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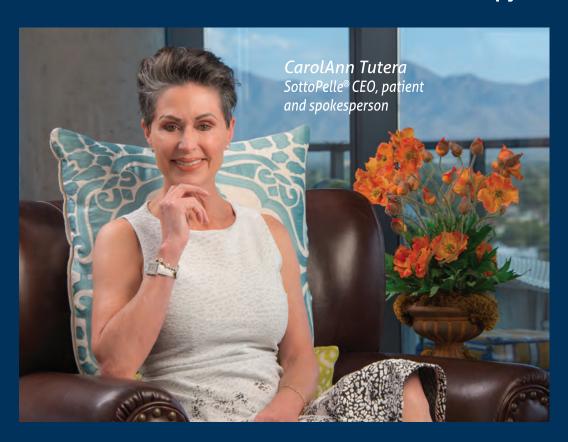
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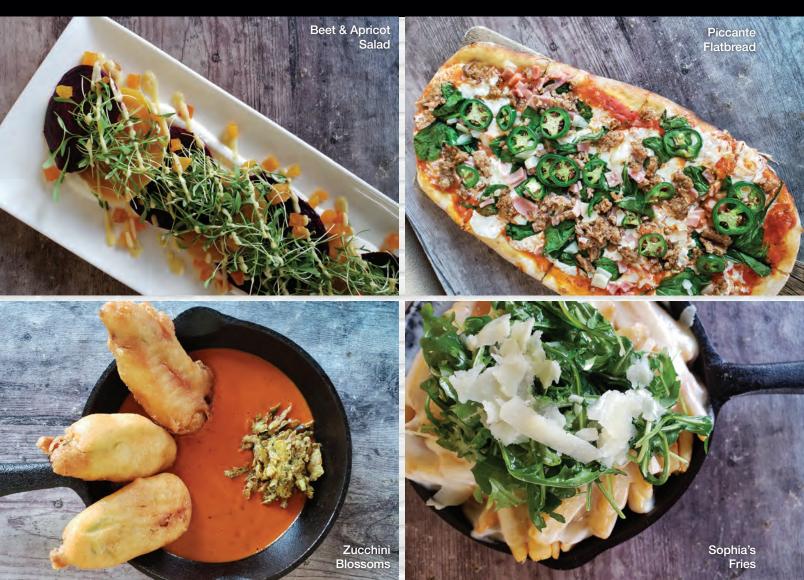


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o Paris Salon features the lavish, luxurious surroundings you would expect in any upscale locale, but there's a crucial difference within the welcoming atmosphere, suffused with a familial warmth that puts you instantly at ease. And the differences don't end there; in every facet of the experience is the evidence of a deeply connected team, each member striving to provide premium-quality services and unforgettably gracious treatment.

The salon is the kind of place its owner and namesake, Jo, had always dreamed of opening. With an innate sense of beauty and talent, he began his career in Paris mentored by France's most celebrated stylists. After moving to Cannes, Jo quickly gained an illustrious reputation as the premier stylist of the Cannes Film Festival, where he spent a decade styling celebrity clientele. But it was another move, this time to Arizona, that led him to open Jo Paris Salon – and the Valley has never looked better.

We sat down with Jo to find out a few things about his salon, his stylists, and which products he can't live without.

Q: Your salon has quite a sizeable staff. How do you choose your stylists?

A: I make sure that we don't have a revolving door of stylists. We try to make sure we hire stylists with years of experience who add something to the team. Everyone has a specialty, and we try to showcase that strength – we are one of the few salons that can accommodate just about any client with any kind of hair.

Q: So you have specialists for every need? Amazing! What services do you offer?

A: We offer almost anything. Color, cuts, extension, ombre, balayage, perms, relaxer, keratin treatments, updos and Olaplex. We offer services to men, women, and children. We also have an amazing aesthetician and offer Microblading.

Q: With such a variety of services, you must use a lot of products. Are there certain lines you swear by?

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**Q:** Do Jo Paris Salon stylists participate in any other continuing education?

A: Yes. You never stop learning, and we try to expand our knowledge. The staff is constantly choosing to learn new things and stay ahead of the trends. They love what they do, and it shows!

Q: Your friendly, hospitable service makes everyone feel comfortable. Why is that important to you?

A: Everyone deserves to be pampered. We do have some very prominent clients, but we also have everyday regular people. I wanted to make a place where someone could come in as they are, have a cup of coffee and maybe make a friend while doing it. Our guests can expect that every experience they have with us will be a great one, from their very first visit.

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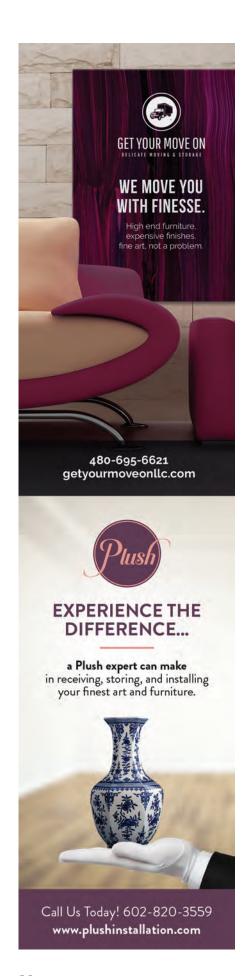






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March is one of my favorite months in the Valley. I moved to Scottsdale during March 2013, and this time of year always reminds me of that moment in my life. The weather was perfect, there was always something exciting to do, and it seemed as though I'd landed in a place where every day felt like a vacation.

Now, six years and 40 issues later - yes, this issue marks my 40th So Scottsdale! to produce - March still has that blissful quality to it. We

pay tribute to that in our March Madness feature (page 74), where you can read about this month's top springtime attractions and experiences, from a quintessentially Arizona supper series to the Valley's most anticipated golf course update.

Spring is also a great time to explore local farms (page 70), tool around Fountain Hills (page 68), eat your veggies (page 112), and sport game time gear at spring training (page 86), which is already underway. A recommendation from yours truly? Consider seeing Arizona from above with Alaskazona Adventures, which offers tours over the lakes, valleys, mountains and rivers near Payson - as well as Sedona and even custom locations - via an Alaskan Bush plane. Enjoy the ride, one I can personally vouch for as I recently tried it, through late April and read about it on page 106.

Another milestone anniversary taking place this month is the star-studded Celebrity Fight Night, which celebrates its 25th year with a major headliner: Barry Manilow. In support of the Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Program at Barrow Neurological Institute, the iconic musician will take the stage March 23 at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge alongside fellow musicians, including emcee Reba McEntire. Get the full scoop on page 38.

This month, here's to finding a few of those blissful March moments, whether you explore what's just down the street or take your wanderings sky-high.

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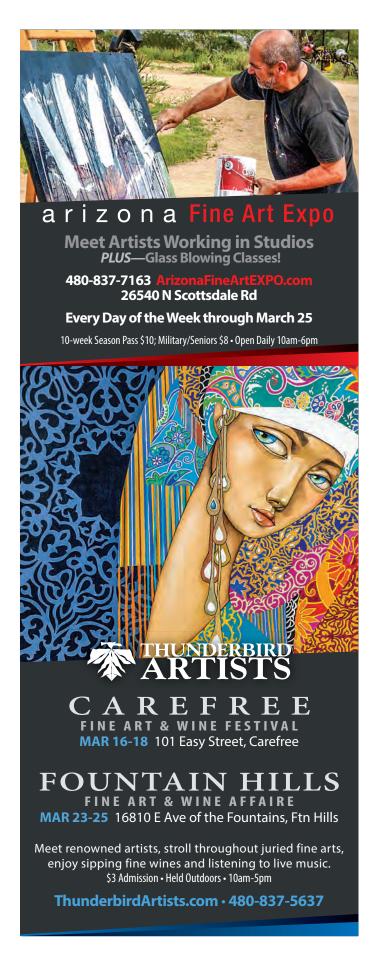
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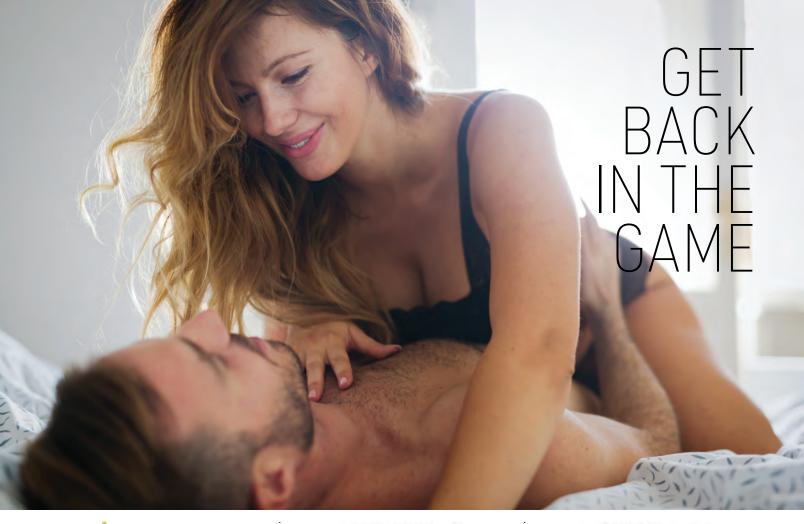


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## FIGHTING BACK

Tiffany Armstrong specializes in a unique approach that empowers women to protect themselves

Tiffany Armstrong is on a mission to educate and empower women to walk strong everywhere they go. As a survivor of childhood and marital abuse, Armstrong learned this lesson the hard way and has now made it her life's work to help women find their voice, and use it.

The fact that one in three women will be attacked in their lifetime is a staggering statistic that Armstrong holds close to her heart because she is one of them. At the age of 20, she survived an attack - one that took place in a home with her friends - using the only three self-defense moves she knew.

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By mastering these simple self-defense skills, and the mindset to overcome the fear of an attack, Armstrong managed to get away, ultimately saving herself from a man whom she later learned had purposely targeted her.

"When I realized that three simple moves had saved my life, I went on to get two second-degree black belts in streetsmart self-defense," Armstrong says. "I have since spent the last 20-plus years searching for ways to help other women be safe."

After realizing her attacker was able to enter the home because it was not secured effectively, she joined her family's company, Pop-A-Lock Locksmiths and Security. She quickly climbed the ranks to become its vice president.

"I was immediately drawn to this industry because of my passion for personal safety as well as home and business safety," Armstrong says. "My assault made me realize that there are so many simple things you can do to secure your home that helps keep intruders out, therefore helping you avoid a potential attack."

In addition to being a full-service locksmith and security firm, Pop-A-Lock is known for helping to save the lives of children and pets - for free - who have inadvertently been locked inside of a car. Armstrong's local franchises, which cover Maricopa County, have saved thousands of Arizona children and pets who were locked in motor vehicles, and, last year alone, Pop-A-Lock nationwide saved more than 16,000 children.

#### Mindset & Moves

When not at the helm of Pop-A-Lock's altruistic efforts, which also include those for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Veterans Success Project, Armstrong has been speaking and educating on self-defense for more than 20 years with a goal of giving women the tools they need to help protect themselves in the world we live in today. Her unique approach to preparedness uses two facets of self-defense not often taught together - technique and mindset - which are the foundation of how Armstrong educates women.

"My most recent project has been creating my own self-defense and mindset company," Armstrong says of her eponymous brand, which launches this month. "We are officially doing a worldwide launch of an entire online self-defense and mindset curriculum where women and families can learn in the comfort of their own homes on a time schedule that works for them."

This venture combines Armstrong's educational and professional background in anatomy, physiology and psychology, which help her explain body mechanics and physics on a deeper level while addressing how to manage one's fear response. The series includes more than 215 short educational videos that will take viewers through a step-by-step process of how to handle various situations. Arming women with techniques to defend themselves, the collection aims to provide the peace of mind that they can overcome an attacker if ever put in that situation.

Armstrong's videos also encompass practical everyday situations because she notes that 80 percent of all attacks happen from someone the victim knows.

"We don't like to think about that, but it's the truth,"



Armstrong says. "So, we touch upon practical ways to understand how to de-escalate an argument with your significant other or even a random stranger in a bar. The videos are made for the 'everywoman' who is juggling a lot and doesn't have time to get into a dojo to learn the techniques and mindset. I want to be able to help them understand that they can also learn these skills with very little time commitment or effort."

Armstrong's entire mission is centered around letting women know that self-defense does not have to be complicated. It's the most basic of moves that could make the difference between surviving, or not surviving, an attack. After all, she is living proof that three simple moves can be effective in saving a life.

"If I can help even one person avoid a potential attack or overcome an attacker with grace, then my legacy is complete," Armstrong says. "I want to help all women have the peace of mind and awareness so they can be the best versions of themselves in their lives and for their friends, families, businesses, and most importantly, themselves."

To read more about Armstrong's journey and learn more about her self-defense program, visit www.tiffanyarmstrong.net.

# A Connoisseur of Color

## Rodney Gentry, stylist and color expert at Sachi Studios

Rodney Gentry is one of those people whose Midwestern charm and enthusiasm can't help but rub off on you. And in his line of work, that's certainly a plus.

Gentry is possibly the Valley's most adored hair stylist. His clients (some of them might better be described as fans) will happily travel across state lines in order to have him handle their tresses. Many of them simply trust nobody else with their hair.

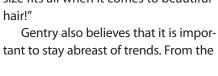
Having operated his own salon in Chicago before relocating to Scottsdale, Gentry brings big city expertise to the Valley, which he combines with his own unique passion for styling and coloring at Sachi Studios. Each client enjoys a truly personalized service. Gentry considers the condition and history of the hair before recommending a treatment program, style and (if desired) color. His focus is on nurturing hair back to full health at the same time as providing stunning styles and fabulous colors.

"It's my goal to make each client feel truly beautiful – and to leave them with a style that they can easily recreate themselves every day," he says. Part of this comes down to the right products. Gentry only uses the very best brands available, not skimping when it comes to choosing those products that will bring about dramatic improvements in the hair's condition. This applies to everything, from daily shampoos to the color treatments that he uses, which are enzyme-based rather than peroxide-based. This means they enhance the condition of the hair as well as give it a wonderfully vibrant color.

Color is Gentry's true passion. From full hair makeovers to the subtlest of highlights or lowlights, he works with his clients to select the colors that are right for their skin tone, the shape of their face and even their preferred color of clothing.

"Every single person is unique in their coloring, which is why personalized consultation is so important," he explains. "You really have to care about each and every client in order to bring out the best in their hair. There's no one size fits all when it comes to beautiful hair!" Oscars to the latest catwalk shows, he's up to speed with seasonal styles and colors in order to enable each of his clients to achieve a touch of Hollywood glamour. From super straight blonde locks to superbly highlighted plaits with the tiniest of accessories woven in, Gentry is available to provide advice and guidance on how those in the Valley can look their very best this summer, both color-wise and style-wise.

If you haven't yet checked out Sachi Studios then you're not giving your hair the love it deserves!





Full-service designer and hair color specialist Rodney Gentry can be reached at StainD in Sachi Studios, 10201 N Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85253. Call **480.639.2000** to make an appointment or visit www.rodneygentry.com for further information.

Color Is My Passion



# A BIT BOOKISH

Kira Peters brings innovative ideas and initiatives to Scottsdale Public Library

Kira Peters describes her move to becoming Scottsdale's library services director in August 2018 as a "somewhat interesting and unexpected story."

"Once upon a time, I was working toward earning my master's degree while working as a manager in Scottsdale's Parks & Recreation department," Peters says. "I was busy, happy, and ready for the next level in my career - directorship."

When the position of library services director became available, Peters was asked to serve in an interim capacity. Four months later she was appointed, and she never looked back.

"As the library services director, I have the opportunity to encourage and empower others to be bold, to take risks, and push Scottsdale's library system to a vibrant new level," she says.

New initiatives are planned to keep Scottsdale Public Library relevant with today's fast-paced lifestyle. A book bike that offers library books to all along its path is in the works to launch this year. Other goals include book drops, book lockers, and library programming at key locations around Scottsdale.

For the past 27 years, Peters worked for the City of Scottsdale's community service division overseeing agatics, leisure education programs, senior centers, youth development, and special events, as well as managing McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. She is also a Certified Park and Recreation Professional and a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Peters loves nothing more than the many opportunities the position of library services director affords her, from working with incredible people and volunteers to providing access to information.

"It is critical for a library to keep up with the fast-moving, always-changing world of technology and ensure that access to information is convenient and enjoyable for everyone, whether they are browsing the stacks within the walls of a library or utilizing the wide array of 'e-services' online," Peters says.

The only typical thing about Peters' workday is her cup of coffee. The hustle and bustle of public library administration includes staff meetings, project coordination, budget development, and strategic planning.

Outside of the library, Peters treasures quality time with her husband and three kids as well as getting some fresh air. "I always enjoy jogging a good 3-mile loop to relieve stress and keep things in perspective."



