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## *Arvel Bird "Lord of the Strings" Makes a Special Appearance in Carefree*



Thunderbird Artists is proud to name Arvel Bird "Lord of the Strings" as featured musician for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in downtown Carefree, Arizona. Arvel Bird is an internationally praised violinist.

Arvel grew up in Utah and Arizona, where he studied classical violin for eleven years. He then attended Arizona State University on a music scholarship and finished his formal education at the University of Illinois. He then began to compose his own pieces and experiment with different styles of music; learning to play bluegrass, Celtic, folk, country and old-time. Arvel finds inspiration through his heritage, which is a mix of Southern Paiute and Scottish ancestry. He plays the Celtic fiddle to honor his Scottish background and has mastered the Native American flute. Arvel brilliantly incorporates his talent of each instrument by playing them together, creating a truly eclectic sound. This versatility shines throughout many compositions as he easily transitions from violin to flute to fiddle.

As an award-winning musician, Arvel Bird tours internationally and has a constantly growing array of fans. He is undoubtedly the best known Native American violinist today. He has released ten CD's and has been nominated for both the Native American Music Awards and the Indian Summer Music Awards. For all music lovers, this is an opportunity to engage firsthand in phenomenal music.

The festival includes other musicians, in addition to Arvel Bird. Bob Culbertson creates a combination of expression, technique and musical emotion with the Chapman Stick; while pianist Jeffery Michael will transform your senses with ethnic jazz. The gentle rhythms of Hawaiian music will float through the air from romantic guitarist Patrick Ki and Morpheus Music will add smooth jazz to complete the musical talents this festival offers.

Be sure not to miss the enduring music of Arvel Bird and others, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All musicians will be playing continuously from 10:00am-5:00pm with short breaks. Join Thunderbird Artists in downtown Carefree and enjoy fine art, live musical entertainment, exquisite wine tasting and much more!

