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## **AJ TO HOST FINE ART FESTIVAL**

Apache Jct., Arizona—The city of AJ will be playing host to a fine art festival on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 10am to 5pm at the new AJ city complex located at Idaho and Superstition Blvd. AJ, (*in the N.E. part of the Valley*) home of the Superstition Mountains is the majestic backdrop for the festival, it's also one of the most photographed and painted landmarks in Arizona. And, home to some of the states most prolific and nationally known artists, such as Anne Coe, Joel Coplin and JoAnn West just to name a few.

This, the inaugural year of the festival will be hosted by the AJ Main Street program and promoted by local artists', Scott Taylor, Teresa Marra and Mike Shubic. "We plan on having up to 100 fine artists along with several concessionaires, in addition to live entertainment, such as Indian hoop dancers (as seen on the Jay Leno Show), as well as live music," said Mr. Taylor, one of the promoters of the event.

AJ is fast becoming one of the hottest areas in the valley, with the awe-inspiring views of the mountains to the down-home feel. AJ is on the fast track, luring such developers as the Downtown, LLC. Group whose downtown AJ development plans are nothing short of spectacular, it's a North Scottsdale Kierland meets the old west feel—to the State Land auction, taking place later this month on the south side of U.S. 60, directly south of AJ, called the "crown jewel" of land in the state. The sale of state land will expand AJ's population and reach three fold over the next five years, and ten fold over the next fifteen.

The AJ Art Festival is still seeking fine artists and sponsors, if you're interested in participating, please visit their website at [www.AJArtFestival.com](http://www.AJArtFestival.com) for more information.

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