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***Twin Brothers, Michael and Stephen McCullough, Featured  
at the Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire!***



Thunderbird Artists is happy to release the news that twin brothers, Michael and Stephen McCullough, are the featured artists for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The festival couples fine art and fine crafts with exquisite, imported and domestic wines, delectable food, flavorful chocolate and live musical entertainment!

Michael and Stephen have crafted a unique system for creating their acrylic, Southwestern style paintings. Each canvas is wrapped, textured with a pulverized marble paste and then sanded. The paintings are finally sealed with a satin varnish that not only protects each piece, but also enhances the colors.

Michael earned a B.S. and Masters Degree in Art from West Texas State University and has fulfilled a full-time art career ever since. He enjoys traveling, which is often reflected in his work from varying landscapes to changing seasons. His great respect for the life and history that surrounds the Southwest region is evident in each of his pieces. Stephen began his adult-life in the finance business and worked in banking for 20 years before he discovered his artist abilities. He now works with a variety of paints and is recognized for using contrasting colors in his unique reproductions of old petroglyphs from cliff dwellings.

This juried festival also hosts more than 125 nationally acclaimed, award-winning artists from throughout the country and abroad; in addition to unparalleled wine tasting. For \$10, patrons receive an engraved souvenir wine glass with tasting tickets allowing them to taste the wines of their choice.

Don't miss all the festivities at the Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire! The festival will take place on Avenue of the Fountains, between La Montana and Saguaro Blvd. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 for all non-Fountain Hills residents. Parking is free all weekend. For more information, visit our website: [www.ThunderbirdArtists.com](http://www.ThunderbirdArtists.com).

