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**CREATIONS MEET LIBATIONS DURING FOURTH ANNUAL
CRESTED BUTTE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL**
Top Artists Host New Event in 2011

CRESTED BUTTE, COLO – The Crested Butte Wine & Food Festival is excited to announce a new event to this year’s incredible lineup. On Friday, July 22 from 4 to 7 p.m., festival attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore their creative side during Creations & Libations. Led by a group of three professional artists, the event allows guests to enjoy an incredible selection of mixology cocktails while painting their own piece on canvas. Held outdoors at the base of the Crested Butte Mountain ski resort under the Grand Tasting tent, there is no better backdrop for this artistic expression.

Artist Instructors:

Mike Rieger – Rieger has spent more than 25 years as a professional artist, photographer and community arts activist. In addition to owning Lapis Gallery in Denver, Colo., he currently works as a historical photographer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Rieger also serves as Art Director for Larimer Arts Association. Rieger’s work has been shown in many galleries, festivals, and museums throughout the United States and his photos have been published all over the world and are part of the Smithsonian’s Photographic History Collection Archives.

Eric Matelski – Matelski has made his place in the art community by painting live, curating, coordinating art events and donating his time and artwork to a number of charities and non-profit organizations. Eric has been named one of Denver’s 150 unsung heroes for his work in the Denver art community and in 2010, received a Mastermind award from *Westword*. In addition to curating artwork for numerous organizations, Matelski serves on the board of ArtReach and for the Artist Committee of the Denver Chalk Art Festival.

Jennifer Mosquera – Mosquera works professionally as a painter from her studio in Denver, Colo. She has established a faithful following through her unique use of bold colors, lines, whimsical energy and humor in her pieces. In addition to teaching, Mosquera produces bi-monthly art shows in Denver. Her work has been featured in galleries from coast to coast as well as overseas.

Tickets for Creations & Libations are \$30 per person. Space is limited.

The Crested Butte Wine & Food Festival will be held Wednesday, July 20 through Sunday, July 24, 2011. In addition to Creations & Libations, the event will feature a number of wine-themed events including the signature Chron.com Grand Tasting, Wine Seminars and two Celebrity Chef Tour Dinners benefiting the James Beard Foundation.

For more information about the Crested Butte Wine & Food Festival or to purchase tickets, the public may call 720-375-5241 or visit www.crestedbuttewine.com.

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