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UPTOWN What's Happening in April

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Sit back and relax with family-friendly movies in the courtyard on two Saturday evenings in April. The movie schedule is:

April 9th – Encanto at 7:00 p.m.

April 23rd – The Parent Trap at 7:00 p.m.

Uptown Plaza will also be hosting their first-ever Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Participants can hunt 200 pre-filled Easter Eggs and a limited number of Golden Eggs





stuffed with fun prizes from participating businesses including Hi, Skin, Sweatshop on Central, Huss Brewing Co. and more.

Uptown Plaza will host various events throughout the year, including live music in the courtyard, drive-in concerts in the parking lot, family-friendly events and more. To stay up-to-date on the latest events happening, please visit www.uptownplazaphx.com/events.

Uptown Plaza is located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road, in the heart of Phoenix's historic north-central neighborhood. The newly restored mid-century modern shopping center is a lively urban hotspot, boasting a wide selection of health, retail and restaurants. The Plaza has over 20 retailers, and the full list can be found at www.uptownplazaphx.com.

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Spring is here! It is nice to see things finally getting back to a somewhat normal way of life. Valley residents are getting back to dining and visiting festivals and events. Remember your local restaurants and show them your appreciation for thier accommodations during these hard times. The upcoming restaurant week is a great opportunity to do so and try restaurants you have not visited in a while.

Have you made your Easter plans yet? Hop on over to the Biltmore Resort on April

17th for their annual Easter Brunch. What better way to celebrate Easter's season of new beginnings than with a relaxed brunch, bringing together friends and family over a leisurely buffet in elegant surroundings. Spread across the magnificent settings of both the Aztec and Gold Rooms with their connecting outdoor spaces, the Biltmore's Easter Brunch promises a suitably spectacular buffet menu. While adults relax and feast, serenaded by the graceful harpist, children will have an unforgettably great time out on the lawn, exploring the delights of a petting zoo, face painting, the cotton candy stand and more. What a wonderful way kick off Spring! Happy Easter from my family to yours!

Thank you for reading this month; I look for ward to bringing you another exciting issue of *Biltmore Lifestyles* in May.

Until next month, Susan

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Brand New Event Debuting at Salt River Fields April 15th & 16th

Salt River Fields is proud to introduce their all-new event, Bunny Balloon Blast. This Easter-themed hot air balloon extravaganza will take place April 15th and 16th from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Bunny Balloon Blast will have over 12 hot air balloons from around the country onsite serving as a candy station for kids to visit and enjoy some Easter treats. Tickets can also be purchased at the event to

experience a short hot air balloon ride. In addition, Bunny Balloon Blast will also have a free Bunny Hop Kids Zone, a photo scavenger hunt and, of course, the Easter Bunny will be there for photos! Tickets are available for purchase now: Adult GA (\$15), Kids GA (\$10) and Kids under three are free.



For tickets, and more information on Bunny Balloon Blast, visit www.bunnyballoonblast.com, or follow @bunnyballoonblast on Instagram.



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Childsplay Brings Schoolhouse Rock Live! Home Again To Herberger Theater Stage West

Childplay's pop culture phenomenon Schoolhouse Rock LIVE! brings its national tour back home again for a four-week run on Stage West at the Herberger Theater Center from April 23rd to May 22nd.

Featuring iconic songs like "Just A Bill," "Conjunction Junction," "Three Is the Magic Number" and "Preamble," academic subjects will never be the same again.

Schoolhouse Rock LIVE! revolves around Tom on his first day teaching. To calm his nerves, he turns on the TV and winds up surrounded by three characters out of nowhere. They are all part of him, facets of his personality, and through imagination and song, they help him gain confidence and teach several subjects including grammar, math, civics, social studies and science.

"If audiences are simply looking for a joyful, intoxicating blast from the past to share with their kids, this is absolutely the best way to introduce young people to theater, reinforce some of the lessons learned in school and put a spring in everyone's step," Colin Douglas wrote in *Chicago Theatre Review*, adding a "highly recommended" rating.

Based on the book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall



with lyrics and music by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Kathy Frishberg, Mandry, George Newall and Tom Schoolhouse Yohe, Rock LIVE! will be staged Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Backstage tours are planned Saturdays May 7th and 21st following the 4:00 p.m. performances. Ticket prices start at \$13 and are on sale at childsplayaz.org.



Schoolhouse Rock LIVE!, which has been touring nationwide, is directed by Anthony Runfola and features Anissa Garza as Shulie, Ūgene Titus as George, McKenzie Reese as Dina and Bruno Streck Rodrigues as Tom. The creative team includes Molly Lajoie, choreography; Randi Rudolph, music director; Daniel Hollingshead, costume design; Tim Monson, lighting design; Adam Benavidas, projection design; Holly Windingstad, scenic design; Chris Neumeyer, sound design; Ryan Clark, stage manager; and Emma Walz, assistant stage manager.

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

For more information about Childsplay and a schedule of performances, visit www.childsplayaz.org.

Arizona Biltmore, A Waldorf Astoria Resort Unveils New Mcarthur's Dining Concept Inspired By Property's Leading Architect

The legendary Arizona Biltmore, A Waldorf Astoria Resort is pleased to announce the opening of its new McArthur's dining concept. The new restaurant is a reimagination of the resort's beloved Frank & Albert's, and the new concept is an ode to Arizona Biltmore's leading architect, Albert Chase McArthur's legacy. McArthur was employed by the famed Frank Lloyd Wright, who served as Arizona Biltmore's consulting architect. Together, McArthur and Wright created a new and unheard-of style that would forever change the modern American architectural landscape.

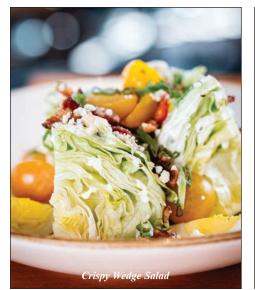
Building upon Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts' commitment to culinary excellence, the transformed restaurant celebrates McArthur's architectural vision offering a warm, inspiring, and inviting place for all travelers complemented by New American cuisine featuring meticulously sourced ingredients. From morning coffee and brunch to late-night conversation, guests can enjoy a moment of reprieve with a mix of classic favorites, healthy dishes, and seasonal specialties. Simply put, McArthur's is a place for good times and great food within elegant surroundings.