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## STRATEGIC SENSIBILITY

Helping others succeed is what Karen King-Brooks finds most gratifying

As the owner of her own business consulting company, The King Approach, Karen King-Brooks is no stranger to helping individuals and companies excel in their professional pursuits. Prior to creating The King Approach, King-Brooks devoted more than 20 years to business management and health care.

"The King Approach came out of my years of experience in building and leading companies through success at a CEO level," King-Brooks says.

With a strategic view of the big picture, King-Brooks uses her business skills coupled with her degrees in public health and psychology to help her clients reach their goals.

"Many times, even when they don't know it's possible, I can see them through to a goal. I have helped companies that are struggling gain revenue go on to sell millions more than they had ever envisioned," she says, noting that she works with companies of all sizes. "Many of my clients are national companies new to Scottsdale and Phoenix, and I work to help them obtain favorable market shares immediately."

It is King-Brooks' mother, who has served as a role model when it comes to philanthropy, that influenced her to take an active role in the Arizona community. The mother of five maintains a position on the Board of Trustees for Barrow Neurological Institute, where she helped create the Bowling for Barrow charity event that has raised a significant amount of money to benefit the Brain Injury Center at Barrow.

"I've been called 'the human connector' because I purposefully bring people together in effective synergy knowing they can attain their goals in business-build-

Personally, King-Brooks considers creating The King Approach her greatest accomplishment and still turns to her dad for his cut-to-the-chase advice to this day. She credits her family for their continued inspiration and is looking forward to continued success for her clients, the nuptials of two of her children, and her son's graduation from medical school in 2019.

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## WALKING THE TALK

Kenny Weiss puts his best foot forward in fashion and in life





Kenny Weiss wears a variety of professional hats - including life coach, professional speaker, author, and podcast host - but his proudest title is founder of The Greatness Movement, an organization that encourages people to put the best versions of themselves forward.

A career that centers around helping others overcome emotional roadblocks has resulted in an inspired outlook on fashion. "Style is important to me because, in my experience, dressing well is a direct expression of how someone feels about themselves inside," Weiss says.

With this belief, the dapper gentleman airs on the side of chivalry and decorum, preferring suits and ties over shorts and yoga pants any day.

A peek into Weiss' closet would make his mother proud. "My style came from my mom," he says. "She was incredibly elegant and treasured haute couture, and that started my love of fashion."

With a wardrobe full of Europeaninspired fashions, including custom suits in a variety of purple hues, Weiss swears by a pocket square, great socks and shoes.

"You might see me only five times a year in anything but a suit. I feel the most comfortable when I am dressed well."

#### Where do you like to shop?

I rarely go to a store. I pick all the fabrics for my suits and have them made. You just can't find the style I like in a store.

#### Tell us something unique about yourself.

I have always dressed the women in my life. Because of my mom, I can look at a woman and know her sizes and what cuts and colors would look best on her. Even though I played two pro sports, I prefer to hit the mall than watch the game!

## What trends are you avoiding right now?

I'm really sad that society has become so casual. I should have been born in the '20s or '30s!



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# FUN & FUNCTIONAL Deanna Zlotoff shapes her style around juggling a family and a career





Rising with the sun, Deanna Zlotoff is regimented and efficient when it comes to both her schedule and her style. With a preference for minimalistic looks, Zlotoff depends on Zara, Revolve and Carbon38 thanks to their versatile and simple pieces.

"I like to make things easy. If I have a work dinner or am meeting up with girlfriends, I can wear the same thing but add a fun jacket to spice things up and swap my heels for a higher pump," Zlotoff says.

Working in dermatological sales, the busy mom of two takes fashion cues from Robin Wright's character on House of Cards and Victoria Beckham for her chic, working mom style. This season, cool crop pants (and, really, any funky pants), block heels, and vintage T-shirts are at the top of her "must-have" list, and you'll rarely find her without a good pair of hoop earrings.

"On workdays, I love a good highwaisted trouser or tuxedo pant with a ribbed or mock turtleneck," she says. "With that being said, comfort is key. You'll find me in a pair of sneakers, workout leggings, a hoodie, and my San Francisco Giants hat on the weekend!"

#### What would someone say if they looked in your closet?

Wow, she has a lot of shoes!

#### What is your most prized possession?

My Rolex watch. Not only is a beautiful timepiece that I will one day pass on to my daughter, but I earned it by winning a special distinction at my company, and it exemplifies my hard work and success while showing my kids that they can do it all.

#### If you could trade closets with anyone who would it be?

Arielle Charnas. She has the best selection of shoes and handbags in addition to a great new line at Nordstrom called Something Navy. Her style is very versatile, and I can wear her pieces to work and easily transition them to evening.

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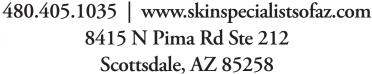
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Barry Manilow returns to headline

the 25th anniversary of the star-studded

Celebrity Fight Night



There is no doubt that Barry Manilow is a true musical icon. With hit songs such as Mandy, Could it be Magic and Copacabana, he has recorded and released 47 Top 40 singles, including 12 No. 1 hits and 27 that appeared within Billboard's Top 10. He has also released numerous multiplatinum albums, but that's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Manilow's legacy as a composer and artist - one that has spanned the course of popular music for a staggering five decades.

Manilow's skyrocket to fame was an unlikely one. Born in the heart of a low-income Brooklyn neighborhood, he began playing the piano and accordion at age 7. Following high school, he enrolled in the City College of New York before entering the New York College of Music. Later, he was accepted into the prestigious Juilliard School of Music. He paid for his tuition by working in the CBS mailroom and eventually by writing, producing, and performing advertising jingles as well as an original score for an off-Broadway musical, an adaptation of the melodrama The Drunkard, with an eight-year run.

In 1971, he met Bette Midler, who hired him as her pianist, arranger and musical director; he served as her accompanist on her legendary pre-fame tour of New York City's gay bathhouses. Thanks to his work with Midler, Manilow was offered a recording contract of his own, and in 1973, he released his namesake debut album, Barry Manilow, which was remixed and re-released as Barry Manilow I in 1975. From there, he would go on to change music forever.

Decades after his first hit, Manilow remains the king of amorous ballads, and Phoenician "Fanilows" - as his adoring supporters call themselves - have a new reason to celebrate, as the pop legend returns to the Valley this month to take the stage for the second time as a headliner at one of the year's most anticipated events: the 25th annual Celebrity Fight Night, taking place March 23 and hosted for the 15th year by Grammy Award-winning country artist Reba McEntire.

Renowned as one of the nation's most elite charity events, Celebrity Fight Night is a star-studded evening featuring celebrities and professional athletes from all over the world. The event continues to honor its tradition of celebrating the life and contributions of professional boxer, Muhammad Ali, who tragically passed in 2016 after years of battling Parkinson's disease.

In his honor, Manilow - alongside numerous celebrities, generous donors and VIPs - will converge at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa with one goal: to raise critical funds for the Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Program at Barrow Neurological Institute. This will be Manilow's second time appearing and supporting the fundraising efforts of Celebrity Fight Night.

"The first time I was invited, it was still an incredibly small affair. I remember Paula Abdul was there, Muhammad Ali was there, and it was a very exciting, and very moving, evening," Manilow says. "When I heard David Foster wanted me [to return], I remember thinking, 'You can't say no to him, because he won't give up.' David is a great guy, a great friend, and he does so many good things."

As an award-winning Canadian musician, record producer, composer, songwriter and arranger, David Foster has been an avid supporter and champion for Celebrity Fight Night since its infancy.

The 16-time Grammy winner joined the team as musical director in its sixth year and since has become a mainstay, as well as a draw for many musicians and industry professionals.

"We've done some incredible records together and he's brilliant," Manilow says. "We all know he's a great guy, as well as being one of the greatest musicians, producers and human beings of our time."

Manilow is also particularly excited to be reunited with one of his good friends and a fellow musical icon, Reba McEntire. Beyond their philanthropic pursuits, they share a love for performing.

"[I remember the time] we did a duet together on one of my Decades albums," Manilow shares. "I wanted to do an album that celebrated various decades of songs. She and I did Islands in the Stream together. It was very memorable, so I'm excited to see her again."

Looking Shead In addition to Manilow and McEntire, other marquee entertainers

performing at Celebrity Fight Night will include musical director David Foster, singer Brian McKnight, contemporary Christian artist Michael W. Smith, actress and performer Rita Wilson, singer Pia Toscano, America's Got Talent rising star Angelica Hale, and violinist Caroline Campbell. Other notable names attending will include Larry King, Bo Derek, Melissa Peterman, Nancy Lieberman, and Randy Jackson, plus Renee Parsons and 27-time Grammy Award-winner Quincy Jones will both be honored.

"For 25 years, we've treated Celebrity Fight Night audiences to the world's greatest entertainers, and this year will be no different as we welcome Barry Manilow," says Jimmy Walker, founder of Celebrity Fight Night. "With the help of our celebrity friends and incredibly generous donors, we are once again excited to raise millions of dollars and make a difference in the lives of those who need our support."

Attendees with be dazzled by a night filled with incredible live auction items and musical performances. Most importantly, they'll have the opportunity to support incredible charities, something that was an immediate draw for Manilow, who has long been an advocate for nonprofit organizations, often donating his time and resources to support various causes that focus on cancer, AIDS, children's issues, victims of abuse, homelessness, and music education.

Notably, in response to the needs of severely depleted music programs at many public schools across the nation, Manilow formed The Manilow Music Project, which is part of his nonprofit Manilow Health and Hope Fund, to highlight the importance of music programs in schools and donate instruments and materials to school music programs.

When approached to support Alzheimer's and Parkinson's research, Manilow was moved to lend his support.

"These conditions are just heartbreaking, and I'm happy to do anything I can to raise money for these causes," Manilow says. "I know so many people whose parents, relatives and friends have been touched by these devastating diseases, and it's an awful thing to have to go through."

Celebrity Fight Night in Phoenix will be a brief change of scenery for Manilow, who is currently performing through June at



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the International Theater at Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, one block off the Vegas Strip. It's a venue that carries dear memories and a sense of comfort for the iconic performer, who had a residency there when it was known as Las Vegas Hilton in 2005.

"They wanted me to come back, and I said yes," Manilow says. "It's in the same showroom [as before], which was important to me if I was to return to Las Vegas. I love the crowds, I love performing there, and I love that room. It's big, but it's also intimate. We do various weekends, and it's just a perfect schedule for what I'm into right now. It also means I get to be home more."

It's no shock that with his active performance schedule and

appearance at high-profile events such as Celebrity Fight Night that Fanilows have one burning question: When is the next

"I'm always working on the next one, whether it's an album, a performance, or TV show," Manilow says. "I'm just one of those guys who doesn't like to sit and do nothing. So I invent things, I create things, and I consider myself lucky that people are still out there wanting to hear what I have. That's the real gift for me."

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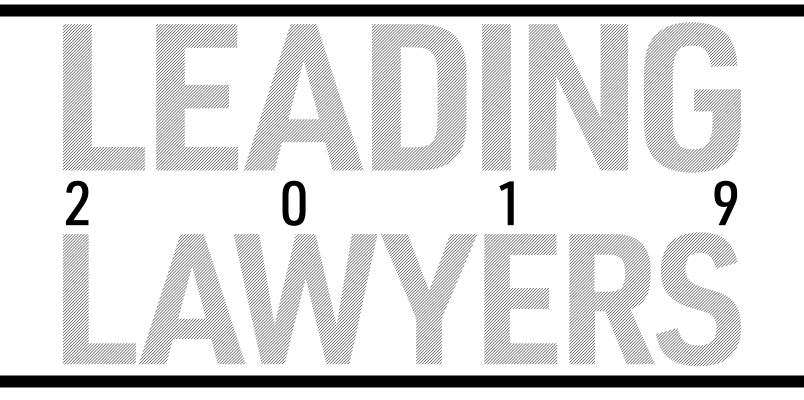
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**Hallier Lawrence, PLC** is a cut above the rest when it comes to family law. Years of experience combined with compassion for their clients, attorneys Angela Hallier and Andi Lawrence work fiercely to protect what matters most.

Honesty is a trademark for both Hallier and Lawrence. "I truly enjoy being able to educate people about the potential impact the laws will have on their lives and helping them craft a solution to their family law problem," Lawrence says.

Through education and mentoring, Hallier and Lawrence make sure their clients understand the entire process of their case. "I firmly believe divorce can result in a positive life transition if strategically handled the right way, both legally and emotionally. I want to mentor clients through to their next best life," Hallier explains.

Lawrence, with her straightforward attitude, knew from an early age that she wanted to be an attorney. In 2006, she joined Hallier Lawrence, PLC, becoming partner one year later. Within family law, she focuses on child custody issues and business holdings.

Working in the law ran in Hallier's family. In 1996, she founded Hallier Lawrence, PLC. Clients refer to her as "Dr. Happy" and "The Velvet Revolver," telling her she has done for them what other attorneys couldn't do. She handles divorce, paternity, and premarital agreements, with a focus on high asset cases and complex child custody cases.

Hallier is the author of the book The Wiser Divorce: Positive Strategies for Your Next Best Life. She asks her clients to read her book as a tutorial on what to expect in a divorce and how to handle it emotionally.

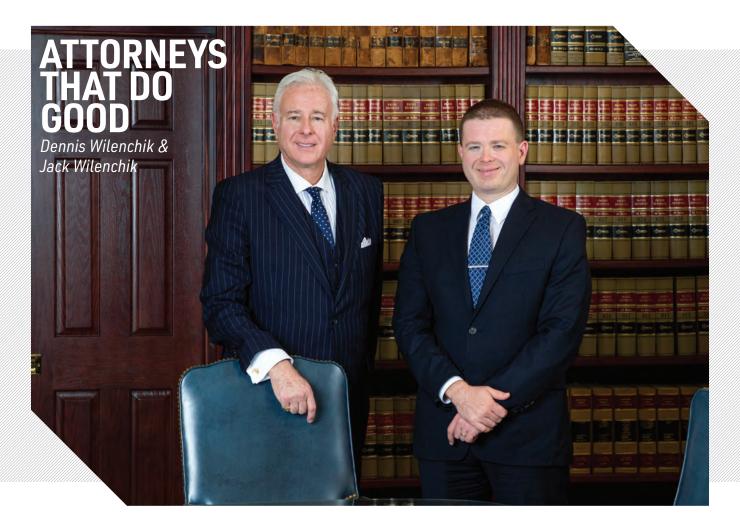
"Divorce still has a negative connotation when it really should not. There is a way to go through the divorce process that honors the good parts of your marriage and allows you to start a new chapter of your life with dignity intact. And doesn't everyone want to be happy, not unhappy?" Hallier says.

Hallier and Lawrence both strive to reach a resolution for their clients before a case goes to court. However, that outcome isn't always possible. When a divorce, child custody issue, or business holdings case goes to trial, a client can rest assured that Hallier and Lawrence are both skilled litigators, with decades of courtroom experience and successes.

Both Hallier and Lawrence are active in the community. Lawrence supports local charities including Valley Life Gabriel's Angels, and Valley Youth Theater. She was featured in the 2018 KNOW book of dynamic business women to know. Hallier is involved with charities relating to domestic violence and military service.

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Dennis founded the Wilenchik and Bartness Law Firm in 1991 to provide business clients with a more hands-on approach than at the large, international firm he was a senior partner in. "We care about our clients deeply and fight for them every day," Dennis says as his mantra.

It all comes down to family for Dennis. "The greatest gift one could have is to work with my son," he says. Jack joined the family business as a paralegal in 2009, and became a licensed attorney in 2011, practicing alongside his father and mother Becky Bartness. Last year he obtained the largest punitive damages jury verdict statewide, also the largest verdict in Mohave county history, at \$8,000,000.

Dennis and Jack are no strangers to a courtroom, having arguing hundreds of jury trials. "It's really a lost art and because I've tried so many cases, I'm comfortable going against anyone," Dennis says. "Every day I'm enthusiastic about fighting for people. Against all odds. No matter the opponent or even the Judge."

Dennis practices primarily civil litigation, focusing on commercial and real estate cases, but has also handled high profile criminal cases. He also represents politicians, including Attorneys General, government agencies, and the Republican party. Jack has followed mostly in his father's footsteps, focusing on business and civil litigation, while also emphasizing work on civil rights and victim's rights. He recently wrote a bill in the United States Senate to protect child victims, based on some of his pro bono work..

With his "fight like hell" attitude for his clients, it's no wonder that Dennis was recently voted as the Best Trial Lawyer in the Valley for the fifth year in a row by Arizona Foothills Magazine and a Top 100 business litigator by AZ Business Magazine, among other accolades. Jack has been listed on the national Super Lawyers list for several years, and been involved in numerous high-profile matters statewide. He also does extensive pro bono work with the local county bar and other organizations.

Litigation is not something to be taken lightly, and the attorneys at Wilenchik and Bartness Law Firm know this. They are skilled at educating their clients on the litigation process, the pros and the cons, the cost, and how going to court will affect other aspects of their lives.

At the Wilenchik & Bartness Law Firm, personal communication with clients is key. "There is nothing like meeting people and talking with them. I care about the people and what happens to them. I care about my cases, otherwise I wouldn't do it," Dennis explains.

