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Moab Music Festival *music in concert with the landscape™*

The American spirit runs through the canyons in Moab during the 26th annual Moab Music Festival from August 27 – September 13, 2018. Music in Concert with the Landscape™ comes to life with performances set in spectacular outdoor venues along the Colorado River, in the charming and historic Star Hall, in private indoor salons, and surprise outdoor settings, all with the world-class Moab Music Festival musicians as a guide. Patrons will experience musical hikes, rafting adventures, intimate gatherings, and virtuoso performances, all surrounded by the sky, the Colorado River, and the ruggedly stunning red rock desert of southeast Utah — a backdrop for the musical ride of a lifetime. Here's a preview of Moab Music Festival events taking place on Labor Day weekend.

Opening Night Concert at Star Hall, "New Americans," on Friday, August 31, 7pm, is a program dedicated to composers who have become American citizens during their lifetime and have made U.S. musical culture and legacy all the richer, as a result. The evening features distinguished Chinese-American composer, and the festival's Composer-in-Residence, Bright Sheng. The concert also includes the music of Puerto Rican born Americans, Dan Román and Roberto Sierra, as well as Czech composer, Bohuslav Martin, who fled the Nazis in order to become an American

citizen, and whose music is a powerful influence in contemporary classical music to this day. Composer Daniel Sabzghabaei is of Persian heritage and his work is inspired by traditional Persian melodic and rhythmic forms, folk music, art, and poetry.

Rounding out the cultural mélange is the Chinese-Canadian virtuoso percussionist and composer, Pius Cheung, who performs in one of his own works and another by Sheng. Opening Night kicks off with a pre-concert talk by Mr. Sheng at 6pm.



TAKE 6, the most awarded a cappella group in history, takes the Moab Music Festival stage on **Saturday September 1 at 6pm at Red Cliffs Lodge**. The vocal group, known for its razor-sharp 6-part harmony was heralded by Quincy Jones as the "baddest vocal cats on the planet!" Its awards include ten GRAMMYs, ten Dove Awards (Gospel Music Awards), induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Best Jazz Vocal Group honors for seven consecutive years in Downbeat's prestigious Reader's and Critic's Poll. The group cites faith, friendship, respect, and love of music as the key to its 25-plus-year-success.



The genre-bending ensemble **Time for Three (Tf3)** gives new meaning to rocking out in Moab! On **Sunday September 2, at 6pm at Red Cliffs Lodge** the Moab Music Festival favorite returns with its uncommon mix of virtuosity and showmanship, performing music from Bach to Brahms and their own original material with unique flair and creative genius. Tf3's new arrangements on this concert include Moab Music Festival strings playing as a small orchestra along with the ensemble, and make for a sonically satisfying and rowdy performance.

Bring your picnic basket and blanket for the **Rocky Mountain Power Family Concert on Monday, September 3 at 2pm**, featuring an afternoon of Broadway hits sung by Lauren Worsham (A Gentleman's



2018 Concerts

Friday August 31 Opening Night: **New Americans**, at Star Hall 7pm

Saturday September 1 **TAKE 6** at Red Cliffs Lodge 6pm

Sunday September 2 **Time for Three** at Red Cliffs Lodge 6pm

Monday September 3 **Rocky Mountain Power Free Family Concert** at Old City Park 2pm

Friday September 7 **We Are Women: a Bernstein Cabaret** at Star Hall 7pm

Saturday September 8 **New World Assembly: Scotland Meets Quebec & Appalachia** at Sorrel River Ranch 6pm

Sunday September 9 Closing Night: **Coming to America** at Star Hall 7pm

You may purchase your tickets online at moabmusicfest.org or call 435-259-7003

Guide to Love and Murder), and Kyle Jarrow (SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical). The pair will be joined by baritone Andrew Garland singing tunes from the American songbook as listeners relax under the cottonwood trees in Old City Park. This annual concert is FREE in celebration of Labor Day and is generously sponsored by Rocky Mountain Power.