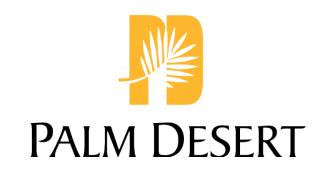
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- According to The Americans for the Arts, overall economic impact of the McCallum Theatre for the City of Palm Desert is just under \$20 million annually.
- According to data compiled for the California Department of Tourism:
  - 35% of McCallum Ticket Revenue comes from patrons beyond a 50 mile radius from Palm Desert (i.e. visitors/tourists).





The partnership between The City of Palm Desert and McCallum Theatre is featured prominently in a variety of collateral materials, most notably in connection with The Palm Desert Choreography Festival, Open Call Talent Project and other McCallum Theatre Education programs

## McCallum Theatre 2022-2023 Season Brochure

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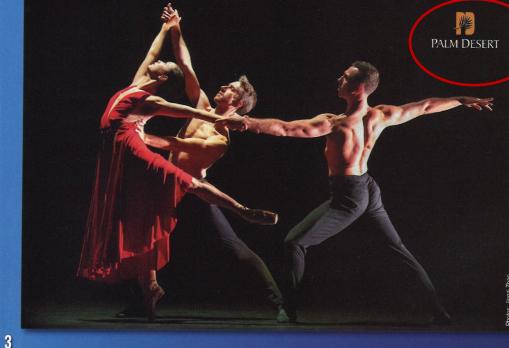
## Palm Desert Choreography Festival

Celebrating the Artists of Today, Nurturing the Artists of Tomorrow!

Sat, November 11, 7pm Featuring Professional Companies \$50/35/25

Sun, November 12, 4pm Featuring Pre-Professional Companies \$40/30/20

This popular Festival is a dynamic live platform for dancemakers and dancers to showcase their work and powerfully engages audiences around dance in the Coachella Valley. Exciting original dances in various styles are performed by companies from across the nation with winners announced at the conclusion of each performance. Saturday evening includes a Lifetime Achievement presentation, while Sunday afternoon showcases local dancers participating in East Valley Dance Project. Celebrating dance as an art form, this unique event delivers an exciting variety of new work created by inventive choreographers and performed by extraordinary dancers.



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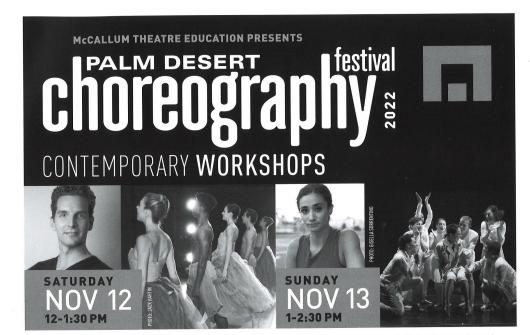


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And a hearty "Thank You!" to the Palm Desert Choreography Festival for elevating the art of dance for 25 transformational years!





Join Hungarian born MATÉ SZENTES for a joyful and high-energy experience exploring his unique style of movement and playful musicality. As a choreographer, he focuses on finding the nuance in the music while not being afraid to let his quirky side take the lead when it comes to creating movement. You will be guided through a warm-up including both classical and contemporary elements and learn an excerpt of Mate's work House of Bourbon, which will be presented at Palm Desert Choreography Festival Saturday evening. Since moving to the U.S. in 2012, Maté – whose background primarily is classical dance – has had the privilege of working with some of the nation's top choreographers and to date has had over 35 new works choreographed on him by such names as Val Caniparoli, Ma Cong, Melissa Barak, Mariana Oliveira and Kate Skarpetowska. Maté graduated from the Hungarian Dance Academy, has danced with the Hungarian National Ballet, Sacramento Ballet and Richmond Ballet and is currently a Principal Artist with American Contemporary Ballet. He has created works for Richmond Ballet, Barak Ballet, Ballet Project OC as well as other independent projects.

DOLLY SFEIR is a Lebanese award-winning choreographer and director. Her dynamic workshop is an invitation for artists to navigate the capriciousness of the creative process. With a meditative quality, each layer of this workshop is designed to strengthen the brain-body connection and promote curiosity and the flow of creativity that best help you develop as a dancer and/or choreographer. Dolly is a NYFA/ NYSCA Choreographic Fellow, the 2019 Grand Prize winner of Palm Desert Choreography Festival, and Jacob's Pillow choreographic fellow. She was artist-in-residence for Abingdon Theatre Company. Sfeir received a commission from CUNY Dance Initiative, premiering an evening length work in May of 2022. Her other commissions include Holstebro Dansekompagni in Denmark, WHIM W'HIM and CSU Long Beach, Her film It Cries too Loudly received several awards such as 'best short film' (Wilddogs festival) and 'best cinematography' (Eastern Europe Film Festival). She graduated summa cum laude from CSU Long Beach with a Dance BFA.

