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## **ARTISTS INVITED TO PAINT “OPEN AIR” STYLE AT GLENDALE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE’S PLEIN AIR COMPETITION**

**Glendale, Ariz.** —Artists are invited to paint scenes throughout Glendale, including the historic downtown area, which will be filled with all kinds chocolate, people and entertainment on Saturday, Feb. 8, during the Plein Air painting event and competition held during the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

Plein Air (open air) paintings are created outdoors and typically illustrate real-life scenes, as opposed to being painted from photographs in a studio. Some of the guidelines require that both painter and subject must be outdoors, photographs may not be used and the painting mediums should be oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastels.

Artists must be at least 18 years old and must bring their own materials and easels and register prior to any work being done. Registration is from 8 to 10:30 a.m. the day of the event at the Promenade on Paltaire, 5835 W. Paltaire Ave.

Between 3:30 and 4 p.m., painters will line up along the Promenade on Paltaire for judging, which will occur at 4 p.m. Award categories are purchase awards and the winning paintings will become part of the city’s permanent art collection. The following are the purchase awards:

- Council Choice, \$1,000 award
- Best of Show, \$1,000 award
- Second Place, \$500 award
- Third Place, \$250 award

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This event is presented by the city of Glendale Public Art Program in conjunction with the Office of Special Events' Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire, which is held Feb. 7-9. The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Cerreta's Candy Company, ABC 15, Sears Vacations, SRP, The Arizona Republic, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, YooHoo, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, Diamond Resorts, the Glendale Public Art Program, the AZ Scitech Festival, Camelback-Ranch Glendale and the Coyotes.

For the 2014 Plein Air event rules and requirements, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/arts](http://www.glendaleaz.com/arts) or email Mojgan Vahabzadah at [Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com](mailto:Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com). For more information, call 623-930-3557.

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