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THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Two-time Winner ASCAP-Chamber Music America Award for Adventurous
Programming

“Quite possibly Arizona’s finest classical music event”

The Mesa Tribune

PRESENTS

The 26th Season

and

The Third Season of its educational outreach program School of Rock

School of Rock. Inspired by the success of NACAP, the GCMF incorporated the School of Rock (SoR) into its educational programming in 2007. Grand Canyon School of Rock is a fast-paced, week-long education program developed with Grand Canyon Music Festival musicians **Joe Deninzon** & **Chris Milletari** that gives local high school students the opportunity to experience all aspects of band life.

From intensive rehearsal and music theory sessions focusing on rock and pop music theory, techniques, and styles, to the culminating public performances, School of Rock students share in all aspects of band life, from musicianship, to hauling gear, set-up, promotion, sound & light board and support of band mates.

SoR students compose their own music, and arrange and interpret standards from popular music genres. They are exposed to new music, are introduced to music production, and develop their own performance skills as they learn the discipline of ensemble performance and participation. Students designed the logo and backdrop, created a web page, and intern on production. Grand Canyon School of Rock culminates in 2 public performances of classic rock & roll music

WHO: Joe Deninzon, violin, guitar, mandolin, Chris Milletari, guitar, Grand Canyon students

WHEN: Friday, September 18th, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Shrine of the Ages, South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.

TICKETS Admission to 6 p.m. student recital is free. Admission to Bonfilgio Group concert at 7:30 is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up) and students, Season tickets, \$85. For more information call 800-997-8285 or 928-638-9215. For complete schedule information and tickets visit www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org.

SPONSORSHIP.

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