April brings Fine Arts and Fresh Flowers to First Fridays

PHOENIX (March 21, 2013) – For art and flower lovers, the spring extravaganza Arts & Flowers is coming to Phoenix Art Museum, where floral art arrangements will be displayed throughout the galleries, from Thursday to Sunday, April 4 to 7, 2013.

In this eagerly anticipated tradition, sponsored by the Phoenix Art Museum League, 60 Arizona floral designers share their interpretations of specific works in the Museum’s collection. New in 2013 is of Bonsai presented by the Phoenix Bonsai Society in the Grossman Terrance.

This is the 9th annual Arts & Flowers event and it is part of First Fridays, in which participating galleries and the Museum are open to the public with no admission fee from 6-10 p.m. Also on Friday, Hank Richter, local western artist, will discuss artistic interpretations of floral arrangements at 2 p.m.

Related activities include:

**April 4:** Opening Program and Luncheon, $80
The Honorable Alfredo J. Molina, CEO of Molina Fine Jewelers, speaks on the relationship of gems and flowers through the ages. At a noon luncheon, participants will be seated among floral designers.

**April 5:** Flower Arranging Demonstration, $25-$35
Brian Vetter, Arizona State Floral Association past president, discusses floral trends and international influences and offers tips for the new and experienced floral designer.

**April 6:** Recognition Ceremony, for paid participants
The League concludes the event with a party for artists and participants.

For detailed information and a schedule of events, visit phxart.org

Admission to Arts & Flowers, which the exception of ticketed events, is included in Museum general admission: $15 adults, $12 seniors (65+), $10 full-time, college students with ID, $6 children (ages 6-17) and free for children under 6 years. Ticketed events offer a lower fee for all Phoenix Art Museum Members.

**About Phoenix Art Museum**
Phoenix Art Museum is the Southwest’s premier destination for world-class visual arts. Popular international exhibitions are shown alongside the Museum’s outstanding collection of more than 17,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. A community epicenter for 50 years, Phoenix Art Museum presents festivals, live performances, independent art films and educational programs that enlighten, entertain and stimulate. Visitors also enjoy PhxArtKids interactive space for children, vibrant photography exhibitions through the Museum’s landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography, the lushly landscaped Sculpture Garden, dining at Palette Restaurant, and shopping at The Museum Store.

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