

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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## *Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival Couples Fine Art & Wine with Music, Food & Chocolate*

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, produced by Thunderbird Artists, is delighted to announce that pastel painter, Scott Swezy, will be exhibiting as featured artist for the weekend of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, in downtown Carefree.

Scott Swezy's art career began when he moved from the east coast to New Mexico for college. He was immediately inspired by the open spaces of the desert, the majesty of the mountains and the spectacular sunsets. For the next decade he emerged himself into a world of abstraction. He began exploring new materials and textured canvases, often incorporating found objects into his large-scale

works. Most recently, Scott has been using soft pastels, a medium perfect for reflecting the rich, brilliant colors of the southwest desert.

In addition to the colorful works by Scott Swezy, this festival features more than 165 juried, world-class artists, displaying over 5,000 original pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums. Wine tasting, as well as rum sampling, is also offered, with a vast array of wines to sample from around the world, while delicious food and delectable chocolates supply the final touches to the unparalleled ambience this festival holds. Live music is a mainstay at all Thunderbird Artists events as well, and this event features flamenco guitarist, Esteban, Violinist, Teresa Joy, classical guitarist, Darren Skanson, pianist, Elijah Bossenbroek and vocalist, Jason Michael Tracy will also be performing from 10am to 5pm all three days.

This fine art event 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, Scott Swezy, Esteban and many more at the Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival this spring!

*“Art enables us to find ourselves and  
lose ourselves at the same time.”  
~ Thomas Merton*



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Esteban has been playing the guitar since he was eight years old. Self-taught for most of his early years, his talent stunned everyone who heard him play. He attended Carnegie Mellon University and studied with legendary classical guitarist, Andres Segovia, in the 4th floor studio on Avenida Concha Espina in Spain. He began touring in the United States soon after and experienced some of the most memorable times in his life.

Then an accident occurred and, due to a hand injury, Esteban was unable to play the guitar for 10 years. Eventually, through dedication and love of music, he began to again play the guitar he so loved. Since that time, Esteban has topped the billboard charts many times with his numerous albums, videos and DVD's. He had a full feature article in People Magazine, as well as thousands of accolades from newspapers, magazines and dedicated fans. With each performance he continues to astound crowds all over the nation; touching the hearts of listeners with his sensational sound and expressive music.

Teresa Joy is known for combining violin and dance together, she makes her instrument sing with a voice that touches hearts. She has just returned from a concert tour in Las Vegas and feels truly blessed to be able to share her incredible musical journey with her father, Esteban.

Also performing at the festival, from 10am to 5pm all three days, will be Elijah Bossenbroek, Darren Skanson and Jason Michael Tracy. Jason's contagious energy livens up any crowd and is a show all on its own. Darren's arrangements and compositions are more gentle and melodic than other modern guitar artists. He calls this style "light classical". While, Elijah's fingers dance over his piano keys, producing truly beautiful jazz sounds.

Be sure not to miss the captivating music of these talented musicians, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>. It's an opportunity to witness and engage with five phenomenal musical artists...a can't miss event!





## CALENDAR FACT SHEET

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

**WHEN:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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

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

**ADMISSION:** \$3 for adults (Free for Carefree residents)

**PARKING:** Free

**WHO:** Juried fine artists, from all over the world, will come together for one of Arizona's best fine art events. Patrons will enjoy paintings, small, medium & life-sized bronzes, photography, pottery, sculptures, jewelry, baskets, scratchboard, wood, clay, glass, metal sculptures and much more!

**FEATURED ARTIST:** Scott Swezy. Scott specializes in working with pastels on both paper and linen. His pieces are truly one-of-kind, contemporary abstracts and landscapes.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:** Featuring world-renowned, flamenco guitarist, Esteban and violinist, Teresa Joy. Also performing will be classical guitarist, Darren Curtis Skanson, composer, Elijah Bossenbroek, vocalist and guitarist, Tony de Grassi and singer/pianist, Jason Michael Tracy.

**WINE TASTING:** A variety of domestic and imported wines will be available for tasting, hosted by Aridus Wine Company, Arizona Stronghold, Desert Diamond Distillery, PRP Wine, Schlossadler International, Su Vino and more. There is a fee of \$10, which includes an engraved souvenir wine glass and six tasting tickets, allowing patrons to roam and sample wines from various locations throughout the event - all while enjoying the art!

**FOOD AND CHOCOLATE VENDORS:** Andiamo Pizza's will provide brick oven pizza, while Grilled Addiction serves salads, sandwiches and culinary favorites, Tee's Concessions will also be present serving delicious crab cakes. To satisfy one's sweet tooth, Mr Fudge will be serving fudge on site, Xocolatl will have decadent chocolate truffles, Let's Eat Kettle Corn will be popping fresh kettle corn and the scents of roasted nuts will float through the air from Grandma Goes Nuts. Also, organic goat cheese sampling compliments the wine in the main wine pavilion.

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