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PLAYING AROUND FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Sculptor's show benefits Free Arts of Arizona

WHAT: [Free Arts of Arizona](#), a 15-year-old nonprofit organization that builds self-esteem and sparks the creative spirit in at-risk children in more than 150 group homes and shelters across the Valley, and sculptor Kevin Caron present "Free Play," a show featuring the work of Caron and benefiting Free Arts of Arizona.

Fun-loving people of all ages will enjoy their own play-dates at the reception that opens the show "Free Play." The free opening reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at Pearson & Company at 7022 E. Main St. in Scottsdale's art district during Scottsdale's ArtWalk. "I have fun creating my work and love it when people have fun enjoying it," says Caron. Many of his pieces, which can be seen in public and private places across the United States, are interactive.

Ten percent of the proceeds from the show will benefit Free Arts of Arizona, a Phoenix nonprofit organization that sparks the creative spirit of abused, homeless and at-risk children through the power of self-expression. "This big kid really likes helping some smaller kids enjoy some of the benefits from art I enjoy every day," says Caron, who has had more than 30 public, private and corporate commissions.

"People like Kevin are a driving force for Free Arts in the community," said Heath Blumstein, development director for Free Arts. "We value the support of local artists and are looking forward to the event."

A second reception is being held Saturday, October 17, 10-3 p.m. The artist and ambassadors from Free Arts of Arizona will be present at both receptions, where refreshments will be served. The show runs through Saturday, November 7.

WHEN: Thursday, October 15, 7-9 p.m. during Scottsdale's renowned ArtWalk.

WHERE: **Pearson & Company**
7022 E. Main St.
Scottsdale AZ 85251

MORE INFO: Admission is free. For more information, please visit www.freeartsaz.org or www.kevincaron.com, or call 602-258-8100 or 602-952-8767.

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