"McArthur's is a direct tribute to the heart of Arizona Biltmore, which is Albert Chase McArthur," says Abby Murtagh, General Manager, Arizona Biltmore, A Waldorf Astoria Resort. "His legacy can be felt throughout the restaurant, invoking the same sense of place and unexpected discoveries for all who dine within its walls."

The menu takes cues from traditional American flavors, featuring simple yet uncommonly good food. As reflected within the design of McArthur's, each plate is equally displayed with the same bright and inviting presentation found throughout the restaurant. While every dish is sure to please, highlights include the Biltmore Benedict with Canadian bacon and hollandaise (inspired by the original Waldorf Astoria New York recipe) for breakfast; Southwestern Crispy Chicken Chopped Salad with bell peppers, roasted corn, avocado, and tomatillo ranch dressing for lunch; and Roasted Brick Chicken with pesto verde, rosemary potato and roasted tomato for dinner. Favorites such as Lobster Mac & Cheese and Ensenada Fish Tacos remain on the menu, as well. A robust beverage menu complements the creative dishes, including an extensive selection of wines, beers, cocktails, and non-alcoholic drinks. Standout libations include the McArthur's Spritz with Tempus Fugit Italian aperitif, Vedrenne elderflower, prosecco, tonic and sliced blood orange as well as the legendary Tequila Sunrise, which was famously invented at the resort many vears ago. McArthur's open-concept space offers guests a vibrant atmosphere, with cozy booths along with larger tables for socializing. The restaurant's signature style has been preserved, with layered textiles pulling through a familiar sense of place felt around the resort. Shuffleboard, foosball, and other whimsical surprises can also be found throughout the restaurant.

McArthur's is open daily from Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information or to book a reservation, visit arizonabiltmore.com/dining/mcarthurs.









"A Mountain" Challenge Returns to Tempe, Inviting Outdoor Enthusiasts to Test Their Limits and Earn Prizes While Supporting Downtown Merchants

"A Mountain" is a beloved Tempe destination for outdoor enthusiasts, and this spring, Valley residents will once again be able to lace up their hiking boots and compete for prizes at their favorite local hiking spot in the second annual "A Mountain" Challenge. The competition runs through Saturday, April 30th, 2022.

The fun, healthy and safe event, which is presented by the Downtown

Tempe Authority, showcases "A Mountain" (also known as Tempe Butte) as a fun and convenient hiking destination, while giving participants the chance to support the Tempe downtown community and earn prizes.

The challenge allows participants to tackle climbs on their own schedule, and at their own pace, solo or with a partner. Registration is open through April 15th; the \$25 entry fee includes a newly designed "A Mountain" T Shirt and access to an online tracking portal.

Participants will log their hikes via the portal and earn milestone prizes from local merchants based on the number of times they climb "A Mountain." Entrants who complete the hike at least 40 times – roughly the distance of hiking Mt. Everest – will be eligible to win the grand prize, a Downtown Tempe Staycation Package.

"There's really no time like spring when it comes to taking advantage of all the outdoor recreation amenities in Tempe," said Kate Borders, Executive Director with Downtown Tempe Authority. "The 'A Mountain' Challenge adds some excitement to the experience for those who already know and love hiking in Tempe, and it's a great way for newcomers to get acquainted with the mountain and its convenient access to our downtown merchants."

"A Mountain" is located at the southwest corner of East Rio Salado Parkway and South Mill Avenue. The award-winning Downtown Tempe Authority is a private, nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the City of Tempe to increase the value of Downtown Tempe through enhanced management, safety, marketing and promotional services on behalf of DTA members and other downtown stakeholders.

More information is available at www.downtowntempe.com.







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Introducing Neighbor Pop-Up Shop

Local outdoor furnishings company Neighbor is teaming with Local Nomad, a gift and clothing boutique in Phoenix, to host a pop-up shop featuring their sustainable products just in time for spring!

Neighbor will have their outdoor living room set up on site at Local Nomad on Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors will be entered to win various giveaways from Neighbor.



Neighbor embraces both high-design and community building with its sustainable products. Based in Phoenix, Neighbor is founded by three furniture industry veterans who recognized the need for better alfresco living experiences. Neighbor's collection of modular and transitional furnishings bring an indoor aesthetic to the great out-

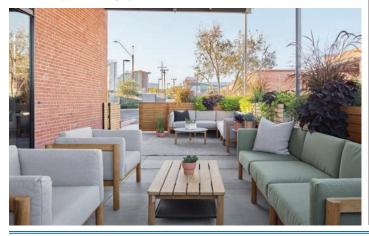
doors. When designing their furniture, it was essential that they found durable, weather-resistant materials that didn't sacrifice beauty or feel. The furniture is crafted from FCS-certified teak and a curated collection of Sunbrella fabrics.

Neighbor is continuing to evolve their offerings with sustainability in mind. They recently launched a Low Chair made of recycled ocean- and landfill-bound plastic.



Valley residents and visitors can also check out Neighbor products at their boutique showroom in Phoenix, located at 515 E. Grant Street, Suite 109. The showroom is open for walk-ins Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment on Saturdays. It features Neighbor's entire collection of outdoor furniture and accessories.

For more information or to schedule a tour, visit www.hineighbor.com/pages/showroom.



Ember, The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort's Fine Dining Steakhouse, Receives OpenTable's 2022 Diners' Choice Award

The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort is proud to announce that Ember, its fine dining steakhouse, has been given OpenTable's coveted 2022 Diners' Choice Award – an honor reserved for the top restaurants in Arizona.

Based on feedback from thousands of local diners that has been cultivated, compiled and verified, the Diners' Choice Award is bestowed upon outstanding restaurants that have delivered delicious dining experiences. More than 450,000 ratings and reviews are submitted monthly, with more than 30 million provided globally to date.

Boasting 4.8 stars out of 320 reviews reflecting the quality of its food, service and ambiance, Ember has received glowing comments.

Said one diner, "It's been a long time since I've been to a restaurant that is 5 stars across the board. Ember was amazing. Great food, great wine list, and spectacular service." Another guest stated that Ember offered "Excellent presentation - large portions - reasonable price - dining entertainment - overall a best-in-class experience."

Open since October 2020 when the new We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort was unveiled, Ember has quickly carved a niche for itself in the local fine dining space. Popular with repeat diners from the Valley as well as hotel guests and out-of-town visitors, Ember specializes in Japanese Wagyu and USDA Prime beef prepared on a wood-burning grill.

