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*Join Thunderbird Artists for the  
First Festival of the Season in  
Downtown Carefree*

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, will not only kick off Thunderbird Artists' 2011/2012 festival season, but play an important role in uniting gifted artists with patrons from around the world. This award-winning festival is proud to feature more than 165 juried fine artists, live musical entertainment, savory food, delectable chocolate and phenomenal wine tasting.

Thunderbird Artists is very excited to announce mixed-media abstract painter, Deborah Valiquet-Myers, as featured artist for this first class, fine art event. Deborah describes her work as Lyrical Abstraction. "Like the world around us, my paintings are multi-layered studies of color, pattern, light and texture. A feeling of essence

is evoked, in a manner which is graceful and lyrical - often creating a feeling of poetry on canvas". Each piece incorporates acrylic paints and inks; dimensional mediums; handmade papers; metallic powders and leafs; fabrics, fibers and threads; pastels and pen and ink.

The festival also includes another 165 juried fine artisans, from throughout the United States and abroad, displaying paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, and ink; impressive small, medium and life-sized sculptures, sparkling hand blown glass, clay, metal, stone, wood, bronze, one-of-kind handcrafted jewelry, beautiful photography and much more! The festival is also Arizona's top wine tasting event. For \$10, patrons will receive an engraved souvenir wine glass with six tasting tickets; allowing them to enjoy magnificent wine, while strolling among 5,000 pieces of original artwork as soothing sounds of live music float through the air.

The festival will take place in downtown Carefree, at 101 Easy Street. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and free for Carefree residents. Parking is free all weekend. Mark your calendars and join us for our first festival of the season!