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Daniel Ortega III and Alane Ortega, husband and wife duo, started Ortega & Ortega, PLLC in 2018 to provide personalized service and aggressive, yet compassionate and honest, representation. They each opened and established separate law firms in 2013 before merging and establishing Ortega & Ortega, PLLC. Alane previously worked as a prosecutor at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, while Daniel worked as a bailiff and judicial assistance in the Maricopa County Superior Court. "We knew that we could take the experience we received in our respective positions to help people beyond the limitations of our government positions," Alane says.

Both attorneys are skilled litigators, and because of their knowledgeable backgrounds, are especially adept at arguing cases involving the overlap of civil and criminal law. Alane, with an undergraduate degree in psychology and social work, focuses on criminal defense and family law. She also handles guardianship cases by advocating for extended family members to obtain legal custody of children in State DCS custody. Daniel focuses on cases involving personal injury, divorce and child custody, and criminal

defense. "I grew up watching my father, a catastrophic injury attorney and civil rights leader, fight for the rights of those who could not, and knew that I wanted to do the same," Daniel explains.

Daniel and Alane often combine their unparalleled skills to collaborate on cases. "When a client comes to us, they don't get one attorney, they get two as we constantly bounce ideas off of each other to find creative solutions to problems. The old slogan, 'two minds are better than one' is a motto in our firm."

"One of the reasons we have worked so well together for so long is the different approaches we take to litigation. Daniel is tedious and methodical. Alane is an aggressive bull in a china shop that never takes no for an answer," both attorneys joke.

As Arizona natives, both attorneys are committed to the community. Daniel serves as Vice President of Alumni Relations for the Board of ASU Los Diablos Alumni Association, while Alane regularly volunteers her services pro bono to various groups that handle parental alienation issues.

Daniel and Alane recognize the trust their clients place in Ortega & Ortega, PLLC . "We realize we are part of this difficult journey and the decision and attention we pay to their matters will forever define their lives. We take pride in maintaining contact with our clients and seeing them grow and flourish after getting through such difficult times."

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Ryan Claridge formed Claridge Law Group in 2015 with personalization in mind. "I felt I could do better work at a boutique firm and provide better value for my clients," he says. "There's no junior attorney here to hand off the case to. I bring a professional, personal level of service, and can turn things around faster."

With Claridge Law Group, clients work directly with Claridge throughout the entire process, and receive individualized service each step of the way. He prides himself on listening to his clients first and foremost, and possesses the ability to translate legal-speak into something everyone can understand. In this way, he helps his clients fully understand what's expected, and the implications.

A family man himself, Claridge is compassionate and honest, and promises to fight hard for his clients. Being a father of two daughters, he understands the impact family law has on children and works to find ways to minimally expose a child to family law and the negative impact court can sometimes have.

Claridge has always aspired to become an attorney. In 2012, he graduated from Chapman University Law School and was admitted to the California State Bar. Then, in 2015, was admitted to the Arizona State Bar.

Part of why Claridge loves being an attorney is guiding a client through a major life event and showing that there's options. "I always wanted to be a lawyer to help bring people clarity out of the chaos. Confusion can breed fear. My job is to correct that misconception and put the client at ease," says Claridge.

Estate planning, including wills, power of attorney, and trusts, may not be something in the forefront of people's minds, but Claridge knows it's important to be protected in case of catastrophe. "I've had these hard conversations with my wife, so I can help my clients navigate these delicate but necessary decisions," he says. Unlike other firms, Claridge Law Group charges the same fee no matter the estate assets.

As a business owner himself, Claridge understands the value of a dollar and reflects that in his reasonable fees. Honest and dependable, he promises to fight hard for his clients, no matter the situation. When Claridge isn't fighting hard for one of his clients, he's most likely offering free legal advice to those in need.

In 2019, Claridge Law Group is excited to expand their estate planning practice. "I've been known for family law, but I really like the estate side of things and everything it entails. I'm looking forward to more of an even split between family law and estate cases," Claridge explains.

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In 2012, Michelle founded her firm after unfulfilling work as a product liability defense litigation lawyer. She has one goal in mind with Ogborne Law and that is to help families restructure, with a special emphasis on protecting the children. With a background in psychology and child development, she understands what motivates people, and works toward a resolution aimed at helping the kids thrive despite divorce.

A series of life-changing events led Michelle to become an attorney. First, in high school, a close friend committed suicide after his parent's bitter divorce. Later, she worked in a domestic violence shelter and witnessed women in unimaginable circumstances. Michelle obtained her law degree so she could "focus on protecting the kids and coach those navigating the legal system."

Michelle prefers to help families stay out of the court system and will decline highly contested cases. "Unlike most attorneys that take both litigated and collaborative divorce cases, I chose at the beginning of my practice to focus only on collaborative divorce and mediation, because it gives the kids the best chance at thriving within these restructured relationships and ensures both parents play a meaningful role in their kids' lives," she says.

"At Ogborne Law, we're protecting your kids from the pain of divorce. My focus is on helping clients understand that divorce doesn't have to destroy your family. I tell families all the time: 'Divorce doesn't destroy your family, we're just restructuring the way it looks."

Michelle also helps families protect their future by preparing marital agreements and estate plans. Everything she does is with a focus on the kids and ensuring their best future. As a mother herself, she thinks of the children first and helps her clients navigate the difficult decisions when planning for life's unexpected events.

Michelle boasts a long list of awards, including named to Super Lawyers Southwest Rising Stars list, Top 40 Under 40 Family Lawyers, 10 Best Family Law Attorneys, and 10 Best Estate Planning Attorneys. She also serves on several local boards.

Dedicated to protecting children, Michelle regularly updates the Firm's website with free educational materials on everything from how to have the divorce conversation with a spouse, to the decisions involved with creating an estate plan, to how to ensure the long-term success of a relationship, and more.

"The best part of being a lawyer is when I see a family make it through a seemingly impossible decision or situation. Knowing that the work I do is having an impact on future generations makes the difficult times worth it," she says.

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**At Adams & Associates,** LLC the attorneys, and Adams herself, live up to their motto: "We practice excellence, one client at a time." Dynamic yet compassionate, and always putting the client's best interests first, Adams is the right attorney for criminal defense.

Adams & Associates takes on general criminal defense, with Adams herself focusing on defending white-collar crimes, including various fraud cases such as health care, mortgage, tax, bank, mail and wire, and telemarketing fraud. In addition, she handles public corruption and bribery cases.

"Doing criminal defense work means that people come to us during the worst times of their lives. Most of my clients are good people that make bad mistakes. My hope is that in some small way, our work can make a difference."

Ashley Adams started her own firm ten years ago, and on January 1, 2019, changed the name to Adams & Associates, LLC. She is a seasoned trial lawyer who truly cares about the well-being of her clients. "Defendants are real people who have children, spouses, and other family members who depend on them," she says.

Law runs in her family. "Besides the fact that being a lawyer is in my blood, I really have no other talents!" Adams jokes. "I wanted to be on Broadway when I was a kid, but I can't sing or dance. I try, much to my daughter's horror."

Adams is a former United States Assistant Attorney, so she's seen both sides of the law. "Being a defense attorney has taught me compassion, humility, and to be grateful." Clients often refer others to Adams because of her tenacity for defense.

Along with a well-established track record of success, Adams has an impressive list of awards, including named to both the Best Lawyers, and Southwest Super Lawyers White Collar Criminal Defense list for the past eight years, and for the past three years has been nationally ranked Top Ten Attorneys in Criminal Law from the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys.

Adams firmly believes that education is key in any criminal defense case. Clients can expect detailed information throughout the process so that they are never surprised. In addition, the Firm's website provides a wide range of educational materials. "We believe that all defendants should have access to justice regardless of whether they have the ability to pay a private attorney," she explains.

Adams serves on various State Bar and ABA committees, including the ABA Women's White Collar Defense Association. She and five of her friends started Maddie's Daddy Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3), when her daughter's father died from cancer. The organization raises money for grief counseling children who have lost a parent.

Hardworking and persistent, Adams hopes that in some small way the work she does can make a difference. "We want to inspire our clients in a way such that they know they have worth," Adams says.

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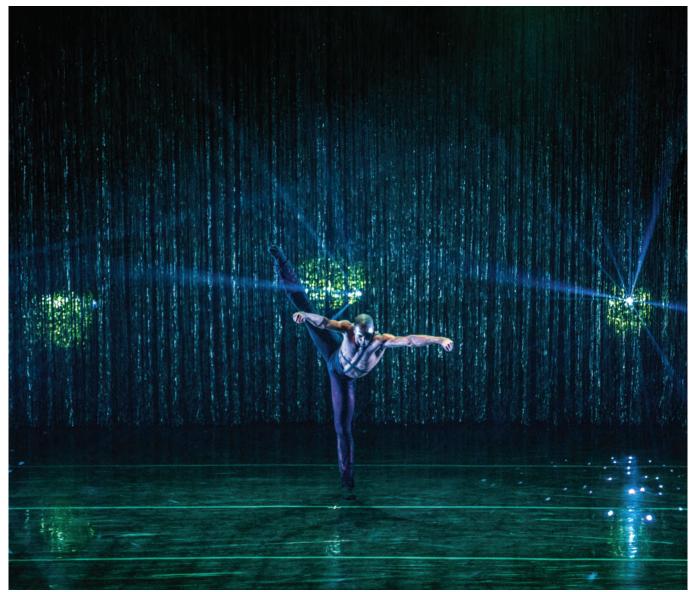
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Hailing from New York City, Complexions Contemporary Ballet will make its local debut on March 19 at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. The ballet company, which was founded in 1994 by two former members of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, has been lauded for its groundbreaking repertoire that blends a variety of dance forms and celebrates a new vision of human movement. In this performance of Star Dust, the company will showcase its unique, award-winning mix of styles in tribute to the life and legacy of David Bowie by dancing to nine of the singer's beautiful ballads. 8 p.m. \$36-\$60. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

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# VIDEO VIBES



As part of the yearlong 20th anniversary celebration at Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), its spring exhibition is now open through April 28. Titled Now Playing: Video 1999-2019, it features video art sampled from

the last 20 years. The works from 11 international artists create an immersive experience akin to a video installation, marking the museum's first allvideo exhibit while giving a nod to its beginnings as a movie

theater. In this exhibit, SMoCA's four galleries will be illuminated with works including animation and large-scale installations that explore the complexity and beauty of contemporary art and life. www.smoca.org.

#### PHOTO BY SHANNON GILPIN



#### PODCAST & PROSECCO

Held at the women-only coworking space The Emerald, Podcast & Prosecco will be an empowering workshop fueled by complimentary Prosecco - with a live panel of industry experts who have excelled in curating podcasts, including Mika Perry of the Good To Be Home podcast and Cayla Craft of the Mommy Millionaire podcast. The panel will share their journeys through entrepreneurship, how they launched and continue to grow their podcasts, and why implementing podcasts into their businesses has been a game-changer. Guests will also get an opportunity to break into small groups with each speaker. Online registration is open to The Emerald members and nonmembers. April 6, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nonmembers, \$79; members, \$69. www.theemeraldaz.com.



# Swimsuit Season is in the Air

#### Let Drs. Cristina Romero-Bosch and John A. Robinson of The Hormone Zone help you prepare

March 20 is the first day of spring. For retailers, this is an acceptable time to start rolling out summer inventory. However, some places — \*cough\* Target \*cough\* — like to showcase a particular summer display early every year; one that fills most people with a sense of dread. The bathing suits. These itty-bitty garments are a reminder that, if you haven't already, it's time to get your booty in shape for summer.

Don't panic. Getting ready for swimsuit season can be achieved without overtraining yourself and adhering to an unsustainable fad diet. Your first order of business? Turn to the Valley's weight management professionals, Drs. Cristina Romero-Bosch and John A. Robinson.

With more than 24 years of combined experience in age management medicine, this husband-and-wife team uses advanced hormone replacement therapies to optimize the health and overall well-being of their patients. Working out of their practice in

Scottsdale, The Hormone Zone, Bosch and Robinson are more than equipped to get you where you want to be for the summer months and beyond.

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"Part of balancing hormones is to do the right exercise and have the right diet. We can show you both," Robinson adds.

Quit your crash diet right now. Don't you dare do that tenth set of bicep curls. Instead, make an appointment at The Hormone Zone. Bosch and Robinson will get you started on a comprehensive, weight management plan that promises immediate results and long-term successes. You'll be ready for swimsuit season in no time.

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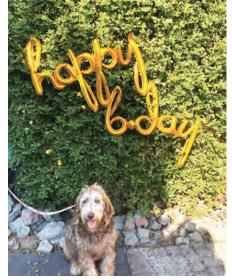
This month, The Spa at Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North kicks off its spring Candlelight Yoga series. The hour-long yoga flow practice takes place at sunset on the resort's outdoor lawn. Afterward, yogis can sip on a complimentary glass of wine beneath the starry spring sky. The \$25 class begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to both resort guests and the public. Upcoming dates are March 14 and 28 and April 11 and 25. To reserve a spot or for more information, call The Spa at 480.513.5145.

## TAVERN TIME

For more than three years, The Phoenician has undergone a multimillion-dollar renovation, and this month, the resort is debuting the final phase of its update with The Phoenician Tavern. Replacing Relish Burger Bistro, the new hot spot at The Phoenician Golf Clubhouse is poised to be a relaxed retreat where resort guests and locals can nosh on elevated pub grub for lunch, dinner and happy hour paired with 12 local and regional craft brews on tap (plus nearly 50 canned and bottled offerings) and cocktails. The Phoenician Tavern is slated to open March 9. www.thephoeniciantavern.com.







## BRATS, BREWS & BARKS If your dog's birthday is coming up, he or she

is in luck. Pull out all the stops with a new dogfriendly offering from Old Town's Euro-inspired beer garden, Brat Haus, with its new Dog Birthday Package. It includes spent grain dog treats from Goldwater Brewing Co., dog beer from Good Boy Dog Beer, chicken- or pork-flavored dog brats made in-house, party hats, and a fun backdrop for group photos. The cost is, fittingly, \$5 per tail. www.brathausaz.com.



#### HIDDEN HAUNT

Tucked into Desert Ridge Marketplace you'll find a new speakeasy-style craft cocktail venue called Pigtails - if you know where to go. As the sister concept to The Whining Pig, Pigtails is artfully disguised next to the beer and wine bar and only accessed through it. It features plush seating, a living wall of real plants, and a "secret" bookshelf exit. The libations offered use barrel-aged whiskey, organic vodka, botanically infused gin, and a variety of tequilas mixed with fresh fruits. Pigtails will also feature a raw oyster bar, which is expected to open this month. www.thewhiningpig.com.

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# **GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS**

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#### **Scottsdale Arts Festival**

#### March 8-10, Scottsdale Civic Center Park

At this 49th annual event celebrating the visual, performing and culinary arts, 170 international jury-selected artists will showcase their work. In addition to displays of handcrafted sculptures, paintings, glasswork, jewelry, and ceramics, the one-of-a-kind fundraising event will include gourmet food vendors, live music and entertainment. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Two-day pass, \$20; oneday pass, \$12. www.scottsdaleartsfestival.org.

#### **Bank of Hope Founders Cup** March 19-24, Wildfire Golf Club

Now in its ninth year, this golf tradition is swinging its way back to the Valley. The Bank of Hope Founders Cup, which was founded in 1950 to honor women in golf, is a tournament at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge's golf course that will be televised live on The Golf Channel and broadcast in more 160 nations. Watch notable players like Olympic gold medalist Inbee Park, ASU alumna Anna Nordqvist and others take to the greens for a friendly competition. Times vary. General admission, \$20-\$27; VIP experiences, \$35-\$1,000. www.lpgafounderscup.com.

#### **Compassion with Fashion**

#### March 31, JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa

Have a heart for animals? If so, this annual event hosted by the Arizona Humane Society is sure to pull at your heartstrings. Help fellow animal advocates raise funds for the Valley's homeless pets, with auctions presented by PetSmart Charities. Pet adoptions, a luncheon, and a designer fashion show by My Sister's Closet and Well Suited are also in store. In 2018, Compassion with Fashion raised more than \$1.1 million and placed 16 pets in loving homes. This year, those numbers are expected to be even higher. 11 a.m. Individual, \$250; VIP, \$350. www.azhumane.org.

#### St. Jude Presents: A Night in the Crimson Tide **April 5, The Clayton House**

Valley residents, philanthropists and humanitarians will come together for A Night in the Crimson Tide, presented by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The immersive fine dining experience will shine a light on Southern hospitality, featuring signature cocktails and unique culinary creations sure to whet every appetite. Other event highlights will include silent auctions and live entertainment under the desert night sky. The evening will also honor Pat Bondurant for donating her time and resources to local charities like St. Jude. 6 p.m. \$300. www.stjude.org.

