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**Chris Botti**  
**McCallum Theatre**  
**Friday – April 10 – 8:00pm**  
**Saturday – April 11 – 8:00pm**

Palm Desert, CA – Perennial McCallum Theatre favorite and Grammy Award-winning jazz trumpeter Chris Botti will bring his uniquely expressive sound and soaring musical imagination back to Palm Desert on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

Both of Botti's shows are presented through the generosity of Harold Matzner.

Since the release of his critically acclaimed 2004 album *When I Fall in Love*, Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist. Performing worldwide and selling more than 4 million albums, he has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any genre. He has established himself as one of the important innovative figures of the contemporary music world.

Born in Portland, Ore., he was encouraged to pursue music by his mother, a concert pianist. He also had an early taste of the international world that would become his primary territory as a successful performing artist. His father, who is Italian, taught English and Italian, and he took the family to live in Italy for several years, beginning when Botti was in the first-grade. When Botti was 12, he heard Miles Davis play "My Funny Valentine." The impact it had not only persuaded him to make a commitment to the trumpet; it also launched the affection for melody, space and balance that have been intrinsic aspects of Botti's musical vision.

After attending Indiana University, Botti moved to New York in the mid '80s. His early career was spent crafting his skills in settings reaching from the Buddy Rich Big Band and Frank Sinatra to Natalie Cole and Joni Mitchell. In 1990, Botti joined Paul Simon's band, where he remained for the next five years and became a key sideman in a backing group. Two years later, Botti toured as a featured soloist on Sting's *Brand New Day* world tour that lasted 2 1/2 years.

After releasing six albums with some success, Botti received his big break with the 2004 release of *When I Fall in Love*, when he was featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Within a week of his performance on *Oprah*, he had sold more than 50,000 CDs and hit No. 1 on the jazz charts. He spent an incredible 17 weeks at No. 1, including a spectacular 14 consecutive weeks.

Hitting the road for 250-plus days per year, Botti and his band have performed with many of the finest symphonies and at the world's most prestigious venues, including performances at the World Series, the White House and the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony. His recordings and his ongoing association with PBS have led to multiple No. 1 jazz albums, gold and platinum albums, and Grammy Awards.

While it's now been eight years since his last release, Botti recently told *San Francisco Classical Voice* that a new album is coming soon, after a label switch to Blue Note Records.

"We are basically out (on tour) until June, but once I get into my new place, I'll start getting my creative juices going, and we'll make a new record," Botti said.

[www.ChrisBotti.com](http://www.ChrisBotti.com)

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$115, \$90 and \$50. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at [www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com) or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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