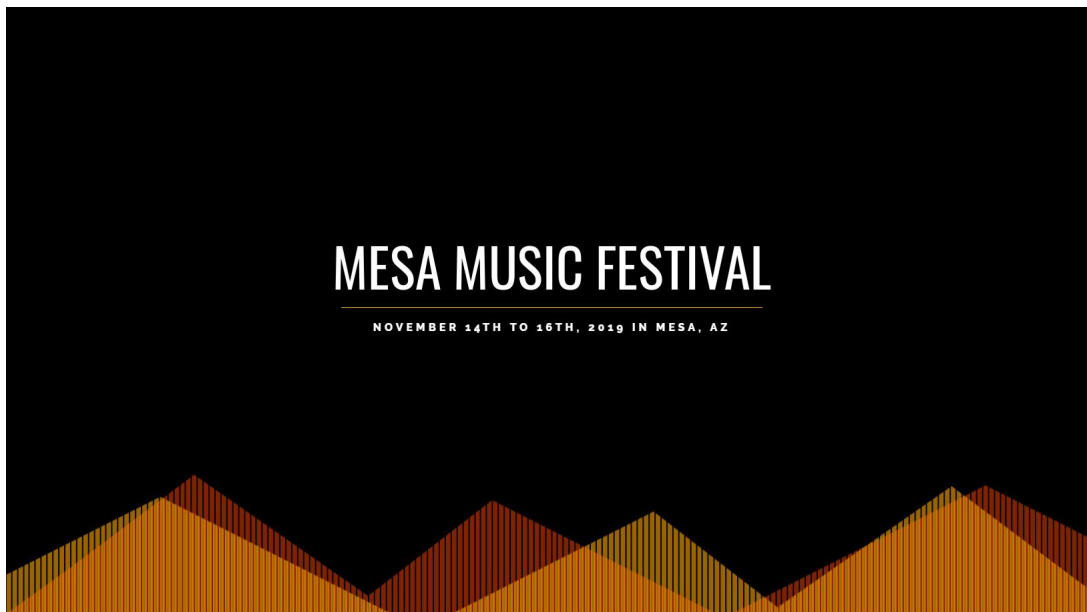




Family-friendly outings are prevalent throughout the Valley as we approach Thanksgiving. The weekend of Nov. 15 to Nov. 17 boasts the best of our area through plays, music festivals and food-focused experiences.

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#### Friday



#### Mesa Music Festival

Celebrate the music and culture of Mesa at the [Mesa Music Festival](#) for free this Friday from 5 to 9:50 p.m. Over 300 artists from around the world will display their craft at the festival for the public to enjoy. Local foodie favorites and other offerings will add to the event with the many venues and vendors. The festival will take place throughout downtown Mesa/Main St. Mesa.





### Blue Man Group On Tour

The Blue Man Group you know and love is back with a brand new tour, and will make their way to Valley this Friday evening, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The ASU Gammage Theater is hosting the iconic group for a night of “new blue.” [Ticket](#) prices start at \$30.



### The Sound of Music at The Phoenix Theatre

The hills are alive at The Phoenix Theatre company with a live performance of [The Sound of Music](#). This legendary play teaches the importance of love and family through beautiful music and acting. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. and ticket prices begin at \$61. Don't miss out on this magical show.

### Saturday



### Olivepalooza Harvest Fest

The Queen Creek Olive Mill exhibits family fun for all at the [Olivepalooza Harvest Fest](#) on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tractor rides, oil tasting, cooking advice and more, there are endless activities to join in on. Enjoy the cooler temperatures on the 100-acre olive farm and appreciate its freshly grown ingredients at the free annual event.



### Phoenix Pizza Festival 2019

Maragret T. Hance Park hosts the [Phoenix Pizza Festival](#) this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy some delicious local pies and decorate pizza crafts in the kid's zone. Each slice offered by vendors will range from \$2 to \$4. Tickets are \$10 and children under the age of 5 are free. To learn more about the festival, [click here](#).



### Third Annual Family Fun Harvest Festival

The fall festivities aren't over yet, in fact, they're just getting started at the [Third Annual Family Fun Harvest Fest](#). OdySea Aquarium invites families to come out and enjoy live music, pumpkin decorating, bounce houses, face painting and more. This free event will run from 12 to 4 p.m.





### Hot Dogs and Jazz at The Nash

Learn about the rich history of Jazz and its unique sounds this Saturday morning for [Hot Dogs and Jazz at The Nash](#). From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., families can meet a local jazz band, as well as enjoy free hot dogs. This free experience will connect children and parents to the world of jazz, and teach the basics of how it came about.

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### Sunday



### 2019 Slider Throwdown

In support of the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation, Kierland Commons will host the [2019 Slider Throwdown](#). From burger battles to slider samplings, it'll be non-stop fun from noon to 3 p.m. The \$35 admission fee provides tastings of sliders, as well as beverage tickets for non-alcoholic drinks.



### Canal Convergence Water + Art + Light

Located at the Scottsdale Waterfront, you'll find an immersive art experience unlike any other. Artwork, dance workshops, and hands on crafts will take place along the waterfront at the [Canal Convergence Water + Art + Light](#) event from 2 to 8 p.m. This free event invites local families to see the Valley and its beauty through a new perspective.



### Wild Rising by Cracking Art

The Desert Botanical Garden exhibits a worldly recyclable art venture through the desert with over 1,000 eco-friendly animal sculptures. The [Wild Rising by Cracking Art](#) event teaches children how to use plastic and other materials in an exciting way, rather than sending it to a landfill.

Tickets start at \$12.95, and the event will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.