#### **Arizona Wine & Dine April 4, Scottsdale Quarter**

The culinary scene from Arizona's most prominent resorts and restaurants will be on full display at this sixth annual event showcasing nearly 20 renowned chefs' creations and libations. Guests will be able to sample an array of delicacies while listening to the tunes of Nate Nathan and the MacDaddy-O's. The event aims to raise awareness of the benefits that Arizona's tourism industry provides its residents, and a portion of proceeds will help the educational and scholarship efforts of the Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association. 6-9 p.m. Pricing until March 22: Individual, \$80; two tickets, \$150. www.azwineanddine.com.

#### **Board of Visitors Annual Charity Ball** April 6, JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa

Spring has sprung, which means it's time for this season's Board of Visitors Annual Charity Ball. Now in its 104th year, the ball is the longest running philanthropic event in the entire state. The celebration will begin with a cocktail reception followed by an elegant presentation of this year's Flower Girls, dinner and plenty of dancing. Proceeds raised will benefit local organizations that serve the health care needs of women, children and the elderly. 6 p.m. \$750. www.boardofvisitors.org.

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## FRESH START GALA

For more than two decades, Fresh Start has supported women through education and resources. This year's Fresh Start Gala will commemorate the transformative work done by the organization since its inception. Attendees will be treated to a cocktail reception, a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, dancing, and fun surprises throughout the night. Cindy Watts will be honored with the Founders' Award for her tireless philanthropic efforts and volunteerism throughout the Valley community. 6 p.m. \$700. www.freshstartwomen.org.

#### BY KAYLOR JONES



#### **ARIZONA SUN CIRCUIT QUARTER HORSE SHOW** March 2-10, WestWorld of Scottsdale

Saddle up and watch top quarter horses compete at this annual event. Guests can enjoy a variety of shows and classes as well as shopping for Southwest jewelry, boots, home furnishings and more. Times vary. Free. www.suncircuit.com.

#### **SUNDAY A'FAIR** March 3, 17, 24 and 31, **Scottsdale Civic Center Mall**

Break out your blankets and lawn chairs for Scottsdale Center for

the Performing Arts' outdoor concert series. Now in its 32nd year, music and art lovers alike can enjoy live entertainment and a pop-up arts market at this family-friendly event. Noon-4 p.m. Free. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

#### **NOVO AMOR** March 6, Musical Instrument Museum

Welsh singer-songwriter Ali Lacey, known as Novo Amor, possesses a flowing folk voice that will strike audience members with its atmospheric sound. Experience an intimate concert showcasing the

touching, emotive melodies of this musical master. 7 p.m. \$28.50-\$38.50. www.mim.org.

#### **PARADA DEL SOL RODEO** March 7-10. WestWorld of Scottsdale

This historic. PRCA-sanctioned rodeo is celebrating its 66th year with four dynamic and action-filled performances. Events will include calf roping, barrel racing, and bull riding, as well as vendors who will display their wares for attendees to peruse and purchase. Thursday to Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10-\$45. www.paradadelsol.org.

#### **2019 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** March 9, Pinnacle Peak Village

The fourth annual fundraising event hosted by the Rotary Club of Scottsdale North will include a night of appetizers, live music, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds will benefit the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children as guests gather to help fight pediatric cancer. 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$40. www.rotaryscottsdalenorth.org.

#### **CAVE CREEK MUSEUM** ANNUAL HOME TOUR March 10, various locations

Some of the most unique. eccentric, and historical homes in the Desert Foothills region will open their doors for Cave Creek Museum's biggest fundraiser. Peep inside the private residences you've always admired in this self-guided tour while raising money for an institution that preserves the history of the region. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45. www.carefreecavecreek.org.

#### **ART DETOUR 31** March 14-18, Downtown **Phoenix**

The longest-running arts festival in Downtown Phoenix returns for its 31st year with a five-day exploration of arts and culture. Produced by the nonprofit Artlink Inc., the weekend will include self-guided tours of more than 100 artist studios, popups and galleries. The festival kicks off on March 14 with the Art d'Core Gala, held at Warehouse215 @ Bentley Projects. Times vary. Free. www.artlinkphx.org.

#### **2019 GALA LUNCHEON** March 16, Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia

The Spanish carnival theme of this year's annual gala pays homage to Arizona Opera's spring production of The Marriage of Figaro. Guests will enjoy flamenco and feria performances, cocktails, a delicious lunch, and silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the event will support Arizona Opera's mainstage and community activities. 11 a.m. \$150. www.azopera.org.

#### **FOUNTAIN O'GREEN** ARTISAN MARKET March 16-18, Avenue of the **Fountains**

Celebrate the beginning of spring at this family-friendly St. Patrick's Day festival with live music, dance performances, and art exhibits. Stop by the on-site food trucks to enjoy a bite while admiring the greening of the Fountain Hills fountain. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. www.carefreeazfestivals.com.

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#### **VIOLINS OF HOPE TRIBUTE** CONCERT

#### March 19, Virginia P, Piper **Theater**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix will dedicate a touching evening to Holocaust survivors and their families. This tribute concert will combine songs and stories to provide a new outlook on the role of music in Jewish life, sharing the themes of resistance, resilience and hope. In attendance will be special guest, violinmaker Amnon Weinstein. 7:30 p.m. \$39-\$59. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

#### **TEAMING UP FOR GIRLS** LUNCHEON

#### March 21, The Phoenician

The 17th annual luncheon hosted by nonprofit organization Florence Crittenton will bring together more than 800 community members and business leaders in support of disadvantaged and at-risk girls. A VIP reception and silent auction are followed by awards presentations and a program from keynote speaker Cheryl Burke, an Emmynominated dancer. 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. \$275. www.flocrit.org.

#### **SCOTTSDALE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT** March 24, Scottsdale Bible Church

Experience the magic of a professional symphony orchestra live at this performance of classical music. The program will include compositions by Johannes Brahms and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, as well as a medley from Lerner and Loewe plus Rodgers and Hammerstein. VIP seating is available for a \$15 donation, which supports Scottsdale Philharmonic in its effort to provide free classical music concerts to the public. 4 p.m. Free. www.scottsdalephilharmonic.com.

#### **2019 AWARDS LUNCHEON** March 25, The Phoenician

This annual event in support of the Arizona Foundation for Women honors leaders who are changing the status of women in Arizona and around the world. This year's honorees are journalist, speaker, author and philanthropist Soledad O'Brien; director and producer Tom Donahue; and current board chair of the Arizona Foundation for Women Kim Hartmann. Reception, 10:30 a.m.; program, 11:45 a.m. \$250. www.azfw.org.

#### **TALK CINEMA** March 26. Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

At this screening of a surprise



# ELEBRITY FIGHT VIGHT

#### March 23, JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

The 25th annual Celebrity Fight Night, one of the country's most renowned charity events, will be headlined by Barry Manilow and emceed by Reba McEntire. Celebrities and professional athletes from around the world will gather for an exciting night full of red carpet festivities. Attendees can revel in a cocktail reception before enjoying musical performances, a gourmet dinner, and extravagant auctions. Proceeds from this star-studded event will benefit the Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Program at Barrow Neurological Institute. 5:30 p.m. \$1,500+. www.celebrityfightnight.org.

movie, audience members will get a preview at an upcoming independent or foreign film, followed by a discussion led by film scholars and other special guests. Films span many genres and are selected by nationally recognized film critic Harlan Jacobson. 7 p.m. \$14. www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

#### MICHAEL BUBLÉ March 29, Talking Stick Resort **Arena**

Four-time Grammy Award-winner Michael Bublé is coming to the Valley in celebration of his 10th studio album, Love, Known for his jazzy pop hits, this crooner is renowned worldwide for his smooth vocals and charming performances. 7 p.m. \$85-\$139+. www.talkingstickresortarena.com.

#### RYAN HOUSE COMMUNITY **BREAKFAST** March 29. JW Marriott

Scottsdale Camelback Inn

This 11th annual event will provide

guests with the opportunity to learn more about the inspiring work done by Ryan House for children with life-limiting diseases. Breakfast-goers will have the opportunity to donate critical funding for an organization that provides care, comfort and community to hundreds of children and families each year. Registration, 7 a.m.; breakfast, 8 a.m. Prices vary. www.ryanhouse.org.

#### **TEMPE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

#### March 29-31, Downtown Tempe

The Tempe Festival of the Arts. now in its 42nd year, will welcome more than 350 jury-selected visual artists to display their crafts along Mill Avenue. Enjoy more than two dozen street performers, live music, food trucks and vendors, beer and wine gardens featuring local makers, and hands-on activities for children at this award-winning festival. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

#### TRIVIA NIGHT @ SMOCA: **FILM BUFF EDITION** March 29, SMoCA Lounge

Put your movie mastery to the test with this evening of film-themed trivia, hosted by comedian Anwar Newton. Compete for prizes and team up with fellow cinephiles to become the film trivia champions of the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. Each ticket purchase includes one drink. 7 p.m. \$10. www.smoca.org.

#### WHITNEY HOUSTON **TRIBUTE**

#### April 6. Celebrity Theatre

Timeless hits like I Wanna Dance with Somebody and How Will I Know left the world singing. Now, spend an evening paying tribute to Whitney Houston, who is the most awarded female artist of all time, and remember the legendary icon that wowed millions with her flawless vibrato and enchanting five-octave range. 8 p.m. \$25-\$40. www.celebritytheatre.com.



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# STYLED & CHIC Popular designers and trendy brands gear up for Scottsdale Fashion Week

BY MANDY HOLMES



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Information:

www.scottsdalefashionweek.com

From March 20 through 24, Scottsdale Fashion Week will bring forth five days packed with chic parties and luxe catwalks, including the popular showcase at Mercedes-Benz of Scottsdale and the swimwear show and party at W Scottsdale.

In addition to fashion shows, the glamorous week is comprised of luxurious shopping, featuring nationally and internationally renowned high-end designer brands showing off their newest collections to attending buyers, media, stylists and VIPs.

Scottsdale Fashion Week promises to showcase the styles of an impressive lineup of designers with pieces that range from swimwear to formalwear worn by A-list celebrities. Past distinguished designers have included celebrity favorites Tina Turk, Michael Kors, Tory Burch and Ted Baker.

With the acclaimed designs comes a broad scope of influences, from vibrant Latin flair to chic French aesthetics and California beach vibes.

Throughout the week, Scottsdale's entertainment district will be transformed to host this multiple-day celebration of wearable art. Kicking off Scottsdale Fashion Week at the Mercedes-Benz showroom will be beloved brand Alice + Olivia by Stacey Bendet. Attendees will have the opportunity to shop looks directly from the runway at the Alice + Olivia Pop-Up Shop while enjoying musical performances.

Friday brings a poolside swimwear display at the W Scottsdale's rooftop Wet Deck, offering a glimpse at summer's hottest beachwear trends. Gourmet bites and cocktails will be served while designers,

models and guests take in various entertainment acts post-show. Saturday will offer a VIP brunch at a private residence in Paradise Valley where designer to the stars Michael Costello will show off his latest gown designs, which are often spotted on Hollywood's most popular red carpets. The fun doesn't stop at the runway - official after parties will take place every evening at the W's Living Room lounge.

For the ultimate experience, VIP ticket holders will have the opportunity to mingle with designers during private meet and greets and partake in private shopping appointments with their favorite brands as well as enjoy front row seating. Even better, you can feel good about attending this fashionable affair because a portion of all event sales will go to three charities.



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Pucci Salon is renowned as a leader among salons and spas in the Valley, and has been consistently ranked one of the top salons in the country by local and national media outlets, including the prestigious Salon Today, InStyle Magazine and Elle. "Our smiles, our personalities and our expertise is what shines through, and makes, our brand, and I'm always thrilled when it has been recognized," says owner Debora Capaldi.

Whether it is a subtle change, a dramatic makeover or a classic style, it can be experienced and found in a friendly and creative atmosphere, where everyone knows your name and is glad you came. And, that's the atmosphere that Capaldi has strived to create at Pucci Salon.

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# UNITY, WHOLENESS AND INFINITE LOVE

Wanderlust 108 is a festival for the senses

If you're looking for a chance to unplug from the ordinary and discover the extraordinary, then Wanderlust Scottsdale 108 is for you. On March 31, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick will transform into a wellness festival bursting with color and positivity, combining music and movement for Valley wellness enthusiasts.

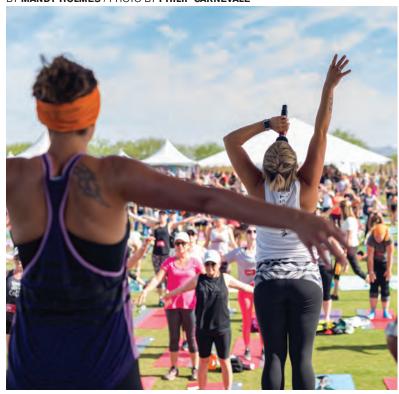
Even Wanderlust 108's name has intention - 1 stands for unity, 0 for wholeness, and 8 for infinite love. The full-day celebration supports the mindful movement, featuring a different type of triathlon of three intentional activities: a 5K, an outdoor yoga flow class, and a guided meditation. Overall, Wanderlust is designed to provide an enlightening experience focused on well-being that welcomes anyone, regardless of fitness level or experience.

The buzzing energy at the unique triathlon kicks off with organic tea and a warmup, followed by the 5K (where skipping, prancing, dancing and walking are all acceptable forms of movement!).

After the 5K, attendees will transition to their yoga mat for 75 minutes of DJ-spinning, music-fueled outdoor yoga led by Chelsey Korus. This isn't your typical yoga class, so don't be surprised if a dance party breaks out mid-session.

Finally, a guided meditation led by Tracee Stanley will round out the mindful practice. The 25-minute self-reflection is a chance to clear your mind, relax your body, and focus on what you've achieved. Additional fitness classes such as aerial yoga and AcroYoga will also be offered throughout the day.

BY MANDY HOLMES / PHOTO BY PHILIP CARNEVALE



Post-workout, attendees can celebrate their accomplishments by grooving to the sounds of DJ Taz Rashid while sampling from local farm-to-table food vendors and browsing craft merchants' eco-friendly clothing and sustainable products at a marketplace.

For every ticket sold, Wanderlust will donate \$1.08 to the nonprofit (RED) to help The Global Fund to Fight AIDS. To date, (RED) has generated more than \$600 million for the AIDS fight, supporting HIV/AIDS programs and services in eight countries in Africa. Each ticket donation can provide more than five days of lifesaving HIV medication, so while you will workout to feel good, you'll also be doing good. IF YOU GO...

What:

Wanderlust Scottsdale 108

When:

March 31, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Where:

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

Tickets:

\$26.08-\$151.08

Information:

www.wanderlust.com



# A MECCA FOR MOTORS

Mecum Auctions brings its collector cars to Phoenix for the first time

BY KAYLOR JONES



To the delight of gearheads across the Valley, the world's largest collector car auction company will be rolling into town March 14-17. The first-ever Mecum Phoenix classic and collector car auction will be brimming with an array of the stunning vintage vehicles that the company is celebrated for showcasing.

"Mecum has long known that the Phoenix area is a hotbed for car culture in the Southwest region of the United States," says Dana Mecum, president and founder of Mecum Auctions. "For years, we have been looking for opportunities to work this market into our annual schedule."

In fact, the response to the initial announcement of the Phoenix auction was so enormous that the event, originally planned to last two days, was expanded to meet demand. Now slated for a full four days, an estimated 1,250 cars will have their turn on the auction block throughout the highly acclaimed event.

Among these star vehicles are charmers like a 1959 Bonneville Streamliner Super Shaker, a 1970 Dodge Hemi Challenger R/T Convertible, and a 1932 Duesenberg Model J Rollston Torpedo Berline.

Auto enthusiasts looking to grow their collection can purchase a gold bidder package, which includes preferred seating on the bidding floor, a one-year subscription to Mecum Monthly magazine, expedited badge pickup, complimentary snacks and beverages, and admission to all Mecum auctions for one year.

In addition to an unrivaled assortment of vintage cars and motorcycles, Mecum is lauded for its signature selection of Road Art, an all-encompassing term for any artistic or collectable memorabilia that captures the spirit of vintage automotive culture. Art auctions will take place daily before the vehicle auctions, so even those with a full carport can walk away from the weekend with nostalgic decorations for their home, display room or garage, whether it be neon signs, rare gas pumps or die-cast models.

With free admission for children under 12 each day of the auctions, Mecum truly is family-focused at heart. "We're really a family business that grew up and got big," Mecum says. "Our goal has always been to give Mecum Auction attendees an amazing experience and unite them with an incredible car." IF YOU GO...