It recently received *Wine Spectator's* highly coveted "Best of Award of Excellence," recognizing its award-winning wine cellar with 1,000 wines and spirits offered and selected by Advanced Level III Sommelier Dennis Payne. The luxurious dining space overlooks the all-scratch kitchen with views of the culinary team, and seasonal outdoor patio dining by the fireplace is available. A separate piano lounge offers live entertainment five nights a week.

"Receiving any award is a great honor, but it's even more special when it comes from our guests," said Zac Gallo, Executive Director of food & beverage for the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort. "That they love – and recognize – our food, servers, bartenders and ambiance is a testament to how hard Chef Richard Pelz and his team work to deliver amazing dining experiences. I couldn't be prouder of their talent, dedication and attention to every detail."

Powering reservations for the hospitality industry and seating more than one billion diners annually, OpenTable assists more than 60,000 restaurants, bars, wineries and other venues attract guests, manage capacity, improve operations and maximize revenue.

For more information on Ember, or to view their dining menu and expansive wine list, visit www.wekopacasinoresort.com/dining/ember.

About We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort

Owned and operated by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the spectacular 166,341-square-foot We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort boasts state-of-theart gaming, a variety of specialty fine and casual dining restaurants, and live entertainment. The attached AAA Four Diamond hotel offers 246 luxurious guestrooms and suites; 25,000 square feet of meeting space; and two resort-style outdoor pools.

The casino resort's proximity to the two highly acclaimed courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club and numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.



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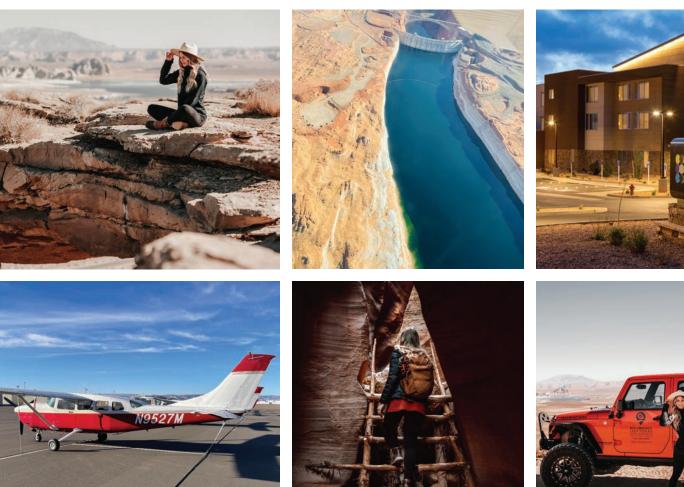
For travelers looking to experience Arizona's Canyon Country like never before, Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell is launching a new adventure package this spring that takes guests soaring 500 feet over some of the Southwest's most prized destinations, all within less than an hour.

New this season, the hotel is encouraging adventure-seekers to cross a few items off their bucket lists by taking to the skies for a one-of-akind excursion with American Aviation that soars high above Horseshoe Bend, Glen Canyon Dam, Lees Ferry, Paria Canyon and the highlycoveted and difficult to access The Wave (Coyote Buttes North).

As one of the most premier photographic destinations in the Southwest, The Wave is located within the Coyote Buttes North and is a small part of the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness and has some of the most visually striking geologic sandstone formations in the world. With only 64 people per day being granted entry via a required permit, few know that an aerial tour over The Wave creates the rare opportunity to capture the most breathtaking images and videos from all angles. Available to book now through May 31st, 2022, Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell has room rates starting from \$159 and is offering the following seasonal package:

- Land & Air Package (from \$497/night)
- Accommodations in a standard guest room.
 A 50-Minute Wave Tour for two, hosted by American Aviation, that soars over Glen Canyon Dam, Horseshoe Bend, Lees Ferry, Paria Canyon and culminates at The Wave (Coyote Buttes North).

Available to book at www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/arizona/hyatt-place-page-lake-powell/pgazp/offers or by calling (928) 212-2200.





In addition to the stay package, the hotel boasts exclusive partnerships with some of the area's best adventure partners, including Big Orange Jeep Tours and Ken's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours.

With Big Orange Jeep Tours, travelers can embark on a variety of private 4X4 Jeep tours that journey off the beaten path, including the Alstrom Point Jeep Tour. On this tour, guests will travel down approximately 23 miles of established dirt road through Utah's iconic Tropic Shale to reach Alstrom Point overlook, which boasts the most spectacular views of Glen Canyon and Lake Powell.

For travelers looking to spend a full day experiencing the Page and Lake Powell area, Ken's Tours offers a customizable exploration package that allows guests to begin their day with a guided Lower Antelope Canyon tour, followed by their choice between a horseback trail ride through Navajo Nation land to the remarkable Tower Butte or an exhilarating boat excursion on Lake Powell.

Far from the typical Hyatt Place, Hyatt Place Page/Lake Powell is the base camp to The Grand Circle's premier outdoor and adventure destination including 11 national parks, 16 national monuments and over 20 scenic byways. For guests looking to mix and mingle after an adventure-filled day, the hotel welcomes them to enjoy a cocktail fireside on the open-air patio with endless views of Arizona's desert landscape, to dine at the hotel's signature restaurant featuring regionally inspired cuisine or to relax in the cozy lounge where the grand lobby fireplace is always roaring.

For more information or to book a reservation, visit PageLakePowell.Place.Hyatt.com. *











Your New Arizona Biltmore Golf Club

Business relationships strengthened. Family embraced. Champagne shared in celebration. Afternoons enjoyed under the sunshine.

For nearly a century, the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club has been the setting for so many of life's memorable moments. Today, under the unmatched expertise and experience of JDM Partners, the iconic courses will also be revitalized, preserved and enhanced with a historic investment.

Renovations begin this month with a new golf shop, member facilities, and an underground golf cart storage facility that allows for additional parking. Once complete, parking at the golf club will be substantially expanded, and resort-style landscaping will blend beautifully and seamlessly with the community and resort.

"The new golf club has been studied and planned in coordination with neighbors and industry experts, and builds off our success in revitalizing The Wigwam," said JDM Partners principal, Jerry Colangelo. "We sincerely appreciate the passion and nostalgia so many of our friends and neighbors have for this stunning oasis. Thank you, neighbors, for working with us to build a better Biltmore Golf Club."

