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PHOENIX EVENT BLENDS
CULINARY, VISUAL AND
PERFORMING ARTS

This weekend's Phoenix Festival of the Arts — the city's only major arts festival — brings together visual, performing and culinary artists for three days.

Organizers hope the experience will spur art lovers to do more than just look, listen and leave. Believing that culture and creativity can enhance

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12 fast-casual Valley eateries

By Barbara Yost

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You have shopping to do, cookies to bake, gifts to wrap. Aren't you forgetting something? Oh, right — eating. Here are 20 fast-casual restaurants across metro Phoenix that will feed you and your family and get you right back into the holiday rush before you can say “jingle bells.”

For more suggestions, go to **dining.azcentral.com**.

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It's in the bag at this sandwich shop, where you make your selections on a brown paper sack and they fill it with sammies and other goodies. Try the caprese sandwich with fresh mozzarella, pesto and



Grab a turkey sandwich

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America's Taco Shop

Take a break from the hustle and bustle by sitting down for tacos. Options include the al pastor with citrus-marinated pork, guacamole, cabbage, tomato sauce and grilled pineapple; and the chicken with sliced chicken breast, guacamole, caramelized onions and cilantro (both \$2.35).

Details: 2041 N. Seventh St., Phoenix. 602-682-5627, other locations at americastacosshop.com.