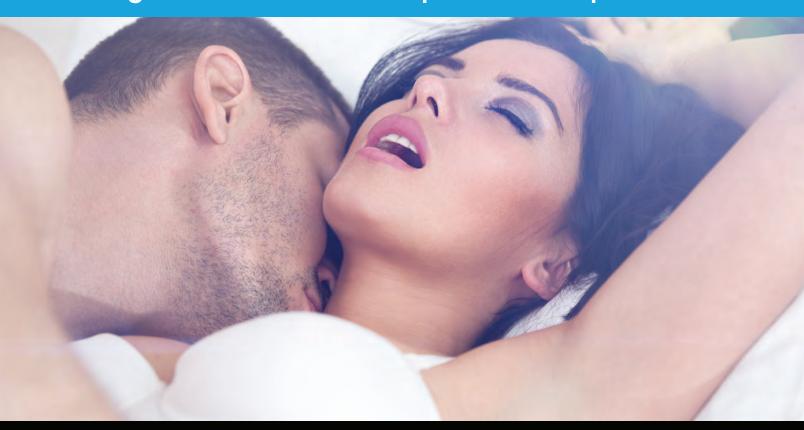
What: Mecum Phoenix 2019

When: March 14-17; gates, 8 a.m.; vehicles. 10 a.m.

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# ON THE TOWN

Exciting excursions abound in Fountain Hills

Known for being home to one of the world's tallest fountains and for its art festivals, Fountain Hills is a vibrant community full of restaurants, shopping and unique experiences that evoke the spirit of the Southwest. Whether you call Fountain Hills home or it's just a hop, skip and a jump from where you live, spring is prime time to check out this dynamic part of the Valley.

#### BY MANDY HOLMES







#### Go Green

Don your best green outfit and join the fun at Irish Fountain Fest on March 16 as the world-famous, 560-foot fountain is transformed into a bright emerald green geyser at noon and 4 p.m. The free family-friendly event will feature food trucks, music, a kids zone, performances from a Celtic rock band, and a Hensley Beer Garden. www.experiencefountainhills.org.

#### **Support the Arts**

Emerson Art Gallery, located at the Palisades Business Center, features the work of more than 30 local and national painters, sculptors, photographers, and unique artists. With a focus on community, the gallery hosts regular events open to the public, including a Tour d'Aristes March 8-11 and art shows on the second Friday of each month through April from 5 to 7 p.m. www.emersonartgallery.com.

#### **Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth**

At Chocofin, chocolatiers Louis and Denise Mirabella blend silky-smooth ganache in small batches and pack the goodies with inventive flavors such as buttermilk crunch and roasted raspberry. In addition to the handmade chocolates, which are sourced from organically grown cocoa beans, Chocofin produces a variety of sweet treats including nut barks, toffee and chocolate bars. www.chocofin.com.

#### Flip for Flapjacks

Known for oversized oven-baked pancakes. Flapjacks is the perfect spot to start a day venturing through the rolling hills. Customer favorites include the orange-cranberry pancake with orange zest, sun-dried cranberries, and a cinnamon-sugar glaze and the banana nut pancake reminiscent of old-fashioned banana bread.

#### Take to the Lake

Bordering Fountain Hills, the Desert Belle Cruise has been drifting through the waters of Saguaro Lake for over 50 years. Relax in air-conditioned comfort and take in the native wildlife, flora and fauna as you float on the water and listen to the 90-minute narrated tour. Wine cruises, live music cruises, and private charters are also available. www.desertbelle.com.

#### Tidy up for Tea

Keeping the fine English tea tradition alive, Crowing Glory Tea Room has a charming atmosphere for a traditional afternoon tea party. Sip on hot teas and dine on a sumptuous array of homemade sweet and savory bites, including a variety of finger sandwiches, scones, fruit tarts, lemon lavender cake, and homemade cookies. www.crowningglorytearoom.com.

#### **Unwind at the Spa**

Treat your senses to a day of renewal at CopperWynd Resort & Club's luxury spa, which features healing massages, revitalizing facials and body treatments inspired by the Southwest - such as a turquoise-infused body polish and a chaparral body wrap. The adults-only spa is a restful sanctuary aimed to disconnect guests from the stresses of the outside world, complete with steam rooms, whirlpools, plush robes and a relaxation room. www.copperwynd.com.

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# **FUN ON THE** FARM

Get back to nature at area purveyors

There's no better way to welcome spring than with fresh produce, family fun, and a day on the farm. Despite being in the heart of the desert, the Valley is home to a handful of purveyors - many of which welcome visitors to enjoy farm-fresh fare and special events throughout the year.

#### BY MANDY HOLMES







#### **Schnepf Farms**

Take a ride out to Queen Creek and treat yourself to the famous Schnepf peach pie or pick your own fruit from more than 80 acres of trees and gardens. When visiting, you can view the orchards by taking a train ride, hayride or walking tour, or work up an appetite by renting a vintage bicycle. As a UPICK Organic Garden. Schnepf Farms always has something ready to pick including green beans, sugar snap peas, eggplants, turnips, beets, and lavender. Peach season starts around May 1, lasting six to seven weeks, and the farm's peaches have been featured in Wine Spectator as the best in the country for more than 50 years. The popular Easter Egg-Citement (April 20) and Pumpkin & Chili Party (October) are family favorite events. www.schnepffarms.com.

#### **Vertuccio Farms**

Located in Mesa, Vertuccio Farms began as a vinevard where watermelons and citrus were grown. To diversify the farm, the Italian-born owners added roadside stands, a "you pick" operation, a farmers market, and the popular Fall Festival. The farm's annual corn maze. Easter egg hunt (April 20), springtime peach-picking (exact dates not yet available), and farm camps during the summer remain affordable family traditions. There are also options for field trips as well as birthday parties, which include a hay maze, a train ride, and meeting farm animals, among other activities. www.vertucciofarms.com.

#### The Farm at South Mountain

The Farm at South Mountain is a combination of gourmet cuisine fueled by goods from the garden and unique experiences ranging from watercolor and yoga classes to shopping at a monthly artisan market. The farm plays host to weddings and events, though many people flock there for its dining options: Morning Glory Café for breakfast, Farm Kitchen for a picnic-style lunch in the pecan grove, and Quiescence at The Farm for a fine dining evening meal where the rotating menu is comprised of freshly harvested vegetables, edible flowers and herbs. www.thefarmatsouthmountain.com.

#### Singh Meadows

Though not a farm itself, Singh Meadows - a 72-acre urban oasis in Tempe on the former Rio Salado Golf Course - is the semi-recent expansion of Scottsdale-based Singh Farms. The property includes a cafe serving breakfast and brunch, a juice bar, and a farmers market store. There is also a weekly market Friday through Sunday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. where most of the organic produce for sale is grown at Singh Farms; the honey even comes from farmer Ken Singh's bees. Singh Meadows operates under a simple, yet noble, notion: to help the community reconnect with nature. And that it does! www.singhmeadowstempe.com.



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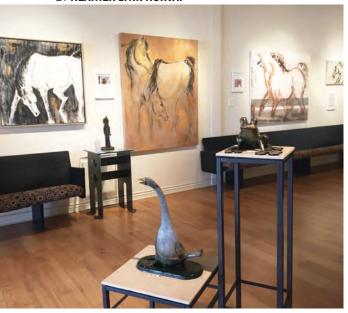
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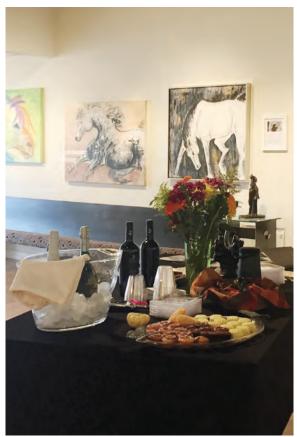


# **CULTIVATING CREATIVITY**

The Art Bar showcases artistic talent with a side of spirits

BY **HEATHER LYNN HORVAT** 





"Raising the bar on art" is the mission of The Art Bar, a gallery-style pop-up fine art show. Founders Donna Armstrong, Vicki Rapaport and Donna Bernstein and are artists themselves.

Bernstein explains the three-fold concept. "The Art Bar represents the first letter of each of our last names, and the concept of a bar with raising the bar [on art]."

With the intent to create a unique atmosphere at each pop-up show - which are hosted at various venues around town, most recently at The Art Department (a designer framing studio) - The Art Bar offers a signature cocktail as part of the experience.

"We wanted to create an intimate and fun-filled environment that exposed new art, kept the process short and sweet, and allowed us to meet and expand our customer base," Bernstein explains.

The three artists have known each other for quite a while. "Traveling to shows or spending time at long-term shows was really not working for us," Bernstein says. "Yet we love putting on events, promoting our work, and meeting clients and collectors. What else than to do it ourselves?"

The founders each have their own artistic style. Bernstein is a contemporary equestrian artist who says, "It is not horses that I paint; I paint the way they make me feel." She primarily works in acrylics and water-based mediums, and has recently introduced a line of silk equestrian scarves as wearable art.

Armstrong revives the ancient metalworking processes of chain maille, reticulation and fusing to create one-of-a-kind jewelry with a contemporary twist. Each piece features exquisite gemstones and precious metals.

A passion for jewelry and an interest in melding, weaving, spinning, and crochet led Rapaport to become a jewelry artist. Her designs range from whimsical to formal, and her mediums include 18-karat gold, silver, cords and cables. She focuses on the unusual, and her wearable art can often be worn in more than one way.

Art Bar's pop-up shows not only allow the three founders to showcase their work, but also feature a guest artist at each event.

"We encourage guest artists to apply for inclusion [in our shows], as we value fresh offerings and professional artists of all styles," Bernstein says. "We look for artists creating unique and carefully crafted work - art that is both elegant and beautifully finished."

The Art Bar pop-up events are generally held January through April to coincide with the Scottsdale art season. The next show is March 8-10 at The Art Department, 14435 N. Scottsdale Road. April dates will be announced shortly on The Art Bar website at www.theartbar.gallery.

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#### WHERE TO DINE, SIP AND SEE IT ALL THIS SPRING





**During spring, there** is an undeniable energy in the Valley, and March, in particular, has a buzz all its own. You would be mad to miss everything that the local area has to offer this month. With that in mind, we've vetted some of the biggest, best and most unique attractions and events around town this season.







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#### INSIDER'S VIEW DINNER SERIES

On March 15 and April 26, Different Pointe of View at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort will offer an elevated take on a winemaker dinner through its Insider's View Dinner Series. Each dinner will feature top winemakers from around the world in an up-close and immersive multicourse dining experience prepared tableside. Limited to 12 guests, the dinners will begin with an outdoor wine reception at sunset, hosted by the owner or representative of the featured vineyard, where guests can mix and mingle as the sun sets over the city skyline. The evenings continue in the main dining room overlooking dramatic city and mountain views as executive chef Anthony DeMuro prepares a gourmet five-course meal. www.tapatiocliffshilton.com.

#### THE CACTUS LEAGUE

Each year, the Cactus League - spring training for 15 Major League Baseball teams - draws more than 1.7 million fans to stadiums across Greater Phoenix. There are games daily through March 26, and the hottest ticket promises to be at Mesa's Sloan Park on March 25 and 26, when defending World Series champion Boston Red Sox makes a rare Cactus League appearance to play the Chicago Cubs. The Red Sox trained at Scottsdale Stadium from 1959 to 1965 before moving camp to Florida, and this is the team's first time back. Home to the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick will similarly be a hot spot, as will Scottsdale Stadium, which is the home of the San Francisco Giants. www.cactusleague.com.

#### FOUR PEAKS BURGER BATTLE

The Four Peaks Burger Battle, a charity fundraising showdown presented by Scottsdale League for the Arts and City of Scottsdale, will take place March 22 at Scottsdale Waterfront. The 21-and-over event includes unlimited burger tastings, fries, milkshakes, beer, live music and lawn games. Restaurant contenders will battle for the Best Burger title, and the winner will be determined by a panel of culinary experts and local celebs, while the audience will have the opportunity to choose the crowd favorite for the People's Choice competition. www.scottsdalefest.org.

#### GREEN ZEBRA ADVENTURES

Green Zebra Adventures, awarded a Best of Scottsdale distinction by Experience Scottsdale for four consecutive years, offers one of the most exciting things to do in town. It provides exhilarating off-road tours featuring the cutting-edge Tomcar, a specially designed, military-grade vehicle that you get to drive. Receive an action-packed adrenaline rush as you twist and turn - with a guide - by towering cacti, wild horses and the Verde River. www.gogreenzebra.com.

#### THE PHOENICIAN GOLF CLUB

In late 2018, The Phoenician Golf Club reopened its golf course after a full redesign done in partnership with Troon, the leader in golf course management and development. The result is a cohesive 18-hole golf course with a natural rhythm and flow in the routing. The new course features consistent bunker styling, while the overall theme of the landscape design showcases the unique beauty of Arizona's Sonoran Desert. www.golfthephoenician.com.

#### FIVE Cs SUPPER SERIES

The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch has launched a supper series in homage to Arizona's Five Cs - copper, cattle, cotton, citrus and climate - which have not only been cornerstones of the state's economy, but possess qualities that have long converted visitors into residents. Paying tribute to the boldness and sense of adventure that made Arizona what it is today, the dinners will take place March 28, April 25 and May 30 at the resort's Kitchen West Restaurant, accentuating each of the Cs in an elegant way using old-fashioned cooking techniques such as wood-firing and cast-iron searing. www.thescottsdaleresort.com.

#### DESERT NIGHTS ... AND DAYS

While the days are warm, some March evenings are a bit chilly. As such, La Senora restaurant at The Saguaro is offering a Desert Nights menu through March 31. The special, starting nightly at 5 p.m., is served on its vibrant patio and features hot drinks as well as inventive Southwestern-inspired comfort foods. In addition, La Senora recently began serving brunch Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - both on the patio and inside - offering a menu of American classics, Mexican morning favorites, and Southwest-infused dishes. There are also gluten-free dish options, mimosa flights, and brunch cocktails. www.thesaguaro.com.

#### POT OF GOLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Pot of Gold Music Festival returns to Steele Indian School Park from March 15 to 17 and will feature performances by Lil Wayne, Cardi B, Post Malone, and more. Beyond music, the festival boasts tasty local food vendors; Arcade Alley, which is filled with classic games like pinball; and Art Land featuring work by local and regional artists. www.potofgoldaz.com.

#### AGAVE ON THE ROCKS

On March 29, the Desert Botanical Garden will come alive after dark during Agave on the Rocks. The 21-plus event is a celebration of food, music and tequila (made, of course, from agave). Guests can sip margaritas in glasses that glow while enjoying small bites from local chefs, listening to live music, and strolling through the desert oasis. www.dbg.org.



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#### ARIZONA PARTY BIKE

Seeking a new way to explore the bar scene in Downtown Scottsdale? Take a guided pedal pub crawl tour with Arizona Party Bike. The "bike" seats up to 15 people and has an electric motor to help folks pedal as well as a full sound system and LED party lights. During the two-hour ride, a guide safely steers riders to three local bars. And while some pedaling is required, it's made easier by the fact that guests can bring their own beer and wine on board. www.arizonapartybike.com.

#### ISM RACEWAY

Following the completion of its 21-month, \$178 million modernization project, the new ISM Raceway was unveiled to a sold-out crowd in late 2018. The crown jewel of the NASCAR circuit, ISM Raceway is the place to catch all the thrilling racing action when NASCAR returns to the Valley for the TicketGuardian 500 from March 8 to 10. The renovated facility was updated with the fan experience at the top of mind. The unparalleled INfield experience allows fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with their favorite teams in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series garages, and the new Gatorade Victory Lane configuration allows fans to celebrate alongside the race winners. www.ismraceway.com.

#### SONORAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Sonoran Outdoor Adventures is the only company in the Valley offering "fat bike" tours, a must for outdoor lovers this spring. Fat tire bikes are perfect for riding on local trails, providing maximum stability and an enhanced sense of security for riders of all ages (even kids). A fat tire bike is a unique way to experience the breathtaking views and beauty of the desert, all while allowing you to cover more distance in the same amount of time. Each tour is fully customized to your or your group's riding style, ability and fitness level, and includes a bike, a helmet and a hydration backpack with water and snacks. For experienced riders - and for something extra unique - a night ride option gives a glimpse into the desert after dark. www.sonoranoutdooradventures.com.

#### ECHOES FROM THERESIENSTADT

Echoes from Theresienstadt, the final event of Violins of Hope Phoenix, will take place on March 24 at Steele Indian School Park's Memorial Hall. During the event, Arizona Opera will perform selections from Brundibar, which is a children's opera originally performed by the children of the Theresienstadt concentration camp in occupied Czechoslovakia. The Phoenix Boys Choir will perform I Never Saw Another Butterfly, which is based on poems written by Jewish children imprisoned in Theresienstadt. It serves as both a dramatic reminder of the Holocaust as well as a remembrance for these children. www.violinsofhopephoenix.com.

#### THE SPA AT CIVANA

The newly completed spa at the CIVANA wellness resort is one of the largest in the Southwest. The stateof-the-art facility features 28 treatment areas, including a Watsu pool, couples' rooms, wet treatment rooms, five facial rooms, and 13 massage rooms. There is also a communal area of hydrotherapy immersions - known as the Agua Vitality Circuit - that includes a Europeandesigned hot/cold walking pool, a warm therapeutic soaking pool, a cold plunge shower, and the only five-climate KLAFS SANARIUM in the continental U.S. There are dedicated men's and women's relaxation areas as well as a 1,600-square-foot coed lounge with an outdoor balcony offering views of Black and Continental mountains. There is also an outdoor pool and sun deck exclusive to spa guests. www.civanacarefree.com.