Following the golf shop and underground cart storage, a

new clubhouse and restaurant will replace the existing Adobe clubhouse, restaurant, and event tent. The new golf shop and clubhouse facilities will rival the recent investments in the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Wrigley Mansion, bringing the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club on par with these world-class facilities. Plans are also in the works to renovate and restore the Adobe golf course while preserving its famous parkland setting. The renovation will infuse modern golf course design and technology so that golfers enjoy their rounds for another century. Tom Lehman is leading the design team with work expected to commence on the golf course in 2023.



And for the founders of JDM Partners, this isn't just another project – it's home.

"My wife Beth, my children and I moved into the Biltmore in 1978 and have continuously been part of this community since," said JDM Partners principal, Mel Shultz. "Over the years, we've lived on both courses and designed and built two homes. We've spent countless hours together in this paradise and are proud to invest in its future."

This isn't the first time Mr. Shultz helped lead a neighborhood effort to protect the 223 acres for future generations. Twenty years ago, he successfully joined the effort to stop a prior owner's plans to convert the Adobe into houses.

"Together with Jerry and David, we have always sought to represent our State well. This project is personal because each of us knows the area well from our many involvements with the Biltmore over time, and our professional skills can be focused on returning this property to the standing it once held in resort and golf destinations."

As background, Mr. Colangelo moved from Chicago to Phoenix to assume management of the expansion NBA Phoenix Suns, becoming the youngest general manager in professional sports. During that time, Colangelo molded the Phoenix Suns into one of the most successful organizations in the NBA – on and off the court. He also brought Major League Baseball to the Valley in 1998 and served as managing general partner of the World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks.

Mr. Shultz co-founded JDM Partners in 1983. He is also a managing partner of the 5,000 seat Arizona Federal Theatre and was a general partner in the Phoenix Suns basketball team until its sale in 2004. Additionally, Mr. Shultz was one of the original general partners of the 2001 World Championship Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team.

And Mr. Eaton, too, was a general partner in both the Phoenix Suns basketball team and the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team. He also served in the U.S. Army as Captain, Judge Advocate/General Corps. Mr. Eaton then worked at Eaton International Corporation where he was responsible for the development of Pagosa Lakes, a 26,000-plus acre community in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

JDM Partners' approach to this unprecedented investment in the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club is simple – continue to improve the courses and the facilities to ensure they are preserved for the community.

Renovations begin this month and plan to conclude in 2023. Highlights include underground cart parking, a new golf shop, clubhouse and restaurant with stunning new architecture, additional golf course parking, new course design, and modern irrigation to conserve water.

"Biltmore Golf Club's first century was spectacular. Thank you," Mr. Shultz said. "Just wait until you see what we have in store for the next 100 years."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOLF COURSE RENOVATIONS, VISIT YOURBILTMOREGOLF.COM











Postino Wine Cult Launches Second Cult Box in April

Postino Wine Cult, the first-ever subscription-based wine club created by the team behind Postino WineCafe, invites you to capture the spirit of enjoying the Wine Cult on a picnic, hike or even a bike ride. Launching on April 11th with their second box of wines, this quarter's theme is "Fresh Air" which is focused on getting outside and enjoying everything that Arizona has to offer.

Members will receive a stylish box filled with four guaranteed-great wines curated by Postino's Advanced Sommelier and Beverage Director, Brent Karlicek, four times per year for only \$60 (or save with a \$220 annual subscription). Postino Wine Cult members will also receive exclusive perks and monthly hookups, including a sign-up gift of a branded Wine Cult tote filled with stickers, and their choice of a complimentary bottle from Postino's regular menu. Additionally, they will get 20% off bottles to-go, exclusive access to small batch wines, and first tastes of the new seasonal by-the-glass wines.

Postino Wine Cafe's mission is to make every moment that they're a part of, one that leaves people feeling crazy-good and is delivering that all throughout the Valley with nine locations.

For more information or to sign up for the Wine Cult at Postino, visit www.postinowinecafe.com.





Pindler Celebrates 75 Years of Excellence in Design & Development

Pindler, an international wholesaler of decorative fabrics, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The company will be honoring this milestone throughout 2022 as it commemorates its history and looks ahead to many more years of innovation and growth in fabric design and development.

Pindler began as a one-man operation run by Matthew M. Pindler. It has grown tremendously since Matthew and his son, Carl Pindler, joined forces to launch the company's first showroom in Los Angeles in 1947. Now, the third-generation family-owned business is led by chairman and CEO, Curt Pindler. Curt played many roles in the company before taking the reins in 1975 and leading product development, where he is very active today.

"Pindler has grown and evolved in so many wonderful ways over the past 75 years," Curt Pindler said. "Through it all, we have always served as a trusted resource that designers can count on for beautiful fabrics and exceptional customer service."

Today, Pindler offers thousands of unique fabrics and trims, providing designers with indoor and outdoor options in every color, texture and pattern imaginable. Most of the company's collections are exclusive, including popular, high-end collections such as Hearst Castle, Pendleton and Platinum.

Throughout its history, Pindler has been known for its above-andbeyond customer service. The company delivers personalized solutions, hand-picks samples tailored to designers' projects, and provides a convenient and powerful online ordering option. Showrooms offer an efficient self-service memo program and hands-on support. Pindler's responsive field sales force, expert showroom teams and knowledgeable order desk make it easy for designers to get the fabrics they need when they need them.

Pindler attributes much of its success to its loyal customers and dedicated staff, many of whom have been with the company for 20 to 30-plus years.

"It has been amazing to be part of the recent evolution of a company with such a rich history, long-tenured employees and excellent customers," Pindler President Sean Quinn said. "As our industry continues to change, we continue to focus on our customers' needs, now more than ever. Our primary goals, bringing beautiful fabrics from around the world to designers and creating the best customer experiences, have not changed. We are looking forward to continuing to innovate and provide even more exciting options for designers for decades to come."

As Pindler celebrates 75 years of history, it is excited about the future and continued growth. The leading fabric company has many amazing fabrics in the pipeline, including beautiful new exclusive collections. Pindler's robust offering will continue to expand and is available at the company's 16 corporate showrooms and 10 agent showrooms around the country, as well as from its field sales team and online.

For more information about Pindler, visit www.pindler.com.

About Pindler

Pindler has spent 75 years in business perfecting the art of fabric design and development. By sourcing fabrics from all over the world, Pindler provides a unique and ever-expanding product assortment to the professional interior designer. Pindler is focused on the valued customer. The leading fabric company is committed to creating an extraordinary customer experience. Pindler offers the industry's best outside sales force with hand placement of sampling as well as personal service and attention. The focus of its international network of showrooms is providing excellent customer service while offering an efficient, easy self-service memo program, which is ideal for the busy designer. To learn more about Pindler, please visit https://www.pindler.com.

