

## Best Of Arts & Entertainment

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You wake up listening to them and go to bed watching them. Here are your votes for the best in Arts & Entertainment in the Valley.



*Bonner David Galleries pictured above*

### **Best Art Gallery**

#### **Bonner David Galleries**

Featuring art as diverse as the eyes that observe it, Bonner David Galleries is a favorite among Valley art aficionados. The gallery showcases artists in a variety of mediums, from figurative to realistic to contemporary, and also helps kids discover their inner artists through a special children's section. [www.bonnerdavid.com](http://www.bonnerdavid.com).

### **Best Museum**

#### **Children's Museum of Phoenix**

Not just for kids, the Children's Museum of Phoenix offers plenty of intriguing exhibits to please every kid at heart. 602.253.0501, [www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org](http://www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org).

### **Best Annual Charity Event**

#### **Taste of the Nation Arizona, Arizona Food Banks**

Each year, Taste of the Nation Arizona brings together the state's top chefs and local restaurants for an evening of fancy fare and philanthropy. Benefiting Arizona Food Banks, Taste of the Nation Arizona helps to ensure that no child goes hungry in our state. [www.tastearizona.org](http://www.tastearizona.org).

### **Best Annual Gala**

#### **Jewel Ball, American Cancer Society**

Celebrating its 49th annual gala, the Jewel Ball will host an elegant evening while benefiting the American Cancer Society on March 13 at the InterContinental Montelucia Resort & Spa. 602.224.0524, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

### **Best Annual Valley Event**

#### **Arizona State Fair**

Held each fall, the Arizona State Fair attracts thousands of locals looking for thrill rides, diverse culinary treats and headlining musical talent. [www.azstatefair.com](http://www.azstatefair.com).

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### **Best Casino**

#### **Gila River Casino-Vee Quiva**

Packed into nearly 100,000 square feet of space, Gila River's Vee Quiva Casino provides high-rollers access to blackjack, poker and a Premiere Player's Club. For a break between hands, Vee Quiva's 834 interactive slot machines are sure to entertain and, with a little luck, make bank. 800.946.4452, [www.wingilariver.com](http://www.wingilariver.com).

### **Best Concert Venue**

#### **Cricket Wireless Pavilion**

With several amphitheater-style seating options, concertgoers can lie back on the lawn, get up-close in the first row or live it up in the VIP Boxes at Cricket Wireless Pavilion. [www.cricketwirelesspavilion.com](http://www.cricketwirelesspavilion.com).



*Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North pictured above*

### **Best Special Events Venue**

#### **Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North**

Nestled at the foothills of Pinnacle Peak, this resort's fairy-tale setting offers the ideal spot for any celebration or gathering. Providing nothing less than impeccable service and stellar accommodations, festivities here supersede even the host's imagination.

480.515.5700, [www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale](http://www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale).

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### Best Wedding Venue

#### Sassi

Architecturally reminiscent of Southern Italy, couples can enjoy an enchanted evening outdoors overlooking the city below or indoors in one of four intimately decorated dining rooms. 480.502.9095, [www.sassi.biz](http://www.sassi.biz).

### Best Hike

#### Camelback Mountain

Explore one of the Valley's most prominent landmarks by foot. Camelback Mountain is a favorite of Valley hikers for its challenging trails and breathtaking scenery. [www.phoenix.gov/parks](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks).

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### Best Local Band

#### The Mike & T Band

Whether its country, pop, rock or R&B, Phoenix-based The Mike & T Band boasts an experienced musical background complemented by a diverse repertoire to suit anyone's favorite sound. 602.703.1551, [www.mikeandt.com](http://www.mikeandt.com).

### Best Local Band (Runner-Up)

#### Pheed

In addition to a slew of original material, this Valley band covers tunes by everyone from Elvis to Ricky Martin. [www.pheed.org](http://www.pheed.org).



*Johnjay and Rich pictured above*

### Best Local Radio Talk/DJ

#### Johnjay and Rich on 104.7 Kiss FM

Walking away with more than 50 percent of the votes, morning radio duo Johnjay and Rich, on 104.7 Kiss FM, prove that people love a laugh in the a.m. [www.1047kissfm.com](http://www.1047kissfm.com).

### Best Radio Station

#### 93.3 KDKB

With Rolling Stones, Van Halen and Nirvana gracing the playlist, 93.3 KDKB puts a little rock in your day. [www.kdkb.com](http://www.kdkb.com).

### Favorite Sportscaster

#### Craig Fohy, ABC 15

This former player and coach turned sports director for ABC 15 recaps the day's biggest games at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. [www.abc15.com](http://www.abc15.com).

### Favorite Morning Show

#### Good Morning AriZona, 3TV

### Favorite Meteorologist

#### Royal Norman, 3TV

### Favorite TV Personality

#### Morning or Daytime Female

#### Kaley O'Kelley, 3TV

#### Favorite TV Personality

### Morning or Daytime Male

#### Scott Pasmore, 3TV

Titleholder for Favorite Morning Show, 3TV's "Good Morning Arizona" airs from 4:30 to 9 a.m. and features Favorite TV Personality Morning or Daytime Female, Kaley O'Kelley, who joined the newscast in 2009. The program also features Favorite TV Personality Morning or Daytime Male Scott Pasmore, veteran anchor. Favorite Meteorologist Royal Norman, who helped launch "Good Morning Arizona" in 1994, is now the chief meteorologist for "Good Evening Arizona." [www.azfamily.com](http://www.azfamily.com).

### Best News Station

#### KPNX, 12 News

### Favorite Nightly Newscast

#### 12 News at 10

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**Favorite TV Personality Afternoon or Evening News Female**  
**Lin Sue Cooney, 12 News**

**Favorite TV Personality Afternoon or Evening News Male**  
**Mark Curtis, 12 News**

Leader of Best News Station and Favorite Nightly Newscast, Channel 12 News airs at 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. In 2004, reporters Lin Sue Cooney, Favorite TV Personality Afternoon or Evening News Female, and Mark Curtis, Favorite TV Personality Afternoon or Evening News Male, paired up to anchor the evening news. [www.azcentral.com](http://www.azcentral.com).