

Tempe Center for the Arts



be part of the scene



Fall '08

Oct. 31, 2008

## JAMN Jazz @ TCA Series

**BENNY GREEN, THEATER**

Benny Green is considered one of the top jazz pianists in the world. This hard bop player "graduated" from Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers and is compared to Bud Powell in style and influence. Accompanists will be Scott Wilson, Dom Moio, Dwight Kilian and Delphine Cortez.



Tempe Center for the Arts



700 W. RIO SALADO PARKWAY, TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

be part of the scene



Fall '08

Oct. 13, 2008

## Tempe Symphony Orchestra

**THEATER**

Steinway pianist Walter Cosand joins the orchestra in opening its 34th season under the direction of Dr. Richard Strange. Cosand will perform Liszt's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in Eb*. The orchestra will play selections from Brahms and Prokofiev, as well. Free. General Admission.

Photo by Michael Masengarb



be part of the scene



Friends of Tempe  
Center for the Arts

Nov. 1, 2008

## Annual Gala

**THEATER**

Franc D'Ambrosio headlines the Friends' Annual Gala (a spectacular evening of food, drink and entertainment), performing Hollywood tunes. D'Ambrosio is best known for his role in the stage version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera." Information: [www.FriendsoftCA.org/](http://www.FriendsoftCA.org/) or call 480-350-2884.



### Socialize at the TCA

Buy one menu item at full price and receive a second of equal or lesser value at 1/2 off.



Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday  
Open during most performances. Please call ahead.

Menu: [www.tempe.gov/TCA](http://www.tempe.gov/TCA)  
Information: 480/350-2833  
Expires: Dec. 30, 2008

# Activities & Opportunities



AROUND TEMPE

# Tempe Center for the Arts



be part of the scene



Fall '08

## Events

**Art Connections Café** - Artists join moderator Rebecca Akins for a lively discussion about art and café exhibitions from Noon to 1 p.m. at the Connections Café in the Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.  
**Dec. 11** - "Properties of Paper" artists Goran Konjevod, Charles Kazilek and Gene Valentine.

### Peanut Butter & Jam

**Oct. 27** - Children ages 3 to 5 years can create art projects and enjoy songs and stories about fall with Persephone from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Road, just east of the library. Sponsored by **WAL-MART**.

### Tempe Tardeada

**Oct. 12** - Join the fun, color and culture of Tempe's 10th Annual Tardeada, which honors Hispanic Heritage Month, from Noon to 8 p.m. at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road.

### Tempe Symphony Orchestra

**Dec. 1** - Organist Kimberly Marshall and the Deseret Chorale, Red Mountain Community College A Capella Choir and the Sun Valley Chorale highlight the annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. at ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave. Call 480-965-3434 for tickets.

### Holiday Fantasia

**Dec. 6** - Talk to Santa, decorate cookies, participate in "make-n-take" art activities and more from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Tempe Historical Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

## Exhibitions

### POST OFFICE EXHIBITIONS

500 S. Mill Ave.

#### I Wanna Be a Cowboy

Through Jan. 7

Artists Jeff Falk and Keith Stanton take nontraditional approaches to interpreting the Wild West as they explore childhood dreams of the American West.

### CITY HALL GALLERY

31 E. Fifth St.

#### Jewel in the Desert: getting acquainted with our Muslim neighbors

Oct. 3 - April 3

Life stories, oral histories and artifacts reflecting the history and experiences of Arizona Muslims will be on display, promoting cultural appreciation and interfaith respect of Muslim citizens.

### GALLERY AT TCA

700 W. Rio Salado Parkway

#### Paper Cup Exchange

**Oct. 9** - Audiences of all ages can make paper arts and prints and meet artists whose work appears in this juried show. Coffee and light refreshments provided. The exhibition celebrates the one-year anniversary of the opening of the TCA and features works on paper, art made of paper and artists inspired by



Patching the Cracks  
by Sarah Kriehn

anniversary of the opening of the TCA and features works on paper, art made of paper and artists inspired by

Exhibitions and events are free. Schedules are subject to change.



Be part of the scene,  
join the Friends today, visit  
[www.FriendsofTCA.org/](http://www.FriendsofTCA.org/)

## LIBRARY GALLERIES

3500 S. Rural Road



Nurture by Ron Bimrose

#### Connections Café

##### Falling Leaves

Through Nov. 12

Valley artists Ron Bimrose and Kim Walker celebrate the fall with work that deals with nature and leaf imagery. Look for

the colors of fall and the moments when, in this fast-paced world, people are able to take a step back, enjoy nature and reflect.

#### Properties of Paper

Nov. 14-Feb. 4

Artists Konjevod and Kazilek explore the art of paper. Both artists' work is colorful and simply beautiful. But the process each takes to achieve the final work is highly analytical and scientific in nature.