"2-2-2" The Knockdown Shot

By Tina Tombs, The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club



What does "2-2-2" stand for? The knockdown shot is a shot that is used when we want to hit a low shot that may have a lot of roll. Keeping the flight of the ball low, under the wind, beneath the branches of the trees, or because of a bad lie, we may need to knock it down to protect and make ball first contact. For this shot to be successful, it is important to adjust and make changes in our set up to change the outcome of the ball flight. This is an easy way for you

"2-2-2"

to remember how to get in the right set up to execute this shot.

*The first 2 stands for gripping down two inches on your golf club. We will grip down 2 inches on the club because we are making a ³/₄ swing and do not need the full length of the club.

*The second 2 in "2-2-2" is to move the ball back 2 inches in your stance. By moving the ball back 2 inches in your stance it creates shaft lean and delofts your golf club. This will help you to hit your shot lower than normal and also create more roll.

*The third 2 is to move the front foot back 2 inches. In essence this will create an open stance (aimed a little left with your feet for a right-handed player and aimed a little right for a left-handed player). This will help you to keep your weight and pressure on the front foot in your set up and throughout the swing.

To summarize, "2-2-2" is the number for the knockdown shot!

Tina Tombs is a 2020 Arizona Golf Hall of

Fame Inductee, a *GOLF Magazine* TOP 100 Teacher in America, and two-time LPGA National Teacher of the Year. To schedule your next golf lesson, clinic session you can contact Tina or her staff at www.tinatomb-sgolf.com and sign on to book your next coaching session.

Early Giving for Arizona Gives Day

Arizona Gives Day officially begins on April 5th, but early donations can start at AzGives.org and count towards a nonprofit's fundraising total for the event. More than 1,000 Arizona nonprofits are expected to participate in the tenth annual Arizona Gives Day, a 24-hour statewide online fundraising event, from noon on Tuesday, April 5th to noon on Wednesday, April 6th.

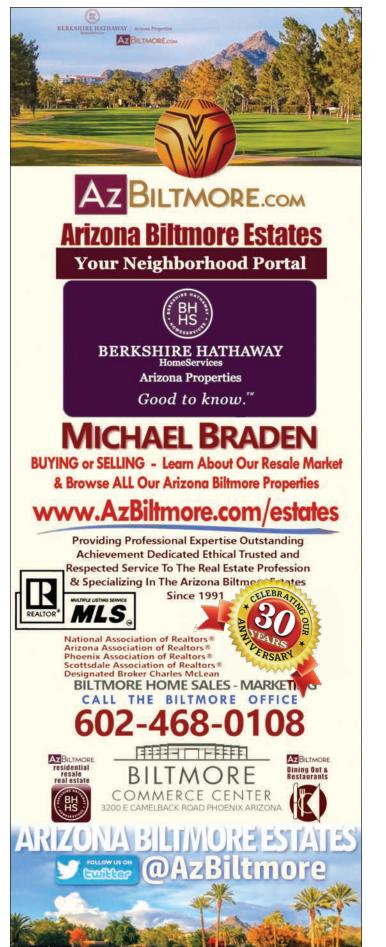
Donors can make early donations by visiting the Arizona Gives Day website at AzGives.org and donate immediately by selecting the "Today" button at checkout. Donors also can donate during a specific block of time on Arizona Gives Day to help a nonprofit win a "Power Hour" prize or earn additional funds from the prize pool when donating on April 5th and 6th. More than \$180,000 in prize pool incentives (116 prizes) will be distributed based on certain categories from random drawings during the 24-hour period.

The public and businesses also can support and champion their favorite nonprofits by creating their own fundraiser pages. Simply go to the specific organization's profile page at AzGives.org and click on "Create A Fundraiser" to get started.

Arizona Gives Day, an annual online giving movement uniting nonprofits, big and small, new and established, to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Arizona through online giving, is a collaboration between the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits and the Arizona Grantmakers Forum. FirstBank, one of the nation's largest privately held banks with a focus on "banking for good," is the Presenting Sponsor.

Since 2013, Arizona Gives Day has raised more than \$30 million for Arizona nonprofits, including a record \$7.1 million in 2021.

More than 1,000 nonprofits headquartered in Arizona or providing services to Arizonans have registered and been certified to participate in Arizona Gives Day.





The Westin Tempe Offers Stays Starting From \$199/Night and **New Rooftop Events This Spring**

As Tempe's newest hotel to open in nearly four decades, The Westin Tempe is celebrating its first spring by offering room rates starting from \$199/night and a limited-time discount for Arizona residents, launching alongside a brandnew lineup of weekly events happening this season on the hotel's 18th-floor rooftop.

Centrally located within Tempe's lively downtown district, The Westin Tempe boasts 290 spacious guest rooms and suites and is infused with a sophisticated Sonoran aesthetic throughout that reflects the beauty of the surrounding desert riparian scenery. Set out to be more than just a destination for everyday travelers, the full-service hotel blends the city's vibrant atmosphere and unique local culture with the brand's signature Wellness at Westin pillars to perfectly cater to both modern, wellness-focused travelers and leisurely locals in search of a scenic retreat for respite.

Available now through September 5th, 2022, the hotel will welcome in-state visitors with a special "Arizonian" rate that includes 15% off best available room rates plus a \$15 food and beverage credit to be used during the stay at either of the hotel's two signature dining concepts, Terra Tempe Kitchen & Spirits and Skysill Rooftop Lounge. Led by seasoned Valley Chef Alexander Robinson, Terra Tempe

cuisine through the use of local, seasonal ingredients and flavors, while Skysill, the Valley's highest open-air rooftop bar and lounge, boasts its own curated menu of shareable plates and craft cocktails set against a backdrop of panoramic city and mountain views.

Just in time to take advantage of Arizona's perfect patio season. The Westin Tempe is also unveiling a new calendar of alfresco events taking place every week at Skysill this spring, including rooftop BBQs, live music nights and a signature wellness and exercise series hosted in partnership with VIKARA Events.

Brews, Views and BBOs Rooftop Series Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Skysill Rooftop Lounge invites both hotel guests and locals to its open-air patio to enjoy a specialty menu of straight-from-the-grill BBQ delights and Arizona brews, backdropped by panoramic views and lively music.

