, with tickets regularly priced from \$16 to \$25.

Tickets are available through the Mesa Arts Center at mesaartscenter.com and by phone at 480.644.6500. Programming is subject to change.

2021-22 Season

The Salt River Brass is celebrating 34 years of presenting dynamic musical entertainment in the Valley! Join us for our annual series in the Mesa Arts Center's beautiful Ikeda Theater. Concerts start at 3:00 p.m. Remaining performances include:

Debt of Gratitude

Sunday, November 14, 2021

SRB turns the spotlight on our brave men and women in the Armed Forces with *Lincoln Portrait* by Aaron Copland, *Eternal Father* arranged by Dan Bukvich, *Amazing Grace*, other patriotic music and military songs, and, of course, marches from John Philip Sousa, including *The Stars and Stripes Forever!*

Home for the Holidays

Sunday, December 12, 2021

We conjure up a winter wonderland in the desert with a fun and invigorating concert. A holiday feast of classics such as *The Nutcracker Suite* and *O Magnum Mysterium* will bring out your holiday warmth. Time-honored tradition is set to music with *Sleigh Ride*, *O Holy Night*, and *Carol of the Bells*. Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* brings home the heart of the celebration. Join in the act with our Holiday Sing Along! Come hear the glorious tones of brass in the Mesa Arts Center - our *Home For The Holidays* - and celebrate the spirit of the season with the Salt River Brass.

United We Swing

Sunday, February 27, 2022

For more than 20 years, the Salt River Brass has dedicated a concert to a style of music unique to America - Jazz. Jazz bassist Chris Ross joins us as our guest soloist as we swing into the golden era of music with enthusiastic works from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and the immortal Louis Armstrong.

Cry of the Celts

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Leprechauns and shamrocks and brass music, oh my! Paint your face green as we travel to Ireland and Scotland for a musical voyage you'll never forget! The Salt River Brass delivers an eclectic mix of classic Celtic songs, including *The Irish Washerwoman*, *Minstrel Boy*, and the timeless favorite *Danny Boy*. Music from the Hollywood epic *Braveheart* and the Irish folk song *Believe Me, if All Those Endearing Young Charms* warms the heart. Celebrate these powerfully enduring songs that speak to music lovers of all ages!

Rhapsody in Blue

April 24, 2022

George Gershwin will be forever remembered as one of the most significant American composers of the 20th century. Join us for a rousing season finale with popular and classical music from Gershwin's more than two dozen scores for Broadway and Hollywood, including *Porgy & Bess*, *I Got Rhythm*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, and *An American in Paris*. Do not miss this fabulous lineup of performers and music!

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 Jason Malloy, Interim Music Director

Dr. Jason Malloy is an accomplished international performer and music educator. Popular with audiences for his virtuoso skills on the trombone and his on-stage humor, Jason has performed as Solo Trombonist with the Salt River Brass for twenty-two years.

Jason has performed in Europe, toured nationally with the River City Brass based in Pittsburgh, PA, and been a guest artist with the Boston Brass, Monterrey (Mexico) Symphony Orchestra, and the Phoenix Symphony. In 2005 he was selected as one of only sixteen trombonists for the prestigious Alessi Seminar, and annual intensive workshop conducted by the Principal Trombonist with the New York Philharmonic, Joseph Alessi. Active in the Valley music scene, Jason has performed with the Arizona Opera, the Phoenix Metropolitan Opera, and the Phoenix Brass Collective where he is currently a member. Born and raised in Coeur d'Alene, ID, Jason began his music career while still in high school, performing with the North Idaho College jazz band and orchestra, as well as in community musical theater. He earned his bachelor's degree from the Lionel Hampton School of Music at the University of Idaho, and his master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from Arizona State University. His mentors and influences include Alan Gemberling, Dan Bukvich, Robert Spevacek, Gail Eugene Wilson, Sam Pilafian, and Patrick Sheridan.

As Interim Music Director of the Salt River Brass, Jason is committed to showcasing the Valley's considerable local talent, bringing a wide variety of musical styles and genres to the stage, and continuing the Salt River Brass legacy as the most successful community music ensemble in the United States.

The Salt River Brass is grateful that Jason has agreed to lead the Salt River Brass until we select a new music director who is just as committed to carrying forward the vision of the Salt River Brass, which is "to become the premier brass band in America, entertain the public with the highest quality of showmanship, teach adults and children alike about music, and provide a rewarding performance experience for its members.."