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The <u>32nd Annual Sedona Arts Festival</u>, Sedona's oldest and largest premier arts event, returns October 7–8, 2023 to Sedona Red Rock High School with a diverse lineup of more than 100 juried artists from across the country.



The renowned fine art festival will also feature live music, raffle prizes, food and a beer and wine garden—all set against the breathtaking backdrop of Sedona's red rocks.

With a mission to help build and support the art community and arts education in the greater Sedona area, the Sedona Arts Festival will present award-winning artists working in a wide array of mediums, ranging from paint, sculpture, glass and beyond. Guests can look forward to a great mix of returning artists and new artists who will be bringing a fresh display of captivating art to the annual experience.

"After 13 years of coordinating this event, what I really appreciate is the relationships I've made with the artists, and our attendees enjoy that too," says Sedona Arts Festival Director Lori Reinhart. "There's something really special about having a piece of art from someone you know and whose talent you admire. It's like you get to keep a little piece of them with you."

Last year, the Sedona Arts Festival forged a partnership with a group of Verde Valley potters led by Ben Roti Ceramics who will be returning to this year's festival to demonstrate the numerous approaches to working in clay, while displaying a beautiful selection of handmade pieces that will be available for sale. Their Sedona Arts Festival appearance is in preparation for their 2nd Annual Verde Valley Pottery Festival held November 18 and 19 that features unique items handmade by Arizona-connected potters with a goal of increasing the understanding of contemporary studio pottery.



In addition to exquisite artwork from renowned artists, the festival will include an exciting lineup of live music performances throughout the weekend that will be announced later in the fall, along with food and libations, including a variety of food truck choices and beer and wine selections for guests to enjoy.

Gourmet Row, which features locally produced kitchen, bath and home items available for sale, will also be conducting their annual Art Raffle, which supports arts education in Sedona and the greater Verde Valley and features a wide offering of prizes that include art pieces from the festival's participating artists. Last year's raffle proceeds were donated to Chamber Music Sedona to support their music education programs.

The 32nd Annual Sedona Arts Festival will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 8. Admission to the festival is \$15 for children 12 and older and covers both days of the event. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or on the festival website. For tickets and more information, visit www.sedonaartsfestival.org.

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