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PRESS RELEASE/VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

**MAGIC BIRD FESTIVALS HOSTS
A VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND GETAWAY**

***5th Annual Carefree Festival of Fine Chocolate and Fine Art
February 11-14, 2016***

CAREFREE, ARIZ., (December 17, 2015) – Take a romantic escape this Valentine's Day weekend to Magic Bird Festivals 5th Annual Carefree Festival of Fine Chocolate and Fine Art. The four-day show runs February 11-14, at 101 Easy St., in the Carefree Desert Gardens.

A decadent delight for the whole family, the Carefree Fine Chocolate and Fine Art Festival features over 100 exhibitors and vendors. Showcasing scrumptious confections, handcrafted designs, as well as live music and entertainment, the four-day event is a palate pleasing celebration and visual treat.

The entirely free event runs Thursday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The festival is presented by Magic Bird Festivals. For more information call [480-488-2014](tel:480-488-2014) or visit www.magicbirdfestivals.com.

Intimately woven throughout the Carefree Desert Gardens, attendees can browse a diverse selection of artwork from local and regional artisans as well as indulge in a variety of sweet and savory samples.

One of Magic Bird Festival's longest running shows, the Carefree Fine Chocolate and Fine Art Festival is renowned for hosting quality vendors and distinguished artists. This year's event features self-taught photographer Cheyenne Rouse who was named a "Rising Star" on the Southwestern Art Scene by Phoenix Home and Garden.

A proven master of technique, Rouse has been shooting professionally for more than two decades and her sports photography has received international acclaim. Despite her success as an adventure photographer, Rouse knew she was destined to explore other creative methods.

Currently focused on Digital Fine Art Photography, Rouse documents the expansive landscapes and lost artifacts of the West and Southwest. Through light, color, and form, her photographs tell regional stories and are powerful time capsules of past relics.

Intermingled with the fine arts exhibits are numerous vendors with fresh-baked pastries, artisan breads, and handcrafted confections made from the freshest and finest ingredients.

Featured chocolatiers include The San Francisco Chocolate Factory, known for its fresh-dipped fruits, sauces, and candies.

Other vendors include: It's a Devine Bakery specializing in European style fresh-baked pastries and artisan breads, as well as Xocalatl's handmade chocolate confections crafted by Jason Wasser.

This February, make Valentine's Day weekend even sweeter at Magic Bird's Carefree Fine Chocolate and Fine Art Festival.

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About Magic Bird Festivals:

Magic Bird Festivals was founded in 1989, by Roberta Toombs-Rechlin and Lester Rechlin. The Arizona-based company also presents many locally inspired events throughout the year including the Carefree Fine Art of the Southwest Festival, Carefree Christmas Festival Gift Market, Carefree Indian Market and Cultural Festival, and the Carefree Days Festival. For more information, visit magicbirdfestivals.com, call [480-488-2014](tel:480-488-2014) or write PO Box 1803, Cave Creek, Arizona 85327.