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Voices of Vail Premiere: Stories as Big as Arizona

- WHAT:** Voices of Vail Documentary Film Premiere
- WHEN:** Sunday, August 12, 2018
- TIME:** 2:00 p.m. Red Carpet Matinee
- WHERE:** Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701
- TICKETS:** Adults \$5.00, 18 & under free, available at the door OR
Purchase at www.vailpreservationsociety.org or email vailpreservationsociety@gmail.com
- ATTIRE:** Festive – Western Glamor & Charm recommended
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The story of America is written in its small towns. The *Voices of Vail* documentary follows Vail, Arizona, The Town Between the Tracks™, through more than a century of change. It is a celebration of the people, history, and remarkable natural beauty that make Vail special. The film is accompanied by an original overture, written by Tucson Symphony Young Composer Claire Thai, which will be performed by the Vail Youth Symphony live onstage before the film. A Q&A and casual reception will follow the film.

Voices of Vail was produced by Vail Preservation Society and brought to the silver screen by local filmmakers Dennis Farris and Gerald Lamb with support from Arizona Humanities and a cadre of dedicated volunteers. We offer special thanks to Tohono O’odham Elder Joseph Joaquin and the Tohono O’odham Basket Singers for sharing their story in *Voices of Vail*.

Understanding our heritage builds awareness and vital connections between people and the places they call home. Vail is now one of the fastest-growing areas in Arizona. But, in 1880 it was a tiny railroad siding serving ranchers and miners whose very existence, like that of the Peoples who preceded them, depended on the life-giving waters of Cienega Creek. Recent and rapid growth threatens the bonds of community and respect for the land that has sustained Vail into the 21st century. *Voices of Vail* provides a vision for a path forward that acknowledges the need to live harmoniously with the Sonoran Desert and honors the traditions that came before us.

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