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***Brule' and his
Award-winning Band
AIRO are a Must See at
the Carefree Fine Art &
Wine Festival***



Thunderbird Artists is proud to announce Brule' and AIRO (American Indian Rock Opera) who will be performing contemporary Native American music as the featured musicians in Downtown Carefree for Thunderbird Artists' 13th Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2006.

Paul LaRoche, better known as Brule', credits his life story as inspiration for his music. Adopted at birth, LaRoche grew up in white, middle-class America and didn't uncover his Native American heritage until he was in his mid-30s. Risking everything to reunite with his blood family on the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation, LaRoche walked away from his engineering background in the Twin Cities to discover his true ancestry and bridge the gap between White and Native America.



The result is a musical synthesis of the two cultures. The distinct sound of Brulé, a hauntingly beautiful mix of flute, piano, traditional drum, and various guitars, has captured the attention of actor Kevin Costner, First Americans in the Arts, and the Native American Music Academy (NAMA). In June, 2006, Brulé won "Best Compilation Recording" for his release *The Collection*, while AIRO won "Group of the Year" for its release *Tatanka* at the NAMA Awards in Hollywood, FL.

Also performing at the festival will be Patrick Ki, Wind Rodriguez (Wayra), and Michael Marc Zanabili. Patrick Ki plays classical guitar with a Hawaiian influence, resulting in a unique and truly inspirational sound. Wayra gives new life to traditional songs and transitions contemporary songs to timeless sensations with his Native American Cedar Flute. Michael Marc Zanabili adds an amazing acoustic touch with his Flamenco Guitar.

Come out and enjoy the exhilarating sounds of these wonderful musicians, November 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2006, 10am to 5pm. It's an opportunity to witness and engage with four phenomenal musical artists. Overall, it's an experience you don't want to miss!