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***Thunderbird Artists is Proud to Showcase  
Gary Johnson in Fountain Hills***

Thunderbird Artists is elated to release the news that Gary Johnson is the featured artist for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire, scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.



Gary Johnson is a mixed media and metal sculptor, working primarily with steel, copper, brass, stainless and stone. He focuses on wildlife for his pieces and gets his inspiration from nature. He captures the beauty, quality, and genuineness of his subjects, which are portrayed with detail in his lifelike sculptures.



Having grown up in Southern California and Northern Oregon, Gary grew to appreciate the wildness of the seas, vast stretches of desert and the pristine wilderness of forests. Gary was also fortunate to grow up in a family where the arts were both appreciated and practiced. In his late teen's, Gary joined the United States Navy and served as a welder aboard a submarine tender, thus beginning his love of creating. Both of his parents and two of his brothers are accomplished artists as well.

Along with Gary Johnson, the festival encompasses over 125 juried fine artisans from throughout the United States and abroad. Paintings in all mediums and subjects will be on display, along with bronze, clay, glass, wood, mixed media and metal sculptures, photography, batiks, jewelry and more! The festival also incorporates fine wine tasting, delectable chocolate, savory food and live musical entertainment featuring the Trinidad Calypso Band.

Come and join all that Thunderbird Artists has to offer at the Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire. The festival hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm, Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$2.00 for all non-Fountain Hills residents. Parking is free all weekend. For more information, visit our website [www.ThunderbirdArtists.com](http://www.ThunderbirdArtists.com).