

The Great American Songbook: A Tribute to Phoenix's Arts Community

The Phoenix Theatre Company presents local trio We3 for a musical celebration

(September 14, 2020—PHOENIX) Live performing arts organizations, artists and patrons alike are eagerly awaiting the day they can gather for in-person events. Some local venues plan to reopen as soon as Fall 2020, while others have moved programming 100% online. As The Phoenix Theatre Company develops plans for digital content and outdoor performances later this year, the theatre company is graciously offering a free digital performance to its patrons, in collaboration with local favorite We3, it's *The Great American Songbook*.

“Our faithful patrons are the reason we remain hopeful we’ll be back together soon for live performance,” says Karla Frederick, director of production at The Phoenix Theatre Company. “To thank our patrons, we’re collaborating with three of the Valley’s finest musicians for an evening of healing, joy and comfort.”

[We3](#) is a Phoenix-based, all-female trio with pianist Nicole Pesce, vocalist Renee Grant Patrick and violinist Suzanne Lansford. *The Great American Songbook* encapsulates the work of George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter and more, giving viewers the opportunity to rediscover the most influential composers of jazz and showtune music.

“Music is something we need now more than ever—it uplifts, inspires and builds empathy,” says Nicole Pesce, pianist of We3. “This set list is meant to give us a sense of comfort. We’re celebrating these iconic composers. And even more so, it’s a reason for us to come together and enjoy the music we all know and love.”

The Great American Songbook is a free digital event streaming live September 18 at 7:30PM. Once guests RSVP, The Phoenix Theatre Company will email attendees a streaming link. To learn more and to book a free ticket, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com/songbook.

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ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in Arizona. As the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District, The Phoenix Theatre Company is committed to advancing performing arts in the Valley with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N. Central Ave in Phoenix, The Phoenix Theatre Company’s mission is to create exceptional experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. The Phoenix Theatre Company is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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