In addition to serving its classic Skysill menu, highlights from the BBQ menu include Smoked Pork Carnitas Street Tacos sprinkled with chopped onion and cilantro, grilled corn tortillas and topped with a choice of salsa roja or salsa verde; Grilled Cheeseburger with Linz Heritage Angus Beef, blanketed with melted cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion,

offers a contemporary take on Southwestern served on a perfectly toasted brioche bun with the choice of kettle chips or fresh fruit; and Smoked Elote Corn coated with house-made spicy mayo, cotija cheese, cilantro and drizzled with fresh lime.

This event is free for guests and the public. For more information, you may visit skysillrooftop.com/event-calendar.

RISE: VIKARA Rooftop Yoga Series Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Recently launched as part of The Westin Tempe's expanded initiative to encourage wellbeing amongst hotel guests and the public, RISE is a one-hour, "elevated" yoga experience hosted by VIKARA Events. After each class, guests can enjoy specialty food and cocktail deals including 20% off Terra Tempe's lunch menu, 50% off Plume & Petal spritzes, and two-for-one mimosas.

For more information or to purchase tickets to visit www.vikaraevents.com.

Weekly Live Music

Fridays and Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. local Valley artists entertain at Skysill, with acoustic performances on Fridays and DJ sets on Saturdays.

For more information or to book your spring stay, please visit https://www.marriott.com/enus/hotels/phxwt-the-westin-tempe/overview.



Childhelp Wings Fashion Show Returns For a Day in Wonderland

The 15th Annual Fundraiser will Feature Celebs, Valley Families and Local Fashion, All to Support Childhelp's Programs and Services in Arizona

Fashion, celebrities, auctions and star-studded runway will come together for an adventurous Day in Wonderland. On Sunday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m., Childhelp will host the 15th Annual Childhelp Wings Fashion Show at the distinguished JW Marriot Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort and Spa. Proceeds from the event will benefit Childhelp's Arizona programs and services provided to abused and neglected children in Arizona through the Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center of Arizona dedicated to Linda Pope (CCCAZ).

This year's luncheon will feature a live and silent auction, as well as fun themed giveaways and a heartwarming fashion show featuring local families and celebrities. Children, teens and adults will strut the runway wearing the latest fashion trends courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue in Biltmore Fashion Park and local retailer Cheeky Chic Baby and Kids Boutique.

"Saks is deeply committed to supporting the community and finding ways to enrich the lives of children within it. Through fashion we can come together and support one other and give back to amazing organizations like Childhelp."

Event chairs Jennifer Archuleta and Jamie LeVine, in partnership with the "Founding Mother" of Childhelp Wings, Carol Hebets, bring their passion for philanthropy and love of fashion to create one of the Valley's premier family-friendly events. This year's theme is "A Day in Wonderland," highlighting the childlike wonderment that features heavily in the classic tale Alice in Wonderland.

"At Childhelp, it's our mission to heal both the bodies and minds of children so that they can live a life filled with adventure and reach for their hopes and dreams," Childhelp National Board Member and Wings "Founding Member" Carol Hebets said. "Thanks to supporters like our fabulous chairs, event committee and volunteers, we are able to make their dreams a reality by stopping cycles of abuse and preventing the next generation of children from being lost in the shadows."

During the event, Childhelp will honor three locals making a difference for Arizona children and families through their philanthropy and volunteerism. Carey Pauley will receive the

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Childhelp is the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit dedicated to helping abused, neglected and at-risk youth. In 2020, Childhelp served over 30,000 Arizona children and families through prevention, intervention and treatment programs such as Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe and the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline.

The Childhelp Arizona Wings Chapter is made up of volunteers who help educate youth about issues surrounding child abuse and neglect through service projects and fundraisers. Originally created to celebrate the relationship between mother and daughter while instilling the value of serving others, it has now expanded to include family members including mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts and uncles and children under the ages of 18. When it comes to changing lives for the love of a child, this Day in

Wonderland will delight children of all ages!

To purchase tickets, make a donation or request sponsorship information, please visit www.childhelpwings.org or contact Leah Digirolamo at LDigirolamo@Childhelp.org.

About Childhelp

Founded by Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson in 1959, Childhelp® has brought the light of hope and healing into the lives of more than 11 million children as a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping abused, neglected and at-risk children. Childhelp's programs and services include residential treatment services, children's advocacy centers, therapeutic foster care, group homes and child abuse prevention, education and training. The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline serves children and adults nationwide 24/7 through phone, text and online chat. For more information, visit www.childhelp.org and follow Childhelp at facebook.com/childhelp,instagram.com/childhelpand twitter.com/childhelp. *







LON's Makes OpenTable's List of 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America 2022

Love is in the air at LON's at the Hermosa as it is honored to be one of five Valley restaurants named to OpenTable's list of 100 Most Romantic Restaurants 2022. Featuring restaurants from 33 states, this romantic dining guide was created after OpenTable analyzed more than 12.4 million user reviews collected throughout 2021 and calculated numerous data points, including reviews for which 'romantic' was selected as a special feature.

"Many things come together to create a romantic dining experience - world-class cuisine, attentive service, and a unique ambiance," OpenTable said in a blog post. "America's 100 Most Romantic Restaurants 2022 showcases those spots that make it easy for diners to connect and create amazing memories."

Originally hand-crafted in the 1930s by cow-

boy artist Lon Megargee as his private residence and art studio, LON's at the Hermosa is the Four Diamond culinary centerpiece of The Hermosa Inn and is celebrated for its globally inspired Arizona fare and award-winning wine list. Locally sourced ingredients power LON's menus, featuring classic and seasonal dishes that reflect both the adventurous spirit and the sophisticated artistry of its namesake.

LON's offers several idyllic settings for a romantic lunch, brunch or dinner. The ruggedly handsome dining room and bar, LON's Last Drop, feature several cozy fireplaces and exude the resort's luxury desert feel using traditional Southwestern architecture, adobe bricks, wood beams, hand-painted Mexican tile and many one-of-a-kind embellishments reflecting its artistic heritage. The picturesque patio, renowned for its explosively colorful flowerbeds, desert flora, trickling fountain, twinkling lights and a massive woodburning fireplace, boasts breathtaking views of nearby Camelback Mountain. Live entertainment on the weekends enhances the already dreamy vibe, encouraging guests to savor a handcrafted cocktail by one of the many fireplaces on the adjacent LON's Last Drop patio.