#### Lower Level Gallery

##### Digital Age

Dec. 4-March 4

Email, text messaging, iPod, YouTube and camera phones have changed the way in which information is sent and received. This exhibition features works inspired or made by new technologies and the fast-paced information age.

#### Flower & Fauna

Through Dec. 27

The Arizona desert and unique plants provide inspiration for artists Catherine Ruane, Denise Currier, Heather Kirk, John Villinski, Kim Walker, Sandy Tracy, Mary Shindell, Sandra Luehrsen and Craig Cheply, whose work spans native fauna and plants that are foreign to the region but thriving anyway.

#### Second Floor Gallery

##### Renovation and Retrospection

Through Oct. 17

Learn about the current Tempe Historical Museum renovation plans and look at the best of the changing exhibits featured at the Museum for the last 17 years.



Untitled  
by Andrew Salomone



Cultural Services programs are supported by the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## CHILDSPLAY

### Miss Nelson is Missing

Through Oct. 5, Theater

Anyone who has set foot in an elementary school will recognize the disruptive kids in Room 207 and their sweet but ineffectual teacher, Miss Nelson. When substitute Viola Swamp arrives, Room 207 is overwhelmed with homework, discipline, math, math and more math. The ending will have audiences cheering for Miss Nelsons everywhere.

### Getting Near to Baby

Oct. 25-Nov. 9, Studio

As Willa Jo and Little Sister arrive for an extended visit with Aunt Patty, audiences get a glimpse at a family pulling together, dealing with grief and loss and learning to live with a sad truth. This new play is poignant, uplifting and funny by turns as it traces a family's journey of acceptance and understanding in the face of loss.

### Velveteen Rabbit

Nov. 22-Dec. 21, Theater

For 17 years, Childsplay brought holiday magic to Valley families with its production of Margery Williams' classic. Now the tradition makes a triumphant return. Watch as the velveteen rabbit is given to a young boy, is introduced to a tough crowd of toys in the nursery, becomes a firm favorite, is sentenced to the incinerator with scarlet fever germs and finally becomes real through the power of love.

<http://childsplayaz.org/>

## WISEMEN OF COMEDY

Oct. 4, Studio

Family friendly, clean stand-up comedy with the "Wise Men of Comedy" comes to TCA. Live Recording for CD and DVD. Featuring professional comedians: Robert Wagner, Keith Ellis and Sean Cullum.

## DESERT DANCE THEATRE

### Arizona Dance Festival

Oct. 11-12, Studio

The Arizona Dance Festival showcases individuals, emerging artist groups and professional companies from all genres and styles. Up to 15 dances will be performed per night.

<http://www.desertdancetheatre.org/>

## ARIZONA WIND SYMPHONY

Oct. 29, Theater

The Arizona Wind Symphony plays a wide variety of music, including marches, Broadway and film tunes, overtures, dances, contemporary symphonic wind music and more.

[www.arizonawindsymphony.org/](http://www.arizonawindsymphony.org/)

## EDWARD O. WILSON

### Darwin & the Future of Biology

Nov. 4, Theater

This conservationist, humanist and Pulitzer Prize winner will speak about discovery and the evolution and future of our living world.

### Box Office Hours

10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday - Friday  
Saturdays and Sundays during performances only. On performance days, the Box Office opens two hours prior to the first performance and closes after intermission of the last performance.

## TEMPE SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

### A Patriotic Tribute

Nov. 9, Theater

This musical salute by 46 of the finest musicians from the Phoenix metropolitan area is a tribute to the veterans of the armed forces. The evening features stirring, patriotic music, such as well-known marches, fanfares and other audience favorites.

[www.tswe.org](http://www.tswe.org)

## TEMPE LITTLE THEATRE

### Kiss Me, Kate

Nov. 14-30, Studio

This musical comedy by composer Cole Porter enchanted critics, delighted audiences and won five Tony Awards in 1949. "Kiss Me, Kate" recounts the backstage and onstage antics of two feuding romantic couples during a touring production of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

[www.tempe-littletheatre.org](http://www.tempe-littletheatre.org)

## COMIC PAIN RELIEF

### Power of Pain Foundation

Dec. 4, Theater

Comedians Big Al, Randolph T. and Marby Ingle unite for the Third Annual Comic Pain Relief concert. This event benefits a 501(c)(3) non profit charity raising money for support and awareness of chronic pain sufferers.

Dates and shows are subject to change.

Accessibility - The Tempe Center for the Arts provides a variety of accessible services and accommodations. Call 480-350-2883 to make arrangements in advance.

## TCA Tickets & Showtimes

Online: <http://www.tempe.gov/tca>  
Box Office: 480-350-2TCA (2822)  
700 W. Rio Salado Parkway  
Tempe, AZ 85281