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Patients at Cardon Children's Medical Center will experience poetry up close this Saturday

Phonetic Spit artist to perform and facilitate creative writing and poetry experience

What: The arts can be a powerful tool for self-expression and for processing challenges in our lives. On Saturday, March 7, Phonetic Spit's Tomas J. Stanton will provide a performance of poetry and free-writing exercises to patients at Cardon Children's Medical Center and their families. Stanton will begin the two-hour session with an introduction to poetry and spoken word and will perform two poems before guiding patients to create their own original material with an opportunity to share what they write. In the remaining time, Stanton will provide bedside visits and free-writing activities to patients that are restricted to their beds. The event is made possible through collaboration between Mesa Arts Center's Spoken Word Outreach Program and Cardon Children's Medical Center. Phonetic Spit is an Educational Partner of Mesa Arts Center.

Where: Cardon Children's Medical Center's Forever Young Zone
1400 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202

When: Saturday, March 7, Noon – 2 p.m.

NOTE: Upon request, arrangements can be made for writers to observe or cameras to capture footage of the event.

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About Cardon Children's Medical Center

Cardon Children's Medical Center provides pediatric care for children, from newborns to teens. Services include Emergency care, a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, general pediatrics, surgical and rehabilitation services, hematology/oncology, urology, gastroenterology, neurology, outpatient services and children's wellness community education. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com/CardonChildrens.

About Mesa Arts Center

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest

arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.