



Thunderbird Artists Announce the 23rd Annual Carefree fine Art & Wine Festival

Thunderbird Artists is excited to partner with the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce for the Town of Carefree's final signature event of the season - the 23rd Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, March 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018. The festival will feature Russian artists, AkZhana Abdaliev and Maxim Maximov. The duo specializes in oils and capture focus on symbolism expressionism.

Although AkZhana and Maxim are not a couple, they collaborate on each and every piece. Working together allows every piece to capture two different perspectives. They do not compete with one another, but complement each other. AkZhana is often questioned about the collaboration – "Working together doesn't make us rivals, it makes us strong. We get joy from teamwork. Maxim is working on the preparation of the material, a pencil drawing and composition, while I work directly drawing faces and bodies." They work together from idea to completion. They begin by writing out their ideas in detail and sketching out a rough draft. More than 40 pieces are currently in their arsenal waiting for their day to be created.

In addition to AkZhana and Maxim, this festival features 150 juried, world-class artists displaying over 5,000 original pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums. Wine tasting, ice cold microbrews, as well as rum sampling, are offered for patrons who choose to purchase a souvenir wine or beer glass, with six tasting tickets, for \$10. The event will also host food trucks and sweet treats onsite.

The Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion will come alive with live performers and provide background music for attendees to enjoy while tasting fine wines and indulging in delicious sweets.

This fine art event, widely known as "...a Collector's Paradise"™, will take place in the heart of downtown Carefree, surrounded by beautiful gardens emphasizing the plants and cacti indigenous to the Arizona desert. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and parking is free all weekend. Join Thunderbird Artists, world-class artists, a fun, interactive 3-D photo opp and more at the Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, March 16th, 17th & 18th, 2018!