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Dulce VAS Brings a Unique Blend of Sonoran Jazz to Carefree, Arizona

Thunderbird Artists is eager to invite everyone to attend the Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 5th, 6th & 7th, 2010. The festival features over 175 world-class juried artists, delicious food, mouthwatering chocolates, flavorful wines and live musical entertainment featuring dulce VAS. Dulce VAS is a Sonoran jazz ensemble that blends popular songs and adds an artistic vibe unique to the Southwest. If music could embody the soul of the Sonoran Desert, dulce VAS would be the heart's rhythm.

Dulce VAS has strived to create smooth music that is jazz with a southwestern sound. What makes dulce VAS so unique is that the primary instrument is a concert grand harp. VeeRonna Ragone, dulce VAS' harpist, began playing the harp at the age of eight. She studied at the Music Academy of the West, the University of Reno and under nationally renowned harpist, Suzanne Balderston. Since receiving her degree, she has endeavored to add her own personal style to everything she plays and has discovered a new world of engaging sounds and rhythms typically associated with other instruments. She has performed in numerous venues throughout the valley including several theatre productions, as well as both the Phoenix and the Mesa Symphony Orchestras.

Also, performing with dulce VAS is an expert flutist, Sherry Finzer. After years of playing classical music, Sherry decided to venture out of her comfort zone and discovered other styles of music. She is the Vice President and Program Chairperson for the Arizona Flute Society, where she assists bringing in guest artists and educational programs for the flute community. She is also the founder and CEO of the Arizona World Music Initiative, a non-profit organization exposing children to music by creating an interactive program giving them the opportunity to perform alongside professional musicians.

This November Carefree festival will also host one of Arizona's largest wine tasting events. Thunderbird Artists juries the artists and trusts their wine associates to select superior wines from throughout the market. Often times the wines served for tasting at the festivals are those unattainable in the open market.

The Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival is a MUST attend event for any art or wine 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.



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