

Vince Gill, Lyle Lovett Reunite for "Songs and Stories" Tour Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center March 23



MESA, AZ, December 5 – The always witty Vince Gill and the reliably wry Lyle Lovett are reuniting for a nine city tour that will take place March 2017, and will include a stop at Mesa Arts Center Thursday, March 23. After teaming up for a series of concerts in 2015 and 2016, Gill and Lovett saw that the shows were so successful that they decided to extend the tour. Tickets to the Mesa Arts Center performance are on sale now to members and will go on sale to the general public December 9 at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available at mesaartscenter.com, by calling 480-644-6500 and at the Mesa Arts Center Box Office.

A reviewer for *Elmore Magazine* raved, "The evening reminded me of the Rat Pack, with pals Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra doing comedy and music and having a great time... This was not the show I had looked forward to—it was much better."

Each show will be a series of intimate solo and duo performances, during which the artists will serve as their own accompanists.

"For a night like this, there is no plan," Gill said. "I know Lyle won't have a plan, and I won't either. What he plays will inspire me, and probably vice-versa. It'll be like playing ping-pong. Whatever song he chooses to sing will inspire the next song that comes out of me."

"I enjoy shows that are not planned out," Lovett observes. "This will be two songwriters in the round. It's informal, so there will be lots of ad-libbing. It will be like little snapshots of our experiences."

Both performers have reaped armfuls of Grammys and kindred laurels for their musical versatility and memory-engraving songwriting.

"Just two guys sitting on stools, telling stories and singing songs," Gill says. "No big bands. I saw James Taylor once with just him and his guitar, and after that show I felt like I knew him a whole lot better than I ever did before. That's what'll happen between Lyle and me, too, and I'm looking forward to it."

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown. More information can be found at MesaArtsCenter.com.

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About Mesa Arts Center

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

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Tour DATES AND LOCATIONS:

March 22 -- Thousand Oaks, CA, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza

March 23 -- Mesa, AZ, Mesa Arts Center

March 24 -- Las Vegas, NV, The Smith Center for the Performing Arts - Reynolds Hall

March 25 -- Reno, NV, Silver Legacy Hotel Casino

March 26 -- San Francisco, CA, Nourse Theatre

March 27 -- San Rafael, CA, Marin Center

March 28 -- San Jose, CA, City National Civic

March 29 -- Visalia, CA, Visalia Fox Theatre

March 30 -- Santa Ynez, CA, Chumash Casino

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