

ARIZONA - SONORA  
DESERT  
MUSEUM



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM OPEN FOR NOCTURNAL VISITS**

**Tucson, AZ (February 24, 2013)** For the first time in its history, the Desert Museum will open at night on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The *Desert Night Life* event provides an opportunity for guests to explore the museum from 5 to 10 PM and experience sunset, twilight and night skies on a balmy spring evening.

“This event is sure to delight seasonal residents who aren’t usually around during the summer when the Museum is open on Saturday nights,” states Craig Ivanyi, the Museum Executive Director. “Experiencing the desert at night is a completely different experience and one that many won’t want to miss!”

Not only will guests have an opportunity to see the gardens and animals – which are more active at night – the Museum will host presentations of *Creatures of the Night* featuring a variety of the Museum’s nocturnal animals. There will be numerous activities for the family including art projects using fluorescent paints, story-telling with ASDM Press-published children’s books, astronomy activity stations and telescopes to view the night skies. The Museum has partnered with the Planetary Science Institute (PSI) and International Dark Sky Association (DSA) for these special astronomy activities.

This special night corresponds with the third in the Museum's Oasis Project concert series featuring Jessi Colter. A Phoenix native, Colter, is probably best known for her work with husband Waylon Jennings and her 1975 self-penned hit, "I'm not Lisa." She remains one of country music's singular talents, a singer, songwriter and entertainer whose influence continues to echo across musical genres.

***Desert Night Life*** will include a performance in the Warden Oasis Theater by Colter at 6:30 PM. "What makes these concerts so unique is the size of the venue and the acoustics," explains Chandler Warden. "With the intimacy of the theater, only 250 seats, the artists aren't just specks on the stage and the audience feels like a part of the performance." Colter will be available after the show for autographs. Warden, a long-time museum member whose family foundation provided funding to build the theater has supported the concert series and encourages Tucsonans to come out for a great show.

The Ironwood Terraces Restaurant and Ocotillo Café will be open. Diners may opt for pre- or post-concert dining. Reservations for the Ocotillo Café are recommended. Call: 520-883-5705.

To attend the ***Desert Night Life*** event, regular public admission rates apply. Member admission pricing is \$7.00 and \$3.00 for ages 4-12. Concert tickets are just \$75 and include Museum admission after 5 PM. For more information and to purchase concert tickets visit [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org).

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### **The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the nation's leading outdoor, living museums, featuring more than 230 animals and 1,200 varieties of desert plants. Its purpose is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the bi-national, Sonoran Desert region. The museum is located at 2021 N. Kinney Road, in Tucson Mountain Park adjacent to Saguaro National Park (West). It is open

daily year round with operating hours varying by season. Call (520) 883-2702 or visit [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org) for more information.

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