



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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Catalina Island Conservancy Hosts *Wild Side* Art Show ***Oct. 25 Event Features Artists Capturing the Island's Conservation on Canvas***

The Catalina Island Conservancy is thrilled to announce that the 5th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale will be returning to the Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Sunday, October 25.

Since its inception in 2011 the *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale has become one of the Conservancy's most anticipated events of the year. This year's show will feature eight renowned names from the world of plein air art: John Cosby, Andy Evansen, Kim Lordier, Joe Paquet, Jesse Powell, Ron Rencher, Brian Stewart and Matt Smith.

Proceeds from the *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale will go to benefit the Catalina Island Conservancy and will be used to support the permanent collection of plein air art that documents the Conservancy's conservation efforts and progress in habitat restoration. The paintings also bring attention to the Island's amazing backcountry.

New this year is an opportunity for attendees to purchase Priority Admission, which allows guests to enter the event an hour before the doors open to the general public. Guests will be able to purchase art during this time. Tickets can be reserved online at www.catalinaconservancy.org/wildsideartshow.

About the Conservancy

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 150 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species – and counting – that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit www.catalinaconservancy.org.

Photo Captions:

Brian Stewart is one of the artists featured in this year's Wild Side Art Show & Sale. Photo by Jack Baldelli.

Kim Lordier will be displaying her work from Catalina's wildlands at the 5th annual art show. Photo by Jack Baldelli.