

29th Annual
Carefree Fine Art
& Wine Festival

January 14th, 15th & 16th, 2022

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*Join Thunderbird Artists, Sumati & Michael Colpitts for the
Town of Carefree's Signature event - Carefree Fine Art & Wine
Festival*



Thunderbird Artists, leading producer of fine art and wine events in the Southwest, is excited to announce ceramicist, Sumati Colpitts, as featured artist for the 29th Annual Winter Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, January 14th, 15th & 16th, 2022. The event will bring together more than 150 juried fine artists, musicians, wineries, distilleries and more!



Sumati, along with her husband, Michael, capture the essence of the animals and figures, giving them an expression that makes you feel good when you look at them. They create, design and make all the pieces themselves using slab and pinch techniques. Molds or forms are never used. Subtle variations within the piece are generated by using different natural colors. Various textures are also added for accent, and to give a sense of fun and elegance. The finished pieces are air dried for 1-2 weeks, then fired in a kiln that reaches temperatures of up to 1600 degrees

Fahrenheit. The initial firing removes the water and makes the pieces strong. At this point, colored washes such as iron oxide and manganese dioxide are added to create more color and give pieces their final sheen and tones. The pieces are then fired a second time to 2300 degrees Fahrenheit, which melts the glazes to create beautiful patinas. The finishing process after firing includes the addition of glass eyes and wire whiskers, attaching bases, and adding final touches of color to enhance each individual piece. The whimsy and charm of the pieces make it easy to fall in love with and keep collectors coming back to add to their collection.

In addition to Sumati Colpitts, attendees can experience and purchase works ranging from paintings, bronzes, glass, clay, stone, metal, wood and mixed media sculptures, one-of-a-kind jewelry, limited edition photography, batiks, scratchboard and much more.

Patrons know that a Thunderbird Artists Festival is a feast for all the senses and this event brings different musicians together, in one area, ensuring beautiful sounds can be heard wherever you may be in the festival. Featured on the stage in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion is violinist, Teresa Joy. Teresa's soulful and engaging style has captivated audiences since 2004. Bob Culbertson's Chapman Stick is a show stopper for sure. The Chapman Stick looks like a wide version of the fretboard of an electric guitar, but with 8, 10, or 12 strings. The player then hammers onto the strings with their fingertips in the same way that one would strike a piano key. Guitarist, Chuck Hall, prefers to play the blues and can be heard while marveling at the Largest Sundial in Arizona. Carefree local, Henry Molder, loves the town and can be heard almost daily on his Native American Flute, while Indian Flutist Vibhas Kendzia plays while walking Ho Hum Drive.



Experience the ambiance at one of Thunderbird Artists respected fine art festivals, a vibrant and artistic atmosphere with innovative and an aesthetically beautiful selection of art. 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 for all art and wine lovers!



CALENDAR FACT SHEET

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28th Annual Winter CAREFREE FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL

WHEN: January 14th, 15th & 16th, 2022

HOURS: 10am to 5pm each day

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

ADMISSION: \$3 for adults, 18+

PARKING: Free

WHO: Thunderbird Artists festivals are widely known as “... a Collectors’ Paradise,TM” and this award-winning festival boasts over 150 meticulously juried fine artists exhibiting a wide range of mediums from paintings, bronzes, glass, clay, stone, metal, wood and mixed media sculptures, one-of-a-kind jewelry, limited edition photography, batiks, scratchboard and much more.

FEATURED ARTIST: Ceramic potter, Sumati Colpitts. “Clay is my passion” In addition to her art, Sumati is a licensed massage therapist and culinary gourmet cook. All her professions rely on her tactile wisdom and creativity through her hands.

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT: Violinist, Teresa Joy. Teresa is the daughter of world-renowned Flamenco guitarist, Esteban and has been performing alongside him since her teen years. Teresa broke new creative ground with her first solo album, Rosin Revolver, Volume 1. Her latest release, GOLD DUST, is a unique and ethereal take covering famous and timeless songs which have touched Teresa Joy's soul.

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 Athen’s, Black Mountain Café, The Healthy Creek, Sundial Garden Café, Venues and more.

WINE TASTING: A vast array of domestic and imported wines will be available for tasting, as well as ice cold microbrews and flavored spirits. There is a fee of \$13 which includes an engraved souvenir wine glass and eight wine tasting tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1.

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