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Thunderbird Art Works *A New Initiative That Pairs Local Artists with Businesses*

PHOENIX, AZ – (June 19, 2019) Thunderbird Arts Center in North Phoenix is proud to present **Thunderbird Art Works**, a new initiative that pairs local artists with local businesses. The goal is to bring art out of the studios in which it is created and into public spaces.

The businesses that will be displaying artworks include **Elevate Coffee Co.** (2530 W Happy Valley Rd. Suite 1273), **Natalino Italian Restaurant** (610 E Bell Rd.), and **Thunderbird Arts Center** (1106 E Grovers Ave). The opening receptions are free and open to the public, and will take place on **Friday, July 12, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at each location. Businesses will be offering special promotions and discounts at their respective receptions.

Earlier this spring, students and instructors from Thunderbird Arts Center submitted their artwork to a juried competition. **David Elliot, Nancy Price, Nik Ridley, and Ed DuBrow** were the selected winners. The following are the pairings of businesses and artists: David Elliot with Elevate Coffee Co., Nancy Price with Natalino Italian Restaurant, and Nik Ridely and Ed DuBrow with Thunderbird Arts Center.

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"It's an old cliché, but this competition is a win-win-win for everyone," says **Joseph Benesh, Director of Central Arts Alliance**. "The Instructors and students have an opportunity to display and possibly sell their art. Businesses have a chance to show their support for the local community, possibly attract new customers, and certainly liven up their walls. Meanwhile, Thunderbird Arts Center gets to showcase the quality and breadth of its instructional offerings."

The artworks will be available for purchase beginning on July 15, 2019 on the Thunderbird Arts Center website, thunderbirdarts.org. Artworks will be on display at each location until the closing reception on **Friday, September 13, 2019 from 6-8PM**.

About Thunderbird Arts Center

Thunderbird Arts Center is a facility of Central Arts Alliance, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, providing arts and culture opportunities for all through education, programming, and advocacy. Thunderbird Arts Center is proud to be a facility of and supported by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Thunderbird Arts Center is supported in part by an award from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, an agency of the State of Arizona. Partial funding provided by the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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