

Celebration of Fine Art



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Celebration of Fine Art Celebrates Liberty Wildlife with “Art of the Wild”

Celebration of Fine Art runs January 12- March 23, 2008 under the Big White Tent in Scottsdale

(Scottsdale, AZ) - The Celebration of Fine Art has selected Liberty Wildlife as one of its 2008 community charities with “Art of the Wild”, a special art event. Liberty Wildlife handlers will bring eagles, owls and other raptors to the Celebration of Fine Art on Saturday, January 19 and 26, Saturday, February 2 and February 16, 2008 and also on Saturday, March 1 and 15, 2008 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visitors can watch wildlife artists paint and sculpt with live “models” and have the opportunity to talk with the handlers.

The Celebration will contribute \$2,500 to support Liberty Wildlife. In addition, participating artists may select Liberty Wildlife to receive 20% of the proceeds from the sale of one of their works during the run of the show.

Bringing Liberty Wildlife to the Celebration of Fine Art provides a unique opportunity for the artists. “I took hundreds of photographs of Liberty Wildlife birds last year at the Celebration of Fine Art,” said Phoenix wildlife artist Jennifer O’Cualain. “When it comes to animals, I have to work from photographs because they don’t sit still. After I did the first owl paintings, I was determined to do more. I like to do more than one painting of an animal or a bird because, as you do these paintings, you get to know the anatomy. I look forward to taking more photographs of owls at this year’s show and producing another painting.”

O’Cualain attended Arizona State University on a full scholarship and graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with an emphasis on painting. She lives in Phoenix with her husband, Noel, and their four dogs and two cats. She is one of more than a half dozen artists who specialize in wildlife art who will be working and showing at Scottsdale’s Celebration of Fine Art.

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“We are delighted to bring Liberty Wildlife back to the Celebration of Fine Art,” said Susan Morrow Potje, one of the four organizers of the show. “Liberty Wildlife is a natural fit for us because so many of our artists enjoy doing wildlife art.” Liberty Wildlife rehabilitates native wildlife which includes all species of animals originating in or migrating through Arizona. In addition to working with Celebration, the organization is partnering with The Phoenix Zoo to establish a regional conservation and nature center in Papago Park.

Celebration of Fine Art has been called “One of the West’s Premier Art Events” by Art & Antiques magazine and attracts more than 50,000 visitors over the 10 weeks of the show. The show is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week from January 12 through March 23, 2008. Celebration of Fine Art is located in Scottsdale, Arizona on Scottsdale Road just south of the Loop 101 at Exit 34 in the “Big White Tent.” Ticket price is \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and military. Special events are free with admission. The Celebration of Fine Art ticket is an all-event pass that is good for all 10 weeks of the show and sale. Children under 12 are admitted at no charge. A café on the premises serves light fare. For information on the show and participating artists, visit the web site www.celebrateart.com

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