

24<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

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*Be “Carefree” this January at  
Thunderbird Artists’ Fine Art & Wine  
Festival*

Thunderbird Artists, award-winning producer of fine art and wine events in the Southwest, is excited to announce contemporary equine painter, Terry Meyer, as featured artist for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

Terry Meyer is recognized throughout the country with his signature style of contemporary paintings. In the past, Terry has worked with clay, metal and wood, but his true passion is working in watercolor and oils. When Terry’s vision is bold and edgy he chooses watercolors, while oil is reserved for expressionistic reflections of the energy and motion of his subjects. Most of Terry’s pieces are made up of organic, earth tones and evoke a feeling of spiritual awareness from viewers.

In addition to the alluring artwork of Terry Meyer, the event hosts the works of more than 150 other juried fine artists and craftsman, displaying original paintings, spectacular small, medium and life-size bronzes, radiant glass sculptures, metal creations and fabulous batiks. There is also hand thrown clay, hand woven baskets, wood works, one of a kind jewelry, breathtaking photography and mixed media pieces.

The festival is also known as one of Arizona’s largest wine tasting events. Every Thunderbird Artists festival hosts a variety of local and international wines for sampling. Participating wineries include Aged 2 Perfection, Golden Rule Vineyards, King Frosch, Schlossadler International, Sogno Toscano and Su Vino. Peoria Artisan Brewing will be serving ice cold microbrews, Desert Diamond Distillery will bring a variety of flavored rums and Desert Rock Industries will supply hard ciders. For a \$10 fee, patrons receive an engraved souvenir glass with six tasting tickets, allowing them to enjoy their choice of samples, fine art and live musical entertainment all in one place.

Don’t miss this award-winning festival, the Town of Carefree’s ‘Signature Event’, which highlights the artistic works of more than 150 juried fine artists, live music, appetizing food, tempting chocolates and unparalleled wine tasting. It takes place in downtown Carefree, on Ho Hum & Easy Streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and parking is free all weekend. A can’t miss event!



*“If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint” ~Edward Hooper*

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*~The World's Most Popular Language is Music ~  
Join Thunderbird Artists for a Weekend Full of Art,  
Music & Fun For All!*



Thunderbird Artists is excited to announce Moodafaruka as the featured musician for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The festival will encompass over 5,000 pieces of original artwork, phenomenal wine tasting, delicious food and mouthwatering chocolate, all surrounded by wonderful music.

Moodafaruka mixes Flamenco, Middle Eastern, Spanish and Western motifs, creating a tapestry of sound that is both familiar and new. The Global community is burgeoning into a multicultural, multicolored, multilingual village. Moodafaruka's mission is to remind people of the common values people share, to honor our differences, and promote the celebration of life through music.

Also performing at the event will be pianist, Brandon Gaesser; Bob Culbertson, renowned Chapman Stick artist; guitarist and songwriter Nina Curry, and Whiskey Kiss. Brandon specializes in soft rock classics, while Whiskey Kiss excites listeners to dance in the streets, Nina's musical styles include roots blues, jazz, pop; americana & bluesiana and Bob Culbertson is considered one of the most influential touch soloists today. His musical style ranges from light jazz with folk and blues flavor, to classical with Spanish, contemporary and traditional influences.

Carefree is also known as a popular tourist destination, alluring visitors with its beautiful sunsets, serene mountain views and a variety of specialty shops and restaurants. Patrons can also enjoy an amazing oasis in the desert - the Carefree Desert Gardens is one of only two public botanical gardens in the Valley and downtown Carefree is also home to the "Third Largest Sundial in the Western Hemisphere".

Thunderbird Artists knows how important it is for local businesses to be involved in the community and is dedicated to partnering with a non-profit organization for each of the events. The Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce and Thunderbird Artists have partnered for more than 20 years to bring three first-class events to the town every year. Thunderbird Artists believes in giving back and the Chamber receives 25% of admission and wine sales from each event. The Town of Carefree also receives 25% of admission sales.

**The Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival is a MUST attend event for any art, wine and music enthusiast!** The festival will take place in downtown Carefree, near the corner of Easy and Ho Hum streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and parking is free all weekend.





# CALENDAR FACT SHEET

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual CAREFREE FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**HOURS:** 10am to 5pm each day

**WHERE:** Downtown Carefree, Arizona (101 Easy Street, 85377)

**ADMISSION:** \$3 for adults

**PARKING:** Free

**WHO:** More than 165 award-winning fine artists from throughout the United States and abroad, displaying paintings in all mediums and subjects. In addition to a wide variety of paintings, drawings, charcoals and pastels, patrons will find impressive small, medium and life-sized sculptures, bronzes, sparkling hand blown glass, wood, clay, metal, stone, gourds, one of a kind handcrafted jewelry, exceptional photography and much more!

**FEATURED ARTIST:** Oil and Watercolor painter, Terry Meyer. Terry specializes in contemporary equine works and utilizes earth tones to evoke a spiritual feeling in his viewers.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:** Featuring Moodafaruka. Moodafaruka mixes Flamenco, Middle Eastern, Spanish and Western motifs to create a truly unique sound that engages audiences. Also performing at the event will be pianist, Brandon Gaesser; Bob Culbertson, renowned Chapman Stick artist; guitarist and songwriter Nina Curry and Whiskey Kiss.

**SURROUNDING AREA:** In addition to the delicious food from participating vendors, patrons will have many dining options with Carefree's surrounding restaurants and outdoor cafes, such as the Black Mountain Café, Carefree Bistro, English Tea Room, Giordano's Trattoria Romana Restaurant, Sundial Garden Café, Venues and more.

**WINE TASTING:** A vast array of domestic and imported wines will be available for tasting from wineries including: Aged 2 Perfection, Golden Rule Vineyards, King Frosch, Schlossadler International, Sogno Toscano and Su Vino. Peoria Artisan Brewing will be serving ice cold microbrews, Desert Diamond Distillery will bring a variety of flavored rums and Desert Rock Industries will supply hard ciders. There is a fee of \$10 which includes an engraved souvenir wine glass and six wine tasting tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1.

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