For the ultimate in romance, LON's underground wine cellar can be reserved for private candle-lit dinners for two to 12 guests, where diners can savor a luxurious five-course menu with wine pairings. The wine cellar features 1890s Chicago brick and the soft glow of countless votive candles, creating a magical and memorable setting. For more information, visit LONs.com or call (602) 955-7878.



Got a Side Hustle? Tax Season Just Got More Complicated Arete Financial Solutions Helps Those with Side Gigs Get Ready for April 15

According to a recent survey, 45% of Americans have a side hustle in addition to their full-time job. In Maricopa County the formation of businesses rose from 4.7% to 31.9% between 2019-2020. Whether out of necessity or passion, these side jobs will have important tax consequences come April 15th.

"1099 contractor income is self-employment income. It is extremely important to seek guidance from a tax professional when you have any kind of business," says Enrolled Agent Mary L. Reha, Co-Founder of Arete Financial Solutions, a one-stop firm in the West Valley for all financial, tax and estate planning needs. "Working with a professional who knows and understands the tax laws in this constantly changing area can save you lots of money."

According to Reha, those who started a side business last year need to carefully consider key items that are critical in properly and lawfully filing their 2021 taxes.

Paperwork needed: As a 1099 contractor, you need to bring documentation of your income, expenses, bank statements, P&L or revenue statements, balance sheets, vehicle mileage or actual expenses and receipts for any asset over \$2,500 to your tax preparer.

Overlooked expenses: Individuals accustomed to being a W2 employee often don't realize the many things that can be deducted as business owners. Your tax professional can help uncover expenses incurred that might qualify as business deductions.

Estimated taxes: Self-employed individuals who expect to owe more than \$1,000 in federal tax need to pay estimated taxes throughout the year to avoid underpayment penalties. A tax professional can ensure that you make the right estimated payments moving forward.

Retirement accounts: W2 employees often have a 401K, but side hustle owners could also start a SEP IRA where they can contribute up to 25% of their solo business income to a retirement fund. Arete Financial Solutions, in addition to their tax professionals, has a financial planning team that can assist in creating the fund and investing your hard-earned money in a way that will help you meet your financial goals.

Legal Structure: In addition to tax consequences, it's equally important for anyone with a side business to have the proper legal structure to support it. "Although it is a 'side hustle,' it is important that people take the necessary steps to protect themselves from a legal standpoint," said Ted Ashton, Esq., Co-Founder and Director of the Arete Financial Solutions legal team. "Proper formation, insurance and accounting are all critical to the success and protection of you and your business."

- The Arete team can help small business owners with side jobs in
 - Selecting the best business structure for the business
 - Making sure that all necessary licenses and insurance are obtained
 - Determining if your business needs to be collecting sales tax
 - Ensuring that you have strong contracts and agreements between the business and clients
 - · Maximizing your deductions and appropriate business expenses
 - Planning for and meeting tax deadlines and obligations
 - Maximizing the amount of money that stays with you and helping invest that money for optimal future growth and to prepare for retirement

With 70 million Americans involved with a side business, knowing how to prepare for Tax Day and beyond is imperative. Even though a side hustle might be more of a hobby than a real job for many, it is still a legitimate business in the eyes of the IRS and the law. The Arete Financial Solutions team is here to help people with a side hustle maximize the tax deductions for April 15th, structure their business for an even more profitable upcoming year, and put in place a strategy for maximizing profitability and growth of your future retirement funds.

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JSX Announces Nonstop Flight Service between Oakland and Phoenix

JSX, the revolutionary hop-on jet service offering crowd-free flights between private terminals, announces the introduction of new twice-daily nonstop service between Oakland (OAK) and Phoenix (PHX) fares starting from \$199 one-way. One additional flight per day will be added between Burbank (BUR) and Las Vegas (LAS) and service between Burbank (BUR) and Concord/Napa (CCR) will become daily. The newest expansion efforts offer West Coast travelers an increased level of convenience and comfort for leisure and business travel on the pioneering air carrier's growing network of routes across the U.S.

"With domestic travel once again on the rise, we are pleased to add a nonstop route between Oakland and Phoenix, and expanded frequency on some of our popular Burbank routes for West Coast travelers this Spring," states JSX CEO Alex Wilcox. "JSX will continue to grow in 2022 and we look forward to announcing more exciting additions that I'm confident our Customers will love."

For more information, to book a flight, or view available job postings, please visit the JSX website.

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Phoenix Sky Harbor Kicks Off Virtual Checkpoint Queuing Program

Phoenix Sky Harbor has teamed up with Copenhagen Optimization and CLEAR to offer free reservations for TSA Security Checkpoint lines, helping travelers to manage their trips and eliminate uncertainty and stress over how long it will take to wait in line for security.

The new pilot program, PHX RESERVE, gives passengers the ability to schedule a specific time to get in the TSA Security Checkpoint line. Reservations can be made up to three days before a passenger's flight, and they will use a dedicated entry point to the security checkpoint.

The pilot program, which is free, was launched on March 1st in Terminal 3. There are plans to expand it to Terminal 4 in the future.

"We are proud Sky Harbor can offer another great service to our customers to make their travels easier and more flexible," said Chad Makovsky, Director of Aviation Services for the city of Phoenix Aviation Department. "What's good for our passengers and guests is good for the air travel industry as a whole."

"Virtual queuing is a key step towards the smart and digitalized airport, where we leverage data to create new opportunities for passengers, airlines and airports," said Kasper Hounsgaard, CEO of Copenhagen Optimization. "Together with Sky Harbor, we enable a more efficient operation and provide the foundation for the seamless passenger journey."

Reservation times can be made between one to four hours before a passenger's flight. The dedicated PHX RESERVE Security entry point is available between 4:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Passengers traveling as a group (up to 10) can also reserve an appointment as one.

Travelers are encouraged to plan and make their reservations in advance.

Reservations can be made online up to 72 hours before flight departure. Learn more about PHX RESERVE by going to Skyharbor.com/PHXRESERVE.

Clever Ramen Opens

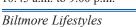
Born & Raised Hospitality, the Phoenix-based restaurateurs behind Clever Koi, Fellow Osteria, and Across the Pond, are proud to announce their latest creation, Clever Ramen, coming to SkySong in South Scottsdale.

