

# Cosanti Originals by Paolo Soleri

Cosanti Originals is the retailer and manufacturer of the world renowned Paolo Soleri Windbells.

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All of the models of Soleri Windbells that Paolo Soleri created are still being made today and are featured on our website, [www.cosanti.com](http://www.cosanti.com); no models have been retired. The Cosanti hallmark is also carved or stamped on every Soleri bell. The hallmark literally spells "Cosanti" and is a word that Paolo Soleri created by combining two Italian roots together: "cosa" meaning "things", and "anti" meaning "before". Below are three examples of the Cosanti logo: carved, stamped, and embossed.

**What makes a Soleri Windbell special as opposed to other bell makers:** The innovation of having original carvings on the surface of every bell is Paolo Soleri's unique contribution to the history of bellmaking, a defining feature which distinguishes a Soleri Windbell from other windbell makers with their mass production techniques of having no designs or the same design repeated on every bell. Instead, every Soleri Windbell is handmade with an original artwork by a Soleri artisan on the surface of the bell, making each piece one-of-a-kind. No two Soleri Windbells have ever been made alike. All of the bell models that Paolo Soleri designed, as represented on our website, are still being made and none have been retired. The established models are represented by their overall size and shape only, and the assembled components and their arrangement, which are all the elements of the piece that were designed by Paolo Soleri. Each bell varies greatly with an original one-of-a-kind design handcrafted on the sides of each bell by a Soleri artisan when he created the one-time-use bell mold that day.

**Can I visit your gallery in person?**

Yes, you can visit both locations, Cosanti and Arcosanti, where the famous Soleri Windbells are made and sold. Both galleries offer spectacular displays of wind-bells and original Soleri sculptures, graphics and sketches, as well as the line of Cause Bells.

**Cosanti** is open for visitors 7 days a week: Mon.-Sat. 9AM-5PM & Sun. 11AM-5PM. (Closed major holidays.) Free admission.

Cosanti, Soleri Studios 6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd. Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-1826 Telephone: 1-800-752-3187 (if calling locally: 480-948-6145) 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday Arizona time.

Located one mile west of Scottsdale Road on the south side of the street. Look for rustic sign that reads "Soleri, Visitors Welcome."

Cosanti is a designated Arizona historic site, designed by world-renowned architectural innovator Paolo Soleri, featuring terraced landscaping with experimental earth-formed concrete structures. Hear the tones of bronze and ceramic wind-bells strikingly suspended amidst courtyards and visitor paths. View the dramatic bronze casting process weekday mornings here at Cosanti's foundry.

**Cosanti**, located in Paradise Valley, AZ, is where world-renowned architectural innovator, Paolo Soleri established the Cosanti Foundation. Since 1956, Cosanti has been the headquarters for this nonprofit educational organization dedicated to architectural research. Cosanti is where Paolo Soleri also established his diverse line of bronze and ceramic Soleri Windbells which are famous around the world. Cosanti is the headquarters, foundry, studio, & gallery for Paolo Soleri Bronze & Ceramic Windbells & Sculptures.

### **Can I visit your other location, Arcosanti, in person?**

Yes. Arcosanti is open to visitors 7 days a week: 9AM to 5PM. (Closed major holidays.) Tours from 10 to 4 (\$10.00 donation per person suggested.)

Arcosanti Interstate-17 to Exit 262 at Cordes Junction *Follow dirt road three miles north and east from junction.*

[Click here to get directions to Arcosanti using Google Maps.](#)

For further information concerning tours, seminars, workshops, overnight accommodations, and music events, contact Arcosanti: 928-632-7135. Visit their website: [www.arcosanti.org](http://www.arcosanti.org)

Arcosanti is a project of the non-profit Cosanti Foundation started in 1970 and is still under construction. Located 65 miles north of Phoenix near Cordes Junction, Arcosanti is a prototype arcology that when completed, will house 5,000 people by combining compact urban structures with large-scale solar greenhouses on 25 acres of a 4,000 acre preserve. Arcology is a term coined by Paolo Soleri to describe the concept of architecture and ecology working as one integral process to produce new urban habitats.

Arcosanti is a prototype urban design & community, featuring a visitor center, cafe, bakery, foundry, music amphitheatre, and gallery for Soleri windbells and sculptures.

Arcosanti is designed as a hyperdense city designed to maximize human interaction; maximize access to shared, cost-effective infrastructural services like water and sewage; minimize the use of energy, raw materials and land; reduce waste and environmental pollution; and allow interaction with the surrounding natural environment.

Since 1970, over 6000 students and professionals have come to Arcosanti to participate in seminars, conferences, and workshops conducted by Soleri and his staff. The Colly Soleri Music Centers offers a program of performing artists. Arcosanti, open daily, hosts 50,000 visitors annually.

Paolo Soleri, born in Torino, Italy, where he received his Doctorate in Architecture in 1946, has lived and worked in Arizona since 1956. He visited the United States in 1947 and spent a year and a half in fellowship with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West in Arizona, and at Taliesin in Spring Green, Wisconsin. During this time, he gained international recognition for a bridge design displayed at the Museum of Modern Art. Soleri returned to Italy in 1950 where he was commissioned to build a large ceramics factory, "Ceramica Artistica Solimene." (Watch this YouTube video on the Soleri Ceramics Factory: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFOXomHEZ-w>) The processes he became familiar with in the ceramics industry led to his award-winning designs of ceramic and bronze windbells and siltcast architectural structures. Soleri is known for architectural and structural originality, conceptual urban planning, authorship of many books, University lectures, and the workshops at Arcosanti: an Urban Laboratory in Arizona.

Arcosanti and its development is financially supported from revenues generated from the sales of bronze and ceramic Soleri Windbells, and signed Soleri sculptures, available for purchase in the galleries of our two locations, Cosanti and Arcosanti, or making your purchase via our website, [www.cosanti.com](http://www.cosanti.com), or by placing your order for Soleri Windbells over the phone by calling our customer service department at 1-800-752-3187, 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday Arizona time (if calling locally or internationally: 480-948-6145). Click here to see what time it is in Arizona: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=197>