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The Haunted Jail opens Sept. 28 through Oct. 31, 2017 from 6-10 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays and on Halloween night. The fun takes place at the historic Gila County Jail, adjacent to the former Gila County Courthouse, which is located at 149 E. Oak St. in Globe.

According to George Nelson, founder of the 16-day event, participants will experience scary moments inside the jail's original cells then extend the experience into the jail's courtyard and alleyway where the excitement continues. The cost is \$16 per person.

"Guests begin their adventure in front of the 1910 Gila jail and creep around the ground floor jail cells as they scarily peer into the metal cells, beds and walls where haunted characters appear from within," says Nelson. "Guests then depart The Haunted Jail and continue outside in a very dark and spooky alley, located under the bridge that connects the jail to the old courthouse. Prisoners walked this bridge during their sentencing trials. Rumor has it, one prisoner jumped from the bridge and died in the alley

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## Globe Jail

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below. And, if the jail isn't scary enough by itself, there will be zombie prisoners and jail guards, ghosts of past prisoners, an electric chair and many scary and disorienting mazes that will heighten the experience and raise a lot of goose bumps," adds Nelson.

### The 1910 Jail's Haunted History

Part of the Haunted Registry, the Gila County Jail originally opened in the Arizona Territory in 1910, two years before Arizona became a state.

The Gila County Courthouse and Jail houses male and female spirits, adult and children spirits, sounds, voices, cold spots, footsteps, orbs, moving objects, full bodied apparitions and physical touching of living persons.

In the jail there are a number of haunts. One is that of Kingsley Olds, who was accused of drowning his employer's two daughters in 1911. While Olds awaited trial in isolation, he was mysteriously shot and killed. Shortly before his death, Kingsley Olds claimed he had a visit from ghosts and that he saw visions of the girls motioning him to follow them into death. Ghosts of the two girls are reported to be wandering there. Full-bodied apparitions also have been seen on the catwalk joining the courthouse and jail, among other paranormal activities.

### Paranormal Fun

Several years ago, the Arizona Paranormal

Research Society thoroughly investigated the Gila County Courthouse and Jail and concluded:

"From the evidence we obtained from the investigation, we believe that The Old Gila County Jail and Old Gila Courthouse indeed has paranormal activity. They are a wonder to visit and it is recommended that the public should make its way to Globe, Ariz., to see and experience these historical sites for themselves.

An excerpt from the report follows:

"What was experienced here was incredible. There were unexplained sounds of voices male and female, noises in the jail cells when we were outside on break, interactions with spirits via our equipment, physical touching, audible disembodied voices, responses to questions asked, temperature drops when asked to do so (we witnessed a 20-plus degree drop in the temperature in one of the cell blocks), unexplained footsteps, cold and hot spots and extremely wild EMF occurrences, which is strange considering that the some of the areas did not have electricity."

For more information about The Haunted Jail at Globe, please email [hutch@globehauntedjail.com](mailto:hutch@globehauntedjail.com), visit [www.globehauntedjail.com](http://www.globehauntedjail.com) or learn more on Facebook at Haunted Jail at Globe AZ, Instagram at [hauntedjail](https://www.instagram.com/hauntedjail) and on Twitter at [gilahauntedjail](https://twitter.com/gilahauntedjail).

# Oracle Concert Series announced

The Oracle Piano Society's Signature Series concerts for 2017-2018 kick off in October. This is your chance to see and hear world-class performances, and meet the artists, in a relaxed, intimate setting at the Oracle Center for the Arts, 700 E. Kingston St. in Oracle.

For this year's series, Artistic Director Stephen Cook, himself a renowned pianist, has created an exciting program of concerts by musical masters ranging from classical masterpieces to theatre and video-game themes. There will be eight concerts, all on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. except for the kick-off Phantasmagoria concert on Saturday, October 21. Here is the whole exciting list.

**Oct. 21, 2017, 6 p.m.** "Phantasmagoria" – come in Halloween costume to hear what Mr. Cook can make a piano do: he calls it a Spectral Spectacle and Masquerade.

**Nov. 5, 2017.** A chamber concert: a violin and piano conversation. Anna Gendler from the Tucson Symphony and Alexander Tentser, director of the Pima Community College Orchestra.

**Nov. 19, 2017.** Pianists Michael Manning and Eleanor Perrone will perform the immortal late piano sonatas of Franz Schubert.

