

AJ's The Art of Wine and Tastes of Summer to Benefit the Arts



**AJ's The Art of Wine and Tastes of Summer
Saturday, May 19
2-4:30 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts**

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — AJ's Fine Foods will present The Art of Wine and Tastes of Summer at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, May 19.

This annual affair is the perfect opportunity to discover new wines and enjoy luscious bites in a fun and entertaining setting, all while supporting the arts. Featured tastings of more than 40 exceptional wines, hand-selected by AJ's cellar masters, will be complemented by gourmet specialties from AJ's, including chef-prepared sample entrees and desserts, sushi, shrimp, delectable sweets and more.

AJ's cellar masters also will be on site to provide expert recommendations for wine and food pairings. All wines will be available in stores starting May 16 for the annual AJ's Summer Wine Spectacular. The selections this year vary between

domestic and imported, ranging from the far-reaching vineyards of New Zealand and South Africa to California and Washington state. A special sampling of rosé wines also will be included in this year's tastings. Guests will enjoy live music and a silent auction offering wines and other gourmet items from AJ's and its partners.

"We look forward to another successful celebration of food and wine all in support of Scottsdale Arts," said Jayson Mead, director of operations for AJ's Fine Foods. "This is a wonderful opportunity to share new culinary experiences, explore wines from around the world and indulge in some of the best tastes that AJ's has to offer."

Tickets for entry between 2 and 4:30 p.m. are \$40 for the general public and \$35 for Scottsdale Arts members. Tickets are available for purchase through ScottsdalePerformingArts.org or by calling the box office at 480-499-8587. VIP tickets for members are \$45 and grant early access from 1 to 2 p.m. A limited number of early-access VIP tickets will be available to the general public for \$50. Advance purchase is required; no tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

Proceeds from AJ's The Art of Wine and Tastes of Summer benefit the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts, which provides arts and education programs for the community through Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art and Scottsdale Public Art.

ABOUT AJ'S FINE FOODS

AJ's Fine Foods provides an unparalleled shopping experience that delights the senses. As Arizona's leading gourmet and specialty store that caters to discriminating tastes, AJ's offers the highest level of customer service and attention to detail. From chef-prepared entrees and custom cuts of meat to fresh, homemade desserts and a farmers market, AJ's offers a wide selection of high-quality, hard-to-find items. AJ's also offers an extensive wine collection with a knowledgeable cellar staff, fresh produce and grocery items, unique floral arrangements, a humidor, custom gift baskets and specialty gifts. AJ's operates 11 locations in Arizona, and has been named one of the "Best Places to Work." For more information, visit www.AJsFineFoods.com.

SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its dynamic partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational and outreach opportunities for the community, while fostering the active engagement of individuals, businesses, education and government with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through three acclaimed operating divisions – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) and Scottsdale Public Art – serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

LOCATION AND PARKING

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is located at 7380 E. Second St. in downtown Scottsdale. Free parking is available in the public parking garage located to the west of Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Wells Fargo Avenue. Additional free parking is available at the Old Town Parking Corral at East Second Street and Brown Avenue and at the Civic Center Library parking garage located on Drinkwater Boulevard at East Second Street.

HOW TO REACH US

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