Clever Ramen is an innovative counter-service fast-casual restaurant with the emphasis on build-your-own ramen plus a selection of steamed bao buns. Signature ramen bowls from Clever Koi will also be available to order. The restaurant is right next door to Fellow Osteria at 1455 N. Scottsdale Rd., #105, and is housed inside a 2,500 sq. ft. space. Guests will be greeted by a wavy wooden wall installation that extends the full length of the space, and changes and shifts as you walk into the space until the stylized planks resemble giant ramen noodles.

"Although we started planning Clever Ramen long before the COVID

crisis, it's perfect for these socially distanced times" says Co-Owner, Joshua James. "Everything on the menu travels well and its comfort food for the soul. It's great for both socially distanced dine-in, as well as grabbing it to eat at home."

Clever Ramen is located at 1455 N. Scottsdale Rd., #105, and open daily from 10:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.







Arizona-Based Company Launches First-Ever Pay-It-Forward Marketplace

Oana is a modern solution for sharing resources with people you know and trust. Oana is a pay-it-forward marketplaceTM that enables purposeful sharing of goods and services within private groups and personal networks.

Headquartered in Phoenix, Oana was co-founded by Maggie Fearnow and Tom Hutchison, longtime friends who were frustrated by the lack of options for sharing resources within known social groups, without interacting with strangers or getting involved in unpleasant exchanges on social media. Instead, Oana provides a high-tech yet intuitive platform that allows members to create custom groups where they can share, swap, and sell personal services and preloved possessions safely within extended friend groups by empowering



extended friend groups, by empowering members to choose exactly who sees each listing.

Now available for both Apple and Android devices, you may explore Oana yourself by scanning the attached QR code with your camera phone to download the app.

To learn more about Oana, download the app on an Apple or Android device. Connect with @liveoanavia Instagram, Facebook and Twitter or visit www.oana.com.





Guests are invited to join local nonprofit Ryan House in person on Thursday, April 14th at the beautiful JW Marriott Camelback Inn to learn more about the organization and hear stories about the inspiring work they do for children with life-limiting medical conditions and their families at this year's Community Breakfast led by event emcee, Emmy Award-winning sports personality and content creator, Lindsey Smith.

Help celebrate this year's Courage Award recipient, retired President and CEO of Dignity Health's Southwest Division, Linda Hunt.

Ryan House is doing things a little differently this year with everyone's safety in mind. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. on the Sonoran Terrace followed by the event presentation at 8:00 a.m. where guests gather inside the ballroom for this years can't miss program!

Afterward, guests are invited back outside on the Sonoran Terrace where they can enjoy a delicious al fresco breakfast and catch up with colleagues, family and friends. Pressed for time? No worries! They've got you covered. Simply take it to go!

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As always, registration is free with the opportunity to contribute mission-critical funding that will provide care, comfort and community to children and families at Ryan House in the coming year.

JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Arizona Ballroom is located at 5402 E. Lincoln Drive in Scottsdale. Admission is free. To

reserve your spot as an individual guest or a Table Captain or for more information, please visit https://.ryanhouse.org/2022-community-breakfast/. For sponsorships, contact Amy at (602) 234-6709 or email aosullivan@ryanhouse.org.

Funds raised that morning will directly support Ryan House, which currently relies 100 percent on community donations and cares for Arizona's children that are the most medically fragile, and their families.

Visit https://ryanhouse.org/2022-community-breakfast/often for updates about registration and event details including this year's Courage Award recipient and more!



"I Have A Story" Anthology Offers a Remarkable Collection of 31 Stories-Turned-Into-Plays from Young People During The Pandemic

I Have A Story, an anthology organized by Childsplay and published by Dramatic Publishing, offers a remarkable collection of 31 stories from young people across the country reflecting their life experiences during the pandemic that were turned into short plays in collaboration with professional playwrights nationwide.

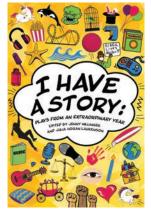
"In all the news stories about young people in the pandemic, very few stopped and talked to young people about their perspective," said Childsplay Associate Artistic Director Jenny Millinger who developed the concept, collected the stories and edited the book with her collaborator Julia Hogan Laurenson. "Our goal

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was to gather stories from across the country about what it was like to be a young person in the pandemic and memorialize them through theater."

The result is a 229-page collection of emotional, searing, eye-opening plays from young people in 19 states and Washington, D.C., aged seven to 18, including eight from Arizona, whose personal stories have come to life in diverse and creative fashion.

"Discovery of personal strength is a resounding theme throughout our stories," Millinger and Laurenson wrote in the anthology's introduction. "There are many reflections about the profound impact of being 'socially distanced' ... unpacking what that truly means on friendships, on learning, on human interactions at every level."

Once the concept was in place, an open call was issued through the Childsplay website, high school drama teachers across the country and national theater companies for young audiences. More than 60 submissions were received.

To get to 31, we wanted a wide range of stories from varying perspectives from around the country from the understanding that we're all in the same storm but experiencing it in different boats," Millinger said. "We wanted to be sure we had as many of those perspectives represented as possible and we looked for stories that sparked our curiosity and that we felt could be part of a larger story."

Each young person whose submissions were chosen were interviewed before being matched with playwrights.

"From the big picture, it was so gratifying to see and to hear from young people who said they felt 'seen'," Millinger said. "Many said the experience got them through the pandemic. It was also phenomenal to see the leading playwrights in our field come forward to partner with young people in the telling of their stories. This intergenerational collaboration resulted in a rich tapestry of plays that we believe will hold the test of time on the page and on the stage."

Young people from Arizona whose stories are in the anthology include:

- Phoebe Anderson, an eighth grader from Phoenix. Her story is called "One Barrel at a Time."
- Eden Burnett, a ninth grader from Phoenix. Her story is called "Yearbook 2020."
- Samantha Chuck, a freshman at Perry High School in Chandler. Her story is called "Tap Dance."
- Aditi Ganesh, an 11-year old from Chandler. Her story is called "Whoosh!"
- Salome Stein-Kokin, an eighth grader from Phoenix. Her story is called "Climbing the COVID Wall."
- Alexis Wiley, a fourth grader from Tucson. Her story is called "Out of the Ordinary."
- Nathaniel Wiley, a seventh grader from Tucson. His story is called "First Nether."

Childsplay Artistic Director Dwayne Hartford also was involved in the book's development through his collaboration with Ella Kohring, a sixth grader from St. Louis, on her play "W.W.H.G.D?"

The anthology is available for \$35 through Dramatic Publishing (www.dramaticpublishing.com).

For more information about Childsplay, visit www.childsplayaz.org. 🛠

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