**Dec. 3, 2017.** The vibrant pianist Xuesha Hu will show the artistry and energy that won her the gold medal at this year's international Bösendorfer competition.

**Jan. 21, 2018.** Kabarett. Irish composer Christopher Norby and his band present a multimedia extravaganza featuring his diverse, original music for theatre, movies, apps and games.



## PIANIST

Oracle Piano Society's Artistic Director Stephen Cook is renowned concert pianist.

**March 25, 2018.** Two famous pianists from the Republic of Georgia, Inga Kashakashvili and her husband, composer George Oakley, perform original compositions and waltzes.

**April 8, 2018.** A chamber duo: Sergio Gallo and Milton Masdiadri play music for piano and double bass (if you haven't seen the double bass in performance, you are in for a real treat).

**April 22, 2018.** The series concludes with the premiere performance of the Oracle Piano Society's own chamber ensemble.

This is a rare chance to experience music at this level and meet the artists themselves. A season ticket for all eight concerts is only \$200. Individual tickets also are available – \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door (students are free). Order tickets at [oraclepianosociety.org](http://oraclepianosociety.org).

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## ARTIST

Diana Creighton during the Oracle Artist Studio Tour.



## IN THE DRINK

Diana's latest piece featuring Jaguar is called 'In the Drink'.

# Exploring the Art of Diana Creighton

**Oracle artist Diana Creighton paints her secret life.**

Diana has been painting over 25 years. She grew up in Los Angeles and attended Stanford where she studied art and received a degree in American Literature. She studied at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles and later moved to Phoenix. She continued her art education at Arizona State University. She put her art on hold for a while to go to work in the newspaper business. She along with her husband Ned Creighton owned and operated the *Arizona Capitol Times* newspaper.

Diana uses human and animal figures in her art "to tell stories and create a conversation in oil paint." She says she got the idea of using animals from the Portuguese artist Paula Rego, whose

work she admires. Her paintings are whimsical and light hearted but there is a serious undertone in the pictures that makes one think and leaves the stories to individual interpretation.

Diana's latest paintings have been using a Jaguar to represent human traits.

"He is powerful, but gets into scrapes, or is trapped, or gets distracted," Diana said. "Sometimes it's all too much for him."

Her paintings have been displayed at Tucson International Airport and she has participated in numerous individual and group shows including a number of exhibits at the Herberger Theater Art Gallery in Phoenix,

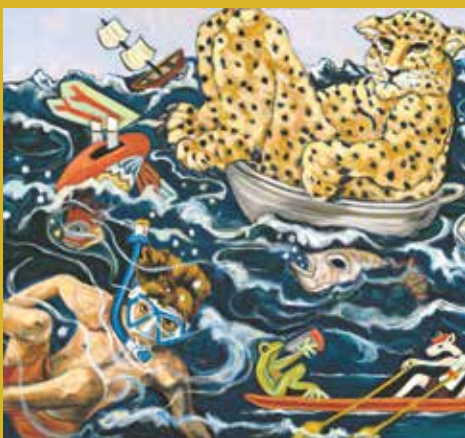
Shemer Art Center, Drawing Studio in Tucson, Raices Taller, Gallery – Art One in Scottsdale and at Ballard's Artwork & Frame Gallery in Echo Park in Los Angeles. She is also a regular part of the Oracle Artist Studio Tour.

Writers have influenced Diana's art, most notably the works of Columbian novelist, Gabriel Garcia Marquez. She quotes Marquez on her website to explain some aspect of her art, "All human beings have three lives: public, private and secret."

"I paint my secret life," Diana said.

You can learn more about Diana's art and view some of her paintings at [www.soupbangstudio.com](http://www.soupbangstudio.com).

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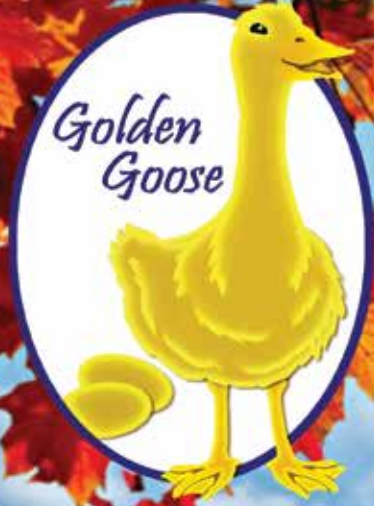
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# Pasquale Nigro, Part 2: An Interesting Part of Globe History