Open to advanced dancers of all styles, ages 12 & up Space is limited. Reservations are needed. Offered at no cost thanks to support from our generous Festival underwriters.

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT Joanna Fookes, Education Program Manager jfookes@mccallum-theatre.org

WHERE College of the Desert, Gym 43500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert (walking distance from McCallum Theatre)



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> Ensure support and attention to dance in the Coachella Valley

> Create venues for dance companies and choreographers

> Educate young dancers to the potential of dance as a career by providing opportunities for learning, performing and networking with professionals and by exposing them to a variety of dance styles

 Encourage and ensure new dance audiences by bringing dance to the general public





HISTORY The Festival, founded by choreographer Shea New in 1998, has grown tremendoury in size, respect and support, in part due to the stellar talent that it has attracted. It began as a joint effort between the College of the Desert and the bity of Palm Desert, with McCallum Theatre Education Lending its support in the second year. The idea of the Festival grew out of the need to provide emerging choreographers with support and opportunities to showcase them art. In 2002, the Festival was fully incorporated as a McCallum Theatre Education program and has since expanded its reach with a number of dynamic community projects.

## WHAT?

 A choreography competition
Dance projects, workshops, master classes and special presentations

Public acknowledgement and recognition for choreographers via honorary and financial awards including a lifetime achievement award for outstanding contributions to dance

McCallum Theatre Education seeks to enhance the role of the arts in our lives and community by inspiring greater awareness of their educational, cognitive, emotional and spiritual power. By encouraging an active and experiential study of the arts, McCallum Theatre Education advances the belief that all human beings are inherently creative. The programs developed by McCallum are designed to build on that creativity by equipping individuals with the skills necessary for an enduring engagement with the arts and an understanding of their essential contribution to enlightened citizenship.

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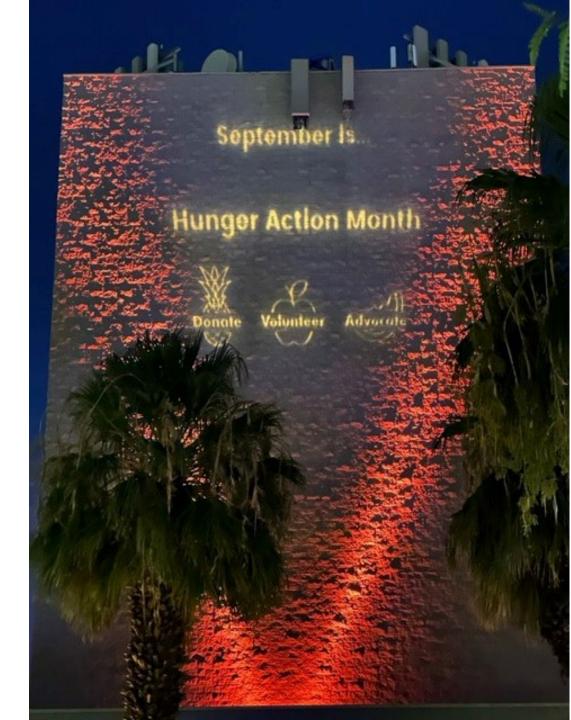
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February 28, 2023

Artist: Autumn Martino



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McCallum Theatre and The City of Palm Desert present U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors FREE concert Saturday, November 4 at 7pm



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7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4 FREE CONCERT PRESENTED WITH THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TICKETS AVAILABLE IN PERSON ONLY AT MCCALLUM THEATRE BOX OFFICE AND CITY OF PALM DESERT VISITOR'S CENTER

Palm Desert, CA – The Jazz Ambassadors, the official touring big band of the United States Army will be performing at the McCallum Theatre at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4. This FREE concert is presented in performing with The City or Palm Desert.

Tickets are available in person ONLY and may be obtained by visiting the McCallum Theatre Box Office, 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, Monday through Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm or at the City of Palm Desert's Visitor Center, inside Palm Desert City Hall's North Wing, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, Monday through Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm.

A limit four tickets will be distributed per person. Attendees must be in their seats no later than 6:45pm on the night of the concert or the seats will be given to those patrons on a standby line.

"We are delighted to partner once again with The City of Palm Desert to bring this outstanding ensemble to the desert for a free community concert," said Mitch Gershenfeld, McCallum Theatre President, CEO and Artistic Director. "It is going to be a wonderful evening celebrating a quintessential American art form."

Formed in 1969, the 19-member Jazz Ambassadors ensemble has received great acclaim at home and abroad performing America's greatest original art form, jazz.

Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are programmed to entertain all types of audiences. The band's diverse repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland, vocals, and patriotic selections, many of which are written or arranged by members of the Jazz Ambassadors.

The Jazz Ambassadors has appeared in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe. Recent notable performances include concerts at the Toronto Jazz Festival, the Richmond Jazz Festival at Maymont, the Kennedy Center Honors, the Jazz Education Network Conference, and an appearance on the Colbert Report. The



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