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ARTISTS INVITED TO PAINT “OPEN AIR” STYLE DURING GLENDALE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE

Glendale, Ariz. —Artists can paint scenes of Historic downtown Glendale, which will be alive with chocolate, families, vendors and entertainment Saturday, Feb. 9, during the Plein Air painting event and competition held during the Glendale Chocolate Affaire.

Plein Air (open air) paintings are executed outdoors and typically illustrate real life scenes, as opposed to being painted from photographs in a studio. Some of the guidelines include 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 Palmaire, 5835 W. Palmaire Ave.

Between 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., painters will line up along the Promenade on Palmaire for judging, which will occur at 4 p.m. Award categories are purchase awards and the winning paintings will be accessioned into the city's permanent art collection. The 2013 theme is Historic Downtown Glendale (the areas between 51st and 59th avenues, and between Myrtle Avenue & Lamar Road). The following are the purchase awards:

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

This event is presented by the city of Glendale's Public Art Program in conjunction with the Special Events Division's Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire, which is held Feb. 8-10.

For the 2013 Plein Air event rules and requirements, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts or email Mojgan Vahabzadah at Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com. For more information, call 623-930-3557.

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