#### BIG BUGS AT PHOENIX ZOO

Now through April 28, something is buzzing at the Phoenix Zoo. And it's big - big bugs, that is. The zoo's latest can't-miss animatronic exhibit features 21 gigantic bugs that need to be seen to be believed. The larger-than-life exhibition showcases the superhero qualities of insects and why they are so important to life on Earth. Beautifully detailed, the bugs are constructed with a combination of steel, fiberglass and skin material made from a special urethane compound that protects them from sun and rain. Each animatronic bug features realistic movements powered by a pneumatic system that enables smoother and finer bug-like maneuvers. www.phoenixzoo.org.

#### DOWNTOWN PHOENIX FOOD TOUR

Available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 2 p.m., these three-hour guided walking tours take guests on a culinary journey through Downtown Phoenix. Expect to stop at five eateries as well as historic landmarks and even a haunted hotel. Each tour starts and finishes at the Phoenix Public Market Cafe and is limited to 16 guests. Savor English delicacies, several Thai dishes, an authentic Mexican street taco, housemade pastas and/or bruschetta, and freshly baked cookies, paired with a cocktail and several nonalcoholic beverages along the way. www.tasteittours.com.

#### MIMOSAS & MONET

At Mimosas & Monet, a guide helps guests paint their own interpretation of a famous painting, with the chosen painting changing from week to week. This spring, the enriching event is offered select Saturdays - March 2, April 6 and May 11 - from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Hermosa Inn. The artfully inspired classes take place on the sunny patio overlooking the property's colorful gardens, which will be in full bloom. Each class includes instruction, all supplies, pastries and a mimosa, www.hermosainn.com.



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BY KAYLOR JONES

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Style / ALLURE

## RETTY IN PINK

This spring, go classic with the girly hue



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Rosy glow blush, Dior, \$44 at Saks Fifth Avenue, www. saksfifthavenue.com.

Creamy powder highlighter, Jouer, \$24 at Nordstrom.

Suede jumbo lip crayon in Big Apple, Rodial, \$29 at Bluemercury, www. bluemercury.com.

Waterproof lip liner in Rose Mutin, Givenchy, \$29 at Neiman Marcus, www. neimanmarcus.com.

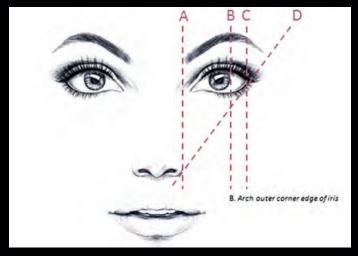
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Denim buttondown cami, \$65 at Madewell, www. madewell.com.

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Full-length Cameron pants in four-season stretch, \$98 at J.Crew, www. jcrew.com.

Patent leather clutch, Jimmy Choo, \$750 at Neiman Marcus, www. neimanmarcus.com.

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**EARRINGS:** Drop pearl, \$17.50. **TOP:** Silver lamé camisole, Elizabeth and James, \$39.95. **SKIRT:** Silver lamé pencil, Jiohny, \$99.95. SHOES: Silver strap-py sandals, \$17.50. All from My Sister's Closet, www.mysisterscloset.com.

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JACKET: Dark blue silk sports coat, Armani, \$145. SHIRT: Cotton and silk blend half-zip, Zenga, \$69.95. PANTS: Blue-andwhite seersucker trousers, Peter Millar, \$49.95. All from Well Suited, www.shop-wellsuited.com.



EARRINGS: Gold ferris wheel, \$12.50. DRESS: Green capesleeve mini, Alice + Olivia, \$89.95. SHOES: Pink pumps, Aldo, \$17.50. All from My Sister's Closet, www.mysisterscloset.com.



SHIRT: Horsebit print button-down, Burberry, \$89.95. PANTS: Slim-leg jeans, AG, \$34.95. All from Well Suited, www.shopwellsuited. com.



NECKLACES: Gold NECKLACES: Gold pendant on black cord, \$12.50 each.
TOP: Patent leather with netting, Junya Watanabe, \$99.95.
SKIRT: Patent leather mini, Escada, \$145.
SHOES: Patent leather platform pumps, Stuart Weitzman, \$34.95. All from My Sister's Closet, www. mysisterscloset.com.



#### Left: **EARRINGS:**

Turquoise dangle, Etro, \$69.95.

NECKLACES:

Layered turquoise-colored, \$12.50 each. **TOP:** Brick red woven camisole, Gucci, \$69.95. **SKIRT:** Long printed silk, Etro, \$295. All from My Sister's Closet, www. mysisterscloset.com.

#### Right: SHIRT: Multicolor

paisley button-down, Ted Baker, \$34.95. PANTS: Slim-leg jeans, AG, \$34.95. All from Well Suited, www.shopwellsuited. com.



#### Left:

SUIT: Green windowpane silk blend, Strongsuit, \$245.
SHIRT: Lavender point collar, Peter Millar, \$69.95. All from Well Suited, www.shopwellsuited. com.

#### Right: **EARRINGS:** Gold and pearl, \$17.50. JACKET: Palm kimono, Rachel Zoe, \$69.95. **TOP:** Shortsleeve silk palm, ALC, \$69.95. **PANTS:** Leaf print shorts, Milly, \$89.95. **SHOES:** Gold heeled sandals, Michael Kors, \$24.95. All from My Sister's Closet, www.mysisterscloset.com.



**EARRINGS:** Ferris wheel, \$12.50. **TOP:** Color-block crop, Jonathan Simkhai, \$145. BRACELET: Yellow enamel with flowers, \$12.50. **PANTS:** Yellow and blue floral corduroy, Preen Line, \$125. HANDBAG: Colorblock scuba clutch, Perrin Le, \$495. SHOES: Yellow ankle-strap heels, J.Crew, \$17.50. All from My Sister's Closet, www.mysisterscloset.com.

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BY KAYLOR JONES

Temperate sunny days call for a vehicle that's primed to enjoy the weather. Celebrate the arrival of spring inside a redefined Tribute Defender 110, complete with a removable soft top (a hard top is also available) and a 3.5-liter V-8 engine that make it perfect for an excursion into the great outdoors. The restored station wagon's deep green bodywork; supple, chocolate-colored leather upholstery; woodrimmed steering wheel; and brushed alloy accents ensure that you're riding in style no matter where the wind takes you. Newly restored by the independent Land Rover Discovery specialists at Arkonik, each "better than new" vehicle is a one-of-a-kind vintage of 15 to 25 years that is customized to your specifications - as long as those specifications embrace luxury. Prices start at \$150,000 at Arkonik, www.arkonik.com.

## **2019 MERCEDES-BENZ** AMG GLS 63

The luxury brand's flagship SUV encompasses status, speed and style







Early spring is pretty easy in Arizona, with balmy temperatures and roads free of the residual snow and ice still prevalent in other areas of the country. Making it even sweeter is a week test driving the Mercedes-Benz AMG GLS 63 flagship SUV, a massive masterpiece with a handcrafted 5.5-liter twin-turbo, direct-injection V-8 engine that produces 577 horsepower and 561 pound-feet of torque.

There's no doubt that SUVs - regardless of brand, size or price - are red-hot, as throngs of car buyers forego traditional sedans for roomier, higher-seating utility vehicles. And Mercedes isn't shy about being fearlessly audacious with its crazy fast, ludicrously expensive AMG GLS 63 luxury dreamliner.

It isn't just fast; it's viciously fast, reaching 60 mph from a dead stop in just 4.3 seconds and continuing through the quarter-mile in 12.8 seconds at 111 mph. With the center console-mounted Dynamic Select control, drivers can choose various ride and suspension options, varying from Comfort, Individual, Sport and Sport+, which lowers the overall height of the vehicle, stiffens the dampers,

and adds a quicker throttle response. Bringing all this power and performance to a halt are massive brake rotors: 15.4-inches in the front and 14.2-inches in the rear. This is simply one of the fastest seven-passenger SUVs in the world.

But like any Mercedes AMG, the seemingly over-the-top extravagances aren't only found in its brute force performance and gravity-defying handling. The conspicuous indulgences continue inside with luxurious leathers and rich materials, advanced technology, and precision craftsmanship. Whether one chooses the leather-upholstered instrument panel and center stack plied with glossy carbon fiber or exotic open-pore timbers, with thick deep-pile carpets and finecrafted, jewelry-like metal switchgear, it's a vehicle that leaves no occupant wanting for more.

To be sure, other vehicles may be the more practical or "responsible" choice, with better gas mileage and value proposition, but if you have the financial means and want to be rewarded with performance, speed, style, opulent luxury, and status, the AMG GLS 63 is an easy choice.

#### VITAL STATS:

Base price: \$126,150

Price as tested: \$137.435

Engine: 5.5-liter twinturbo V-8

Horsepower: 577

Fuel economy: 13/18 mpg city/ highway

Seating: 7

#### Fab features:

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## **SPOTLIGHT: EUROPEAN ESCAPE**

BY KAYLOR JONES







Situated in the heart of North Scottsdale, this exquisite privately gated estate boasts 5,186 square feet and sits on a tranquil 2.5acre plot of lush desert. With five bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths, this Tuscan-style home provides a picturesque European escape with sweeping views of Pinnacle Peak.

At the front of the home, a circular drive opens into a private courtyard and outdoor living area. Front and center are the heated, Mediterranean-inspired swimming pool and spa. From there, inviting French doors open to both the main house and the 657-square-foot casita, which is home to two bedrooms and one bathroom.

The first floor of the main house stuns with its European finishings, dramatic beamed ceilings, multiple stone fireplaces, and an intimate private dining area. The gourmet kitchen is accented with gleaming granite countertops, a twin-oven gas range, and a sprawling island that doubles as the perfect seating area for entertaining. Above the apron-style front sink sits a tall window with an expansive view of desert foliage.

The remainder of the first floor features two elegant guest suites with renovated private baths, an office with custom built-ins, a game room, and a movie theater.

Above the theatrical circular staircase is the owners' retreat, comprised of an intimate fireplace, a cozy sitting area, and a private balcony. Adding to the opulence is a luxurious spa bath with jets, a custom travertine walk-in shower, and an idyllic view of the city lights.

Just across the center courtyard is the additional villa, a picturesque retreat with a kitchenette and a large steam shower. The sprawling outdoor haven at the front of the house is home to the expansive pool and multiple sitting areas bracketed by a fireplace and a European tile fountain. A thoughtfully placed wet bar, a built-in barbecue area, and a putting green complete this exemplary entertainment space.

The home also has a central vacuum system, an extended garage with parking for three vehicles, and an RV gate.

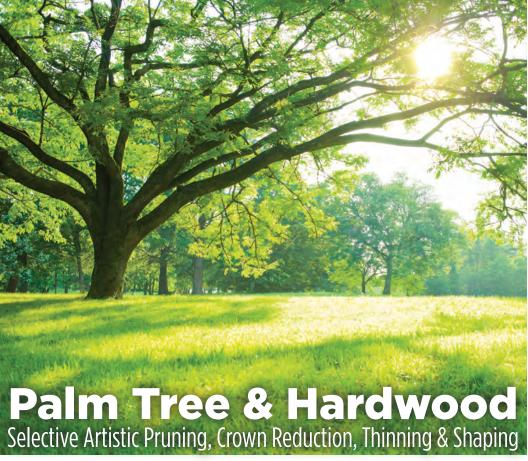
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BY ALISON BAILIN BATZ





Stretching from the Pacific Ocean in the west to the Mayacamas Mountains in the east, Sonoma County is the largest wine producer in Northern California. A global icon in winemaking, Sonoma boasts 18 distinct American Viticultural Areas - compared to just two in Arizona - and grows 50 types of grapes.

It's also home to 18 golf courses, 11 state parks, extraordinary lodging, and some of the most lauded farm-to-table dining experiences in the country.

And with 90-minute direct flights daily from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport, the picturesque wine region is the ultimate escape any time of year. Here is how to sip, swirl and savor it all.

#### Stay

The family-owned Farmhouse Inn, which was named the Best Hotel in California by Travel & Leisure in 2018, is the perfect blend of refined luxury and colorful character. Farmhouse has 25 amazingly appointed rooms, including eight enviable cottages with dry saunas, heated bathroom floors, massive soaking tubs with whirlpool jets, indoor-outdoor fireplaces, and private patios flanked with lush greenery. In true wine country fashion, all of the rooms boast custom-curated wine fridges stocked with Sonoma wines based on guests' personal preferences. The inn also partners with several esteemed winemakers in the region to offer private and special VIP tastings - often with fees waived. www.farmhouseinn.com.

#### Savor

In the late 1990s, Sondra Bernstein put Sonoma on the culinary map with the opening of The Girl & the Fig, a quintessential farmto-table dining experience. Over the years, it's been praised by the likes of Lady Gaga and even utilized as a fantasy date destination on The Bachelor.

Thanks in great part to Bernstein's innovation, there are more than 500 award-winning restaurants across Sonoma today, including these can't-miss spots: Wero at Virginia Dare Winery (www. virginiadarewinery.com), owned by Francis Ford Coppola and serving Native American ingredients in flavorful and modern ways (think fry bread tacos and bison ribs); The Spinster Sisters (www. thespinstersisters.com), a Bohemian bistro named among the Top 100 Restaurants in America by Wine Enthusiast; and Zazu Kitchen + Farm (www.zazukitchen.com), which features a menu that rotates daily and produce grown on-site and at its sister farm down the street.

#### Sip

With more than 425 wineries to choose from, consider visiting those that offer something unique to guests beyond traditional tasting room experiences.

Chalk Hill Estate Winery (www.chalkhill.com) is owned by American billionaire Bill Foley, and it shows. The 1,300-acre estate is home to 300 acres of vineyards as well as wilderness areas, a working winery, a hospitality center, a culinary garden, stables, an equestrian pavilion, sports fields, and fishing and swimming ponds. Beyond standard wine tastings, Chalk Hill offers daily estate tours via an open-air Hummer with a personal guide and driver, followed by seated tastings paired with cheese on the expansive patio. If you're seeking something extra special, there is an immersive, fourcourse "farm-to-fork" culinary experience with wine pairings.

Bella Winery (www.bellawinery.com) features an "Unleash the Beast" tour that takes guests on a journey deep into their wine caves to learn the history and science behind using caverns to make wine. As you journey through the dimly lit - and gorgeously appointed - cave rooms, you will enjoy samples of wine, private seating areas, ultra-premium barrel tastings, and even homemade peanut butter and jelly cups, which pair perfectly with port.

Jordan Estate (www.jordanwinery.com) has more than 1,200 acres, 75 percent of which have been preserved as natural habitat - an oasis where craggy oak trees pepper the landscape, geese and ducks swim the lakes, and rabbits and turkeys roam the hills. The property includes 118 acres of grapes, 18 acres of olive trees, a one-acre garden, two lakes, and several grazing pastures. During the three-hour estate tour, a 2018 Sunset magazine finalist for Best Food + Wine Experience in the U.S., expect to see (and taste) it all.

**Trattore Farms** (www.trattorefarms.com), a double gold San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition winner several times over, provides the chance to get down and dirty during its signature experience (literally). The "Get Your Boots Dirty" vineyard, orchard and olive mill tour takes just six VIP guests - via Kawasaki Mule All-Terrain Vehicle, no less - high above the rest of the county to its hillside vineyard, providing each visitor with a full tasting of Trattore's wines and extra-virgin olive oils, not to mention an interactive session blending the art and science of wine.

La Crema (www.lacrema.com), one of the top wine producers in the region, has historically kept its vineyards private, instead asking guests to visit the modern tasting room in Downtown Healdsburg. But that has changed in recent years with the opening of The Estate at Saralee's Vineyard. Oozing with rustic charm and housed in a multilevel barn overlooking miles of vines, La Crema now offers exclusive tastings of some of the brand's most coveted wines along with food pairings and private golf cart tours.

#### Cycle

Ever been on a bike wine tour? What about an electric bike wine tour? Adventures in Cycling (www.winecountrycyclingtours.com), a family-owned business, offers this innovative, customizable tour using "pedal assist" electric bikes, which have small motors and cover more ground in the same amount of time. While there are several options, novices may wish to opt for the day tour that visits three to five wineries with an expert guide.

For more information on Sonoma, visit www.wineroad.com.







## **SKY-HIGH THRILLS**

See Arizona from above with Alaskazona Adventures

BY ALISON BAILIN BATZ



Question: Is there a better way to experience the visual wonders of Arizona than gliding above them via private plane?

Answer: Yes, doing all of the above with a glass of Champagne in hand. Alaskazona Adventures, which opened in early 2019, offers guests the opportunity to do just that through its premiere and custom tour options.

The business is the brainchild of Arizona native Eric Rovey, who comes from a family of nearly two dozen pilots that own 19 private and vintage airplanes between them. Rovey began flying at age 19 and was first inspired to bring his business to Arizona after providing similar services in Alaska since 2014.