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**Pasquale Nigro was born in Italy around 1845. He immigrated to the United States, arriving in California in 1870. He became a naturalized citizen in 1871 in Los Angeles. Pasquale relocated to Tucson, Arizona in 1880 along with many Italian immigrants from California. The Italians felt comfortable among the Latin culture established by Mexicans in Tucson. Many immigrants during this time sought jobs with the railroads and mines.**

The trial of B.F. Crawford for the murder of Dominico Banche, a friend of Nigro's, was held in November 1897. The prosecution was represented by E.J. Edwards, District Attorney, Wiley E. Jones and C.T. Clark. Attorneys for the defendant were J.F. Wilson of Phoenix, George J. Stoneman and P.M. Thurmond. After 20 hours of deliberation the jury came back with a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Crawford was sentenced to two years at Yuma Prison. He would serve less than one year after being given an unconditional pardon in September 1898. He returned to Globe City after his release and by 1899 he was listed as the manager of the Mountain View Boarding House near the Old Dominion smelter. In 1903 he was a deputy for Gila County Sheriff C.R. Rogers and helped him escort prisoners to the Yuma Territorial prison.

The Crawford family were one of the early pioneer families in the Tonto Basin and Globe areas. Bushrod

Foley Crawford homesteaded a ranch in the Tonto Basin. Al Sieber, the famous Indian scout and pioneer was best man at his wedding to Cordelia Adams. The Adams family were one of the early settlers in the Tonto Basin. Crawford would go on to become a well-respected businessman and Globe city council member. His business interests included mining claims, ranching, real estate, and livestock brokerage. He would be active in local and Arizona politics.

In 1912 Crawford showed some of his prejudices when he was quoted in the *Arizona Republic* speaking in support of the anti-immigrant labor Kinney Bill. Crawford declared that the American citizens of the Globe District are almost unanimously in favor of prohibiting laborers unable to speak English from working underground in mines or other dangerous occupations. Crawford stated: "I am friendly towards the Mexicans and am sorry if the Kinney Bill will throw any of them out of work. They spend all their money



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The Drift Inn Saloon is located in the building that once housed the International Lodging House, built by Pasquale Nigro.

in this country and are not an undesirable class of cheap laborers. But something must be done to exclude the aliens who overrun Globe and other mining districts.

"Those Slavs and Polacks don't do any community any good. They are unionized as soon as they arrive and draw from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a day for work underground. One of them lives on about 80 cents a day and the remainder is sent back to Europe.

"The foreigners have their own barber shops and their own restaurants. They have nothing to do with the citizens and are gradually crowding them out. I myself feel the results very keenly. I own some property in Globe and while my taxes have risen, rents have depreciated. It's all because of the foreign element in the camp.

"It is impossible to unionize the Mexicans and as a result they work for \$1.50 and \$2 a day. But they spend it all right where they make it. No one will regret it more than I if

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## Pasquale

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any Mexicans are deprived of a means of livelihood through the Kinney Bill, but I certainly want that measure to pass. It will result in greater prosperity to the Globe district and to the entire state.”

Pasquale Nigro would go on to be a successful and wealthy businessman in Globe. He built the building which became the International Lodging House and today houses the Drift Inn Saloon on Broad Street. It also housed a brothel and saloon in its early days. In 1906, the International Lodging House would be the scene of what the *Arizona Silver Belt* newspaper called the “most horrible and most mysterious murder in Gila County history.”

On June 30, 1904, the *Arizona Silver Belt* reported: “Pasquale Nigro was again arrested on a complaint sworn out by Officer W.J. Sparks, charging him with renting a house to a keeper of a bagnio, within 400 yards of the central school building.” A “bagnio” was

an Italian word for brothel. Nigro was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail and a \$200 fine. Nigro filed an appeal and was released after posting a \$300 bond.

In July 1904, L.S. and G.N. Gibson purchased four mining claims which adjoined the Gibson mine from Nigro for \$17,500. In 1906, Nigro sold real and personal property to Fisk & Toole for \$65,000. It was said that it was the largest real estate transaction in the history of Globe at the time. The buying power of that amount in 1906 is equivalent to over one million dollars in today's economy.

Pasquale Nigro would die in 1908 from injuries he received when he was thrown from a horse buggy in an accident on the streets of Globe. He left his widow Francesca and young son a considerable estate including cash, property, mining claims, rental units and investments. He is remembered as a pioneer of Tombstone and as an interesting part of Globe's history.

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