

2025–2026 Artist Residency



Tetra String Quartet



Clinton Davis



Máirtín de Cógáin



Fushicho Daiko



North of Lonesome Bluegrass Band

FALL 2025

Tetra String Quartet

Tue., August 26, 2025

Have you ever thought about how storytelling helps us understand ourselves and each other? Join the Tetra String Quartet as they explore how music can tell powerful stories without using words. Students will hear works by a diverse range of composers and discover the ways music communicates emotion, sparks imagination, and connects people across cultures and experiences.

Máirtín de Cógáin

Tue., September 9, 2025

Máirtín de Cógáin offers a high energy extravaganza of Irish music and storytelling. With his *bodhrán* (drum) in hand, he will have students dancing the *céilí* dances—Irish social dances—he learned in his kitchen as a boy. *(in partnership with Center for World Music)*

Fushicho Daiko

Tue., October 21 & 28, 2025

Fushicho Daiko, Arizona's longest running professional performing taiko group, strives to share the art form of Japanese taiko drumming with the world. Students will learn about teamwork, cooperation, community, cultural awareness, musical excellence, and fun in this bombastic performance.

Clinton Davis

Mon., December 1, 2025

Come learn about the captivating sounds and rhythms that define Appalachian music and how they connect Appalachia to Europe and West Africa. Students will be hooked when listening to Appalachian fiddle and banjo playing, learning about square dancing, and discovering musical approaches to melody and group participation. *(in partnership with Center for World Music)*

North of Lonesome Bluegrass Band

Mon., December 8, 2025

Take your students on a trip to the eastern mountains of the United States with North of Lonesome Bluegrass Band. Through traditional five-piece instrumentation, lively music, and a touch of popular fusion, students will clap and dance their way across Appalachia.

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Arizona Opera

SPRING 2026

Furious Styles Crew

Tue., February 10 & 17, 2026

Discover the five elements of hip hop with Furious Styles Crew. In collaboration with the artists, students will explore the instruments of hip hop, practice dance moves, learn about visual art, and tap into their inner emcee.

Sandra Bassett

Tue., March 24 & 31, 2026

Experience a live jazz performance with acclaimed vocalist and arts educator Sandra Bassett! Students will discover the power of improvisation and personal expression, explore different jazz styles, learn about the African American roots of jazz, and engage in interactive elements that encourage listening, rhythm, and creativity.

Arizona Opera (best for grades K–5)

Mon., May 4 & 11, 2026

Take your students on an unforgettable underwater adventure! *Rusalka: The Littlest Mermaid* is a magical, student-friendly opera about courage, transformation, and following your dreams. With a happy ending and timeless message, this enchanting performance is perfect for sparking young imaginations and inspiring classroom conversations.

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