"From May to October each year, I take thousands of visitors in Alaska on private and custom tours of glaciers, towering mountains, and tundra throughout Denali National Park via plane," Rovey says. "Like Alaska, the Arizona landscape boasts sharp contrasts - everything from the Sonoran Desert and red rocks to the Colorado Plateau and Salt River."

As such, similar tours in Arizona made perfect sense to Rovey. And coincidentally, the best time to see most of these landmarks is in the cooler months of November to April - the exact time Rovey comes home from Alaska each year.

There are currently several tour options, with the most popular being the Premiere Pleasant Valley Tour, which starts at \$499 per person and is available several times a day, including sunset. It lasts approximately two hours and can be taken in one of the company's two Alaskan Bush planes, one of which holds up to four people while the other holds up to nine.

Both planes depart from Scottsdale Airport and can be stocked with adult beverages upon request. By design, the pilot tries to fly between 500 and 1,000 feet above the ground, versus the standard 5,000 to 7,000 feet of some bigger operators, to ensure guests have the most intimate experience possible.

"Guests can expect to see the low Sonoran Desert, the Colorado Plateau, Weavers Needle, canyons along the Salt River, and Native American cliff dwellings," says Rovey, who lands the plane in Pleasant Valley after about an hour - on a rustic (yet safe) dirt road, no less - for photo opportunities. "We also buzz by Payson, miles of pine tree forests, and several smaller rivers."

Every seat is a window seat, and each guest is provided an interactive headset to communicate with fellow passengers and the pilot during the entire tour.

There is also a "Pilot's Choice" flight available - where your destination will be a surprise - as well as private and custom tours to Sedona, Payson and other locations upon request.

Alaskazona Adventures is currently booking now through late April and will offer tours again starting in late October. www.alaskazona.com.





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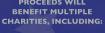
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## VERSATILE VODKA

Unique takes on the nation's top-selling spirit

BY ALISON BAILIN BATZ







Vodka has been widely popular as a drink since the 1860s, roughly when Moscow introduced Smirnoff Vodka to the market. It made its move to the U.S. not long after and has since been the top-selling spirit in the country - outselling other spirits by 50 million cases each year. Though often deemed as one of the more typical spirits, it is anything but. Here are some interesting ways to taste the versatility of vodka.

#### **Scottsdale Sunset Blue Clover Distillery**

The Scottsdale Sunset is a light and fizzy cocktail, containing just a few ingredients. The flavors of the grapefruit-infused vodka distilled in-house are complemented by lemon juice, grapefruit lavender bitters and Aperol, all topped off with Prosecco. Served up in a cold coupe glass, a slice of blood orange is the striking garnish. \$9. www.bluecloverdistillery.com.

#### Pop Star ZuZu at Hotel Valley Ho

You've heard the term "being extra," right? Well, this drink is the embodiment of the phrase. It is made with SanTan Kaffir Lime Vodka, which is combined with Luxardo Maraschino liqueur, limeade and a housemade, barrel-aged limoncello. Then comes the topping: cherry Dippin' Dots ice cream and Pop Rocks. \$14. www.hotelvalleyho.com.

#### **Grapefruit & Basil Martini Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill**

Ice-cold Deep Eddy Ruby Red Vodka, St. Germain and Fee Brothers Grapefruit Bitters reinforce the flavors of the fresh grapefruit and basil in this cockail, while the addition of lime and simple syrup add a sweet and sour balance. \$10. www.thirstyliongastropub.com.

#### **Key Lime Martini Tommy Bahama Restaurant** & Bar

For those who prefer to drink their dessert, Tommy Bahama's Key Lime Martini hits the spot. The libation features Van Gogh Blue Vodka, Licor 43, and Keke Beach Liqueur. It's even finished with a graham cracker-crusted rim. \$13. www.tommybahama.com.

#### Lychee-Tini twenty6 Lounge at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge

This uniquely Asian-inspired cocktail features lychee, a creamy tropical fruit with a lush, floral perfume that pops with flavor. Here, it is mixed with a trio of Ketel One Vodka, sparkling rosé and sake, which provides bubbles and lots of "spirit." \$14. www.jwdesertridge.com.

#### Pineapple Saffron Mbar at Prado

Take a trip to the beaches of Spain with every sip of the Pineapple Saffron. Ketel One Vodka serves as the backdrop for the tropical flavors of pineapple and notes of saffron syrup, with a hint of lemon to bring out both flavors. The drink is topped with additional "red gold," the legendary saffron spice. \$15. www.montelucia.com.

#### **Gold Jacket-Green Jacket** Pitch

For this drink, guests start by choosing between yellow or green Chartreuse. While green Chartreuse is bold and herbal, yellow has a touch of sweetness and a delicate aroma. From there, the guest's selection is combined with Wheatly Vodka, muddled citrus, and basil and rosemary simple syrup before being topped with an edible flower. \$10. www.pitchpizzeria.com.

#### Espresso Martini Sophia's Kitchen

Vodka is so versatile that it fits into heavier, rich cocktails just as easily as refreshing, fruity and herbal options. Take this espresso martini with Tito's Vodka, which is combined with Baileys Irish Cream and Kahlua before getting a kick of caffeine with housemade espresso. \$14. www.sophiasaz.com.

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BY ALISON BAILIN BATZ / PHOTO BY DEBBY WOLVOS

With Arizona roots dating back nine generations, executive chef of Lon's at The Hermosa Inn, Jeremy Pacheco - who grew up on a farm - prides himself on using local ingredients to develop authentic Arizona flavors in all of his dishes. For example, each of the main ingredients in his Alaskan Halibut (\$42) is local, save for the fish itself, which is pan-seared with salt and white pepper. The sauteed shiitake mushrooms are from Southwest Mushrooms (a locally based gournet mushroom cultivator) while the purple barley, boiled then finished with shallots, butter and herbs, is from Hayden Flour Mills. Both the asparagus, which is blanched and shaved for garnish, and the blood oranges used to make the foam and as garnish, are from McClendon's Select. Truly, it's Arizona spring on a plate. Lon's at The Hermosa Inn, 5532 N. Palo Cristi Road, Paradise Valley; 602.955.8614; www.hermosainn.com.

## **SLUSHY SENSATION**

Raspberry-Pink Champagne "Float" soars on Rhythm & Wine's "Rocktail" menu

When Terry Craig opened Rhythm & Wine in 2010, his vision was to create a space where all things pop culture, culinary and cocktails converged.

"We were kitschy and rock 'n' roll in all aspects of our decor and menu," Craig says. But it wasn't working quite as intended.

"We were constantly mistaken for a concert venue," says Craig, who was at a crossroads by mid-2018.

"After a lot of soul searching, we invested in redeveloping Rhythm & Wine to be more sophisticated and subdued," Craig says. "But we didn't totally abandon our rock 'n' roll roots. We just poured them into our 'Rocktails.'"

"Rocktails" refers to the drink menu, which includes eight options inspired by and named after songs, as well as a submenu of specialty martinis called "Martini Rhapsody" in honor of Queen.

One of the most popular cocktails is the Raspberry-Pink Champagne "Float" (\$11).

"This was inspired by a trip to California, where I saw a server bringing what looked like a slushy to another table," Craig says.

With just two ingredients, the make is simple, but the flavors are complex.

"We start with a raspberry sorbet made locally by Grateful Spoon Gelato," Craig says.

A hefty scoop is placed in a martini glass and then topped with a sparkling Brachetto d'Acqui - a red wine - from the Piedmont region of Italy.

"We use this wine for three reasons: its stark red color, its effervescence, and its natural sweetness," says Craig, who garnishes the drink with raspberries and a mint leaf.

The flavor is bright, like spring itself, and serves as a popular palate cleanser all

Rhythm & Wine, 7605 E. Pinnacle Peak Road, Scottsdale; 480.487.6999; www.rhythmandwine.com.



## **CHEF CONVERSATIONS**

In the kitchen with Erasmo Kamnitzer of Razz's Restaurant & Bar





Chef Erasmo "Razz" Kamnitzer has been serving elevated international food using modern techniques and bold flavors at the locally loved Razz's Restaurant & Bar for decades.

#### You fought the idea of becoming a chef?

I come from seven generations of chefs. Initially, I wanted to do something different, so I enrolled in veterinary school at the University of Maine.

#### So, why aren't we calling you Dr. Kamnitzer today?

I could only fight my calling for so long. I eventually transferred to the Culinary Institute of America in New York and also studied in Switzerland. My journey took me to kitchens in New York, Florida and even Wyoming - where I ran a hotel and its culinary program - before making my way to Arizona in 1978.

#### Tell us about your culinary journey in the Valley.

I took a job on a culinary team that included Eric LaQua, Christopher Gross and Francis Compte at a then-new hotel, The Registry Resort. I would eventually open a series of high-end dining establishments of my own - including several that bared the name Kamnitzer - throughout the 1980s before getting the idea for Razz's.

#### Where did you get the idea?

From a longtime customer! He complained my name was difficult to pronounce and nicknamed me "Razz" in homage to my first name and my ability to "razzle dazzle" guests. It stuck! My first Razz's was farther west in the 1980s, and I would go on to lead other concepts, including Different Pointe of View, before briefly relocating to Napa in the early 1990s. I moved back and opened the current Razz's in 1995.

#### How would you describe Razz's?

I fancy it a restaurant and art gallery. My own art and friend's art adorns the walls as guests enjoy my ever-changing menu that highlights exotic fruits and vegetables, fresh herbs, and mouthwateringly prepared meats and seafood.

#### What would people be surprised to know about you?

I hate peanut butter and capers. You won't see them at Razz's.

Razz's, 10315 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale; 480.905.1308; www.razzsrestaurant.com.

## MEATLESS MARVELS

Dig into lighter springtime fare with creatively crafted vegetarian dishes



**Come spring, many** people seek lighter dishes – which can often mean vegetarian options - that don't sacrifice flavor. Luckily, Valley chefs understand that vegetarian dishes don't have to equal boring. Whether you're a strict vegetarian or simply seeking an alternative to meaty dishes once in a while, plenty of options around town will satisfy on all levels.

#### Grilled Eggplant and Halloumi

#### Kovo Modern Mediterranean

Grilled eggplant and tomato is topped with a slice of grilled halloumi, drizzled with oil and balsamic reduction, and sprinkled with fresh herbs in this savory appetizer option. Halloumi, a popular cheese from Cyprus, Greece, has a high melting point, which makes it the perfect addition to this dish. \$14. www.kovomedi.com.

#### Portobello Buraer

#### **Two Brothers Tap House and Brewery**

One of the greatest meatless marvels in the world is the mushroom, as exemplified in Two Brothers' mouthwatering portobello burger. Centered on a freshly baked brioche bun, the marinated mushroom is topped with grilled onions, creamy Havarti cheese, lettuce, tomato, and alfalfa sprouts. The final touch is a sweet balsamic glaze. \$11. www.twobrothersbrewing.com.

#### Roasted Heirloom Carrot Tacos La Senora at The Saguaro

Carrots ... on a taco? Yes! For this decidedly unique dish, roasted heirloom carrots are tossed in an arbol chili sauce then paired with housemade requeson, which is a spreadable, ricotta-like cheese produced in Brazil and Portugal. The ingredients are piled onto a housemade tortilla and served with three to an order. \$14. www.thesaguaro.com.

#### Roasted Cauliflower

#### **Brat Haus**

Meat-centric Brat Haus also offers a variety of vegetarian dishes including roasted cauliflower, which is both gluten-free and vegetarian. Florets of tender cauliflower are mixed with the Mediterranean flavors of tahini, fresh cilantro, and raisins for slight sweetness. To complete the dish, sumac (another spice) adds a tangy, lemony taste. \$12. www.brathausaz.com.

#### Keto Bowl

#### **Tocaya Organica**

This new-to-the-menu item makes a perfect power lunch, featuring Spanish-style cauliflower rice, sauteed tricolor peppers, avocado, and sauteed garlic Brussels sprouts paired with Roma tomatoes, black olives, and arbol salsa. There is also an option to add a protein (and queso). \$13.95. www.tocayaorganica.com.

#### Chilled Raw Pad Thai

#### Farm & Craft

Inspired by the popular Thai dish, this chilled salad entree is built with spiralized zucchini and carrots, tossed in a housemade chili almond dressing, then piled high with bean sprouts, shredded Brussels sprouts, raw almonds, and a



tamarind-honey drizzle. Guests have the option to top it with tofu for an extra hit of protein as well. \$10. www.ilovefarmandcraft.com.

#### Fried Green Tomato Sandwich Starlite BBQ

Yes, even barbecue joints can offer great vegetarian options beyond side dishes and desserts. Case in point: this fried green tomato sandwich, which is topped with lettuce and pimento cheese, a Southern favorite. There is a touch of smoke, a hit of zing from the tomato, and great creaminess from the cheese in every bite. \$13. www.starlitebbq.com.

#### Squash Blossom Tacos Taqueria Centro at Onmi Scottsdale **Resort & Spa at Montelucia**

This taco dish pairs fresh squash blossoms and raw cactus, two ingredients local to the Valley. These are wrapped in a locally made yellow corn tortilla and topped with Oaxaca cheese, queso fresco, roasted corn, and avocado. Two tacos are served with Molcaiete salsa and housemade seasonal escabeche. \$15. www.omnihotels.com.

#### Stuffed Poblano Chili **Spotted Donkey Cantina at Boulders** Resort & Spa

With this dish, Arizona's regional influences are embraced as it uses locally sourced artisanal ingredients. Fresh poblano chilies are stuffed with Spanish rice and a combination of cheddar and jack cheeses, and then covered with a rich basil tomato sauce. \$16.95. www.theboulders.com.

#### Roasted Beets with Herbed Ricotta

#### Postino WineCafe

The sweetness of the beets shines through in this snack from Postino, which is new to the menu in recent months. The beets are paired with curried pistachios, herbed ricotta, arugula and poppy seed vinaigrette, yielding simple yet fresh flavors. \$10. www.postinowinecafe.com.

#### Mamma Spinato's Signature Fresh Spinach Pizza

#### Spinato's Pizzeria

As one of the most popular specialty pizzas on the menu for vegetarians and nonvegetarians alike, this pizza is topped with fresh spinach, tomatoes, garlic, mozzarella and a secret blend of spices. Truly, the meat really isn't missed! \$10-\$26. www.spinatospizzeria.com.

#### Veggie-Quinoa Stir Fry with Kimchi

#### Pita Jungle

This dish, which is on the seasonal menu at each Pita Jungle, takes a variety of vegetables, adds quinoa, spices it up with house Sriracha, and tops it with kimchi for an Asian-inspired veggie bowl. \$9.99. www.pitajungle.com.

#### Vegan Poke Bowl

#### Flower Child

The Vegan Poke Bowl is a crowd-pleaser for vegetarians, vegans, and omnivores alike. The dish is crafted with brown rice, marinated beets, avocado, pickled mushrooms, cucumbers, radishes, wasabi peas, smoked dulse, and spicy ponzu. \$9.50. www.iamaflowerchild.com.



## JOJO'S COFFEEHOUSE

JoJo's Coffeehouse is a community-focused restaurant in Old Town Scottsdale that serves craft products using natural and organic ingredients. Swing in for a mouthwatering JoJo breakfast sandwich or share a craft bruschetta board with your colleagues as you collaborate. And for extra fun, pick from a wide array of craft beer, wine or mimosa flights. Enjoy live coffeehouse music in the evenings Wednesday through Saturday and during brunch on the weekends. Open for breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner starting at 7 a.m. daily. 3712 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale; 480.907.6100; www.jojocoffeehouse.com; \$\$



#### AMERICAN THE HERB BOX

The Herb Box offers a fresh take on world cuisine. Whether dining for lunch, dinner or weekend brunch, dishes are inspired by Asian, Latin and European flavors. The can't-miss pastries and desserts are all made in-house. Gluten-free and vegetarianfriendly options are available, such as the butternut squash and corn enchiladas. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with a brunch menu on Saturday and Sunday. Two locations in Scottsdale: DC Ranch and Old Town Scottsdale: www.theherbbox.com; \$\$-\$\$\$

#### **HOPDODDY BURGER BAR**

Hopdoddy serves burgers made with fresh, all-natural ingredients prepared on fresh-baked buns. The hand-cut fries can be ordered as Parmesan truffle with truffle aioli, with green chile queso, or chili con queso. There are also a variety of milkshake flavors, and every Hopdoddy nationwide features a selection of local craft beer. Open daily with happy hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. 11055 N. Scottsdale Road. Scottsdale; 480.348.2337; www.hopdoddy.com; \$\$

#### **SOCIAL TAP EATERY**

A casual spot in Old Town Scottsdale, this eatery focuses on high-quality ingredients, creative cocktails and local craft beer with over 24 beers on tap. From the signature sandwiches to their braised tacos and wing sauces, everything from the kitchen is made from scratch. Join them for social hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Brunch menu offered on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4312 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale; 602.432.6719; www.socialtapeatery. com: \$\$

#### WHITE CHOCOLATE GRILL

At White Chocolate Grill, diners can find comfort in classics like steakhouse-quality cuts of meat, cheeseburgers, rotisserie chicken, and Maryland-style crab cakes. But what they are really known for are their white chocolate desserts, most notably the French white chocolate bread pudding. Children's menu and glutenfree menu available. Open daily at 11 a.m. 7000 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix; 480.563.3377; www.whitechocolategrill.com: \$\$

#### ASIAN **AKITA SUSHI**

Akita Sushi caters to instant gratification with a revolving sushi bar. Diners sit next to a conveyor belt that trails

throughout the dining room with plates of various sushi and small bites ready to be picked up and enjoyed. Hot food entrees like chicken teriyaki and nabeyaki udon noodles can be ordered from the kitchen, too. Open for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. 9011 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale; 480.451.8888; www.akitasushiscottsdale.com; \$\$

#### **CHINA JADE**

China Jade is a local favorite for oldstyle, affordable Chinese takeout or casual dining. Some of the most popular menu items include cheese wonton crab Rangoon, chicken lo mein, Mongolian beef and orange-flavored chicken. Open for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. or later daily. 14747 N. Northsight Blvd., Scottsdale; 480.991.9688; www.chinajadescottsdale.com: \$

#### **LAMAI THAI CUISINE**

At Lamai, the menu is a fusion of modern, authentic Thai flavors. Many loyal customers rave about the bold flavors in the popular pad Thai and curry dishes. Additionally, soups like the tom kha gai and chicken satay appetizers are favorites. They also offer lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. 12015 N. Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills; 480.907.7706; www.lamaithaicuisineaz.com; \$-\$\$

#### **VIET KITCHEN**

Viet Kitchen takes pride in delivering the dynamic flavors of Vietnamese cuisine. Customer favorites include the flavor-packed pho tai with rare beef and the barbecue pork with rice noodles. They also offer a vegetarian pho option. Lunch and dinner is served from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, except Sunday, when they are open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. At Cave Creek Marketplace, 20235 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix; 602.788.5535; www.vietkitchenaz.com; \$-\$\$

#### BREAKFAST

#### DAILY DOSE

Gather at Daily Dose for breakfast and lunch until 3 p.m. every day. Enjoy traditional breakfast and lunch items, with fan favorites including the bacon bloody mary and chorizo mac and cheese. And don't forget to ask for the DD Hash, a side of their infamous sweet potatoes. 4020 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale; 480.994.3673; www.dailydosegrill.com; \$\$

#### **EGGSTASY**

Eggstasy takes the most important meal of the day - and egg puns - to

the next level. Decadence starts with the eggasm, which is a coddled egg with potato puree, crispy prosciutto, Parmesan cheese and chives served with toasted ciabatta. It continues with the fried truffle egg brioche. Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two locations in Scottsdale: The Shoppes at Agua Caliente and Scottsdale Ranch; www.eggstasyaz.com; \$\$

#### **SCRAMBLE**

Scramble serves a healthy take on breakfast and lunch using local Arizona farmers and ingredients. The Santa Fe eggs Benedict is one of the most popular entrees and a brizza, or breakfast pizzas, is big enough to share. This fast-casual breakfast joint also has a dog-friendly patio. Glutenfree and vegan-friendly. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. 6590 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale; 480.404.7264; www.azscramble.com: \$\$

#### BREWERIES **FOUR PEAKS GRILL & TAP**

Four Peaks Brewery has been a local craft beer favorite since its inception in 1994. The Grill & Tap in North Scottsdale is a satellite pub that offers the same great selection of Four Peaks brews along with a beer-infused tavern menu. Try the Kilt Lifter fish and chips and the oatmeal stout shake. At Sonora Village, 15745 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale; 480.991.1795; www.fourpeaks.com;

#### MCFATE BREWING COMPANY

Local brewer Steve McFate started crafting small-batch beers in his home and in a matter of a few years, his business has expanded two Scottsdale pubs. Guests can snack on chips and dip, nosh on woodfired pizzas, or enjoy Sunday brunch at the North Scottsdale pub. The South Scottsdale location boasts a large beer garden with a dog-friendly patio and expanded menu. Two locations: North Scottsdale and South Scottsdale; www.mcfatebrewing. com; \$\$

#### O.H.S.O. BREWERY & **DISTILLERY**

O.H.S.O. has developed its reputation as a local-centric and dog-friendly hot spot. It offers several nano-brews as well as cocktails made with vodka, rum and gin from their distillery. Join O.H.S.O. for a weekend beer brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that includes a 10-ounce Arizona beer or mimosa with each entree. Three locations: Arcadia, North Scottsdale and Paradise Valley; www. ohsobrewery.com; \$\$

#### SCOTTSDALE BEER COMPANY

Scottsdale Beer Company combines local craft brews with quality food. Head chef Justin Olsen, who hails from highly acclaimed chef Kevin Binkley's kitchen, crafts the food menu, where customer favorites include the bison burger and fish tacos. Every Wednesday is \$3-pint day. 8608 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale; 480.219.1844; www.scottsdalebeercompany.com; \$\$

#### ITALIAN **ANDREOLI ITALIAN GROCER**

An Italian family-owned and -operated establishment, the Andreoli family proudly serves Italian fare using recipes passed down from generations

before. Chef Giovanni's daily specials include a very special penne pasta with bottarga, a distinctively prepared Italian caviar. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday. 8880 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale; 480.614.1980; www. andreoli-grocer.com; \$\$

#### **BABBO ITALIAN EATERY**

Babbo serves modern Italian cuisine in a casual family-friendly atmosphere. The menu features classic and contemporary dishes like spaghetti and meatballs, Neapolitan-style pizzas, and a roasted Brussels sprouts and beet salad. Open for lunch and dinner daily starting at 11 a.m. Multiple locations in the Valley, including Scottsdale and Cave Creek. 480.291.5050; www. babboitalian.com; \$\$

EVO is a locally-owned and -operated neighborhood eatery. Recipes reflect the regional dishes of central and northern Italy, including risotto, alfredo, ragu and carbonara. With a trendy yet comfortable ambience, EVO is perfect for a family supper or a romantic evening out. Daily happy hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner served nightly from 4 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 4175 N. Goldwater Blvd., Scottsdale; 480.265.9814; www. evoscottsdale.com; \$\$

#### *LATIN/MEXICAN* BURRITOHOLICS

Pop open a Corona and feed your addiction at Burritoholics. Breakfast burritos are offered all day as well as specialty options like the bird 'n' turf made with grilled chicken and homemade chorizo. For snacking, the fry plates include seasoned fries topped with cheese sauce, sour cream, pico de gallo, jalapenos, and your choice of meat. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 6920 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek; 480.488.9011; www.burritoholics.com: \$-\$\$

#### **CARRIBEAN PALM**

Scottsdale jerk chicken fans rejoice because Caribbean Palm is the restaurant for you. They also offer customary Caribbean plates such as oxtail stew, curried goat, and rice and beans. Seafood also makes up a good portion of the island fare. Online ordering is available for your convenience. Open seven days a week but hours vary. Located in the Papago Plaza Shopping Center, 7049 E. McDowell Road, Scottsdale; 480.947.4343; www.caribbeanpalmscottsdale.com; \$\$

#### **LOCO PATRON**

This casual restaurant is great for getting together with friends over filling Mexican food or stopping in for an ice-cold beer with lime after a long day. Dishes range from traditional, like their award-winning crunchy pork taco, to modern, such as the Loco protein bowl tossed with chipotle ranch. Their North Scottsdale location has an on-site brewery where the Loco Gold, a signature golden ale is crafted. Happy Hour is Monday through Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Multiple locations in the Valley, including Old Town Scottsdale and the North Scottsdale Mexican brewery; www. locopatron.com; \$\$

#### **MASKADORES TACO SHOP**

"A hidden gem" is what many call Maskadores Taco Shop in Fountain Hills. Although set up like a fast-casual taco shop, what comes out of the kitchen is quite gourmet. The street tacos are akin to authentic Mexican style in size and taste. Breakfast menu served all day. Vegan and gluten-free options available. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday. 16754 E. Glenbrook Blvd., Fountain Hills; 480.837.2003; \$

#### STEAKHOUSE THE BOURBON CELLAR

The Bourbon Cellar is an upscale farm-to-table steakhouse dining experience. As the name suggests, they honor barrel-aged bourbon by incorporating it in nearly every dish on their menu. For the adventurous, there is an impressive tomahawk pork chop, a 16-ounce bone-in double cut, or a seasonal selection of game such as bison, elk or venison to choose from. Join them for \$5 drink specials all day every day or choose from the largest bourbon selection in the Valley. Open for lunch and dinner daily starting at 11 a.m. 23623 N. Scottsdale Road. Scottsdale; 480.595.5868; www.thebourboncellar.com; \$\$\$

#### THE CAPITAL GRILLE

The Capital Grille is a smart-casual dining destination that's great for business lunches as well as elegant evenings. In addition to their classic dry-aged steaks and seafood entrees, the shareable sides like lobster mac 'n' cheese and au gratin potatoes are not to be missed. Gluten-sensitive guests can rejoice with nearly a full menu accommodating their dietary needs. Private dining available. Open for lunch weekdays at 11 a.m. Dinner served nightly starting at 5 p.m. At The Promenade, 16489 N. Scottsdale Road. Scottsdale: 480.348.1700: www.thecapitalgrille.com; \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

#### HAROLD'S CAVE CREEK CORRAL

Strap on your cowboy boots and kick back at this bar and grill. Since 1935, Harold's has been serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with the likes of thick-cut French toast and a 20-ounce bone-in rib-eye steak. Enjoy live music every Thursday from 8 to 11 p.m. and happy hour drinks and food specials daily. Open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. 6895 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek; 480.488.1906; www.haroldscorral.com; \$\$

#### **KEELER'S NEIGHBORHOOD** STEAKHOUSE

This high value yet accessible neighborhood steakhouse concept has come to fruition by family-run Keeler Hospitality Group, which also operates both Liberty Station American Tavern and Smokehouse restaurants in Scottsdale. Keeler's features the finest Certified Angus Beef steaks and fresh seafood. American comfort food dining gets redefined in an unpretentious atmosphere with a beautiful courtyard and rooftop deck. Happy hour daily from 3 to 6 p.m. Dinner served nightly starting at 5 p.m. In the Historic Spanish Village, 7212 E. Ho Hum Road, Carefree; 602.374.4784; www.keelerssteakhouse.com; \$\$\$

#### MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE

This national chain of steakhouses is known for serving cuts of USDA prime-aged beef. The recipes are so popular that they are published in Morton's Steak Bible and Morton's The Cookbook for home chefs to replicate. Don't forget to add some surf to your turf by pairing your steak with seafood like Alaskan king crab legs. Open nightly starting at 5 p.m. Power Hour is in the bar Monday through Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close and all day on Sunday. At Kierland Commons, 15233 N. Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale; 480.951.4440; www.mortons.com; \$\$\$\$

#### I HAVE A VOICE GALA

GiGi's Playhouse hosted their fundraising gala and cocktail reception at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa with proceeds benefiting their programs that provide resources, specialized teaching and support to individuals with Down syndrome.



Alex Abed and Sarah Levenson

#### BY BEVERLY SHUMWAY









Paul and Brandi Burg

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Dennis and Katee Lauchner





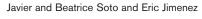




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Joel and Lindsey Ciardella

#### BY JAMES SASSER



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Darko and Mellisa Vekic



Glena Donaghy and Dennis Farrell



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The grand opening of the Fountain Hills location of Classy-Jazzy included a ribbon-cutting, goody bags, and the unveiling of a collection of contemporary women's fashion and accessories.



Linda Tornabene and Lisa Munzer

#### BY BEVERLY SHUMWAY



Sandy Ursini and Cherie Koss



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## HEARTS OF GOLD GALA & CASINO NIGHT Guests at this gala at JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa

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Kate Preston and Ann Bode





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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING CELEBRATION

This party at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art celebrated the museum's 20-year anniversary with DJs, drinks and previews of its newest exhibition.



Wanda Sullivan and Miriam Waltz

#### BY ELIZABETH MARIE



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## BARROW GRAND BALL

The Women's Board of the Barrow Neurological Foundation hosted its annual gala at Arizona Biltmore to raise funds for Barrow Innovation Center.

#### BY **DAVID APEJI**



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## KNOW PHOENIX BOOK LAUNCH

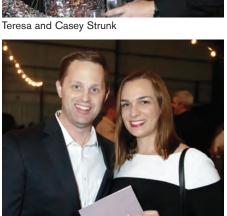
The second annual KNOW Phoneix Book Launch, held at the Southwest Airlines hangar at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, gathered nearly 400 guests to celebrate the release of an annual collection of local female business owners, leaders and philanthropists.





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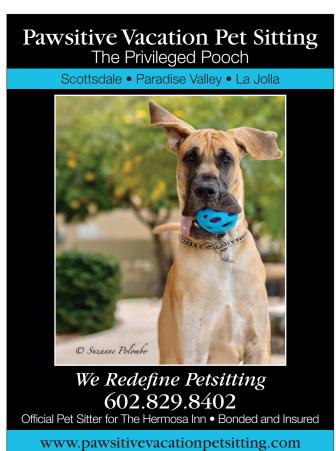


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## EAT, DRINK, LAUGH, REPEAT

CB Live opens at Desert Ridge Marketplace

#### BY ALISON BAILIN BATZ





The latest place for a laugh - and some food and beverage, to boot - is CB Live, a 12,000-square-foot restaurant, bar and entertainment venue now open at Desert Ridge Marketplace.

"Our aim with CB Live was to bring something to the Northeast Valley, something it has never seen before," says Joel Bachkoff, operating partner at CB Live. "CB Live was founded with more than 75 years of combined experience in the hospitality and live entertainment industries by the ownership group of Stand Up Live and Copper Blues in Downtown Phoenix."

On one side is a restaurant with a full-service eatery, bar and expansive stage, which hosts local bands, acoustic acts and DJs nightly. On the other side, according to Bachkoff, is a state-of-the-art music, comedy and multiuse venue with the latest in lighting and video technology.

Major performers already booked to take the stage in upcoming months include: Chris Hardwick, comedian, actor, TV host and author best-known for MTV's Singled Out and @midnight (March 29-30); Damon Wayans Sr., the iconic comedian and TV star best-known for his work on In Living

Color and My Wife and Kids (April 11-13); and Jay Pharoah, of Saturday Night Live fame (May 17-18).

Ticketed events, such as the comedy shows, start at \$25 per person, and several events offer reserved VIP seating as well as meet and greet opportunities for an additional charge.

"We will also host an ongoing rotation of free events each month, including '80s and '90s nights, live band karaoke, dueling pianos, and country nights," Bachkoff says.

The menu on both sides of the venue features comfort food favorites with a healthy twist as well as a kids' menu. Among the standout items are the Brussels sprouts with cured chorizo chistorra; the grilled chicken sandwich with caramelized onions, cheddar, bacon jam, garlic aioli, and avocado crema; and the grilled salmon topped with pesto and paired with roasted sweet potatoes and quinoa. Brunch is available on Sundays.

The bar is clearly a major focus at CB Live, complementing the food with a dozen craft cocktail options plus local craft beers, among domestic and international options, and wines by the glass and bottle. Bartenders make many of the syrups and mixes in-house and only use freshly squeezed juices to stay true to the menu's health-conscious mission without comprising flavor.

CB Live is also available for semi-private and private events and can host groups ranging from 10 to 700. Moreover, in an effort to partner with the community, CB Live offers the venue for free to qualified nonprofits and will donate a portion of proceeds from food and beverage sales during nonprofit events directly back to the organization.

CB Live is open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m., Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

CB Live, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix; 602.910.5161; www.cblive.com.

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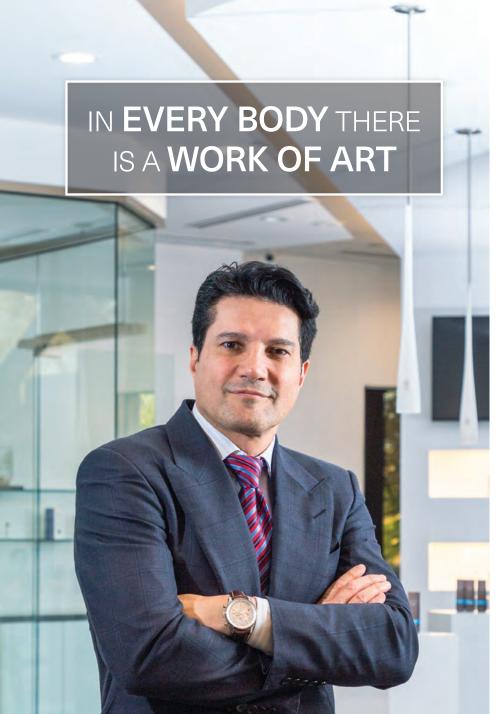






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