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Breck Create Announces Exciting Summer 2024 Happenings

A celebration of engagement, accessibility and world-class programming

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Breckenridge, CO — Breck Create, the renowned arts and cultural organization in Breckenridge, Colo., is delighted to unveil its distinctive lineup of Summer 2024 happenings, which aims to foster engagement and appreciation of the arts for all. This season's programming showcases a diverse range of relevant topics, all rooted in the local community and the people who live, work and play in Breckenridge. From featuring the talents of local and visiting artists to producing the Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA), live performances and interactive events, this season is poised to be one of the best yet.

“This summer season truly exemplifies our dedication to world-class programming that is adventurous, interactive, playful and inclusive,” says Tamara Nuzzaci Park, president and CEO of Breck Create. “More importantly, we meticulously ensure that our events, services and facilities cater to the diverse needs of our guests so that our events are accessible and welcoming to all.”

From audience members to class participants, Breck Create provides a range of services tailored to those requiring accessibility accommodations. This year during BIFA, one of the Trail Mix art installations, [Miner Key](#) by local artist Bill Orisich, will be ADA accessible. Trail Mix is BIFA's signature program, where art and nature converge on the trailhead. On the Arts District Campus, two creative classes will be offered in both Spanish and English: [Beginner Linocut Printmaking](#) and [Beginner Screen Printing](#).

The Riverwalk Center, where many of Breck Create's events take place, is ADA accessible. From the box office to the main concessions area and all public restrooms, every part of the facility is designed to be accessible to individuals with mobility challenges. Breck Create ticketing representatives are readily available to assist patrons in selecting seats that meet specific needs. Patrons may inform a representative of any special requirements at the time of purchase. Furthermore, the Riverwalk Center is equipped with a hearing loop system, with accompanying hardware available upon request to any patron. The facility also accommodates sight-impaired patrons by offering suitable locations upon request.

At Breck Create, accessibility is an integral part of the company's commitment to ensuring that everyone feels welcome and included at events. Patrons with inquiries and those who require assistance or accommodation may contact the organization at info@breckcreate.org or 970-453-3187.

Keep reading to learn more details about Breck Create's Summer 2024 offerings.

Creative Classes + Workshops Breck Create summer 2024 creative classes and workshops include several new and exciting additions to the roster. The core curriculum of drawing, glassblowing, ceramics and metalsmithing remain as well as the perennial favorite class, [Toddler Art](#).

New classes geared toward more mature students include [Intro to Film Photography](#) (ages 17+) along with [Edible Foraging and Cooking](#) (ages 15+). Over the course of five weeks, [Intro to DJing: Electronic Music for Young Adults Series](#) (ages 10+) teaches mixing techniques, track structure and selection, gear set-up plus performance and live streaming basics.

Several new classes target kids and teens, including [Youth Landscape Printing](#), [Creative Crafts for Kids](#), [Teen Printmaking](#), [Terrific Textiles: Exploring Fiber Arts for Kids](#), [Clay Sculpture for Kids](#) and [Mixed-Up Media for Kids](#).

Breck Create has added open studios for intermediate and advanced students to work independently on their [painting](#), [glassblowing](#) and [metalsmithing](#) skills. Also on offer is a 2-day advanced [metalsmithing workshop](#).

Two new classes will be offered as part of the Precious Plastic program: [Junk to Gems for Teens: Plastic Projects](#) and [Make Your Own Upcycled Tray: 2-Day Workshop](#). Precious Plastic is a worldwide initiative that exists to reduce plastic waste through a combination of people, machines, platforms, knowledge and art. [Injection 101](#) and [Injection Open Studio](#) are program

mainstays, giving students a chance to learn to use the machinery and see how the entire process works. [Collection](#) events, where Breck Create accepts clean, label-free plastics to shred and use for the classes, will continue on Thursdays. Learn more about Precious Plastic [here](#).

Breck Create also is excited to announce two bilingual classes: [Beginner Linocut Printmaking](#) and [Beginner Screen Printing](#). These classes will be taught in both Spanish and English.

Register for all Breck Create classes and workshops at breckcreate.org.

Summer Art Camps Breck Create invites children, tweens and teens to explore their creativity through a range of summer camps focused on the arts. Three summer camp sessions begin July 15th and last through the first week of August. Each session is five days, Monday - Friday, with morning and afternoon options available. Children ages 6 to 13 are welcome. Themed camp activities include printing, painting and dying with plants; quilting, mask-making and storytelling and more. [Registration](#) is open and spots are filling up quickly.

Artists-in-Residence Open Door Program Breck Create supports a vibrant arts community, nurturing local, regional and national artists by providing affordable space for them to work. Visit the artists and their studios through open door hours and workshops, where you can learn about their practice, view their work and purchase art.

This summer, Breck Create will host two national artists-in-residence: Kayla Powers and Cipriano Ortega along with two local artists-in-residence: Tracy Bligh and Kia Neill. More information about each artist is listed below.

[Kayla Powers](#), originally from Dallas, Tex., is a place-based fiber artist and naturalist living and working in the North End of Detroit, Mich. Powers creates ecologically focused textile art that explores the common threads of our shared humanity. As an artist in residence with Breck Create, Powers intends to facilitate inspiring workshops and summer camp programs, and to develop an interesting and engaging community art project. She will also explore and expand her own place-based art practice focused on local plants, natural materials, and a contemporary approach to traditional craft. Powers will host open studio hours from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

[Cipriano Ortega](#) strives to create works of art that probe the mind and make people question what they perceive as the normative. Whether that is shown in music, theater, visual art or some sort of culmination of all of the above, Ortega enjoys blending all creative forms of

expression. While in Breckenridge, Ortega plans to delve deeper into his creative practices, including several different musical projects. He hopes to explore combining more of his theatrical practices with his poetry and writing. Ortega will host open studio hours from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

[Tracy Bligh](#) Bligh is a Breckenridge based oil painter and clay sculptor.
Wednesdays, Fridays + Saturdays, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Randall Barn | FREE

[Kia Neill](#) Neill is a multidisciplinary artist working with drawing, sculpture, photography and installation inspired by her environment.
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fridays, 12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturdays, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Ceramic Studio | FREE

Art Exhibitions Breck Create features two California-based exhibiting artists for the summer 2024 season: [Megan Geckler](#) and [Gerald Clarke](#). Geckler and Clarke’s work will be on display at Old Masonic Hall the entire summer; both artists will also be featured in the [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) (BIFA) signature program, Trail Mix, alongside local talent Bill Orisich.

Clarke, a citizen of the Cahuilla Band of Indians, works with an astonishing number of artistic mediums. He has described his perspective and resulting work as a “creative response to the world that the Cahuilla have exercised since ancient times.” Geckler creates immense, highly architectural and ephemeral installations using flagging tape—a common construction material—to question the human desire to conquer the space that surrounds us.

Breck Create will host a [reception](#) to celebrate the opening of both exhibitions on Friday, June 14th, at Old Masonic Hall. Geckler will deliver an informal artist talk about her work. Rounding out the reception will be live music by [Cipriano Ortega](#), a Breck Create artist-in-residence mentioned above, and light refreshments.

AirStage Après Looking for a friendly place with great views and mountain charm to relax after your adventure? Hike, bike or bus to the Breckenridge Arts District and enjoy outdoor drafts, crafts and live music on the [AirStage every Thursday from June 27 - August 22](#). Bring a picnic blanket, grab dinner to go and let the kids play on the lawn while you catch up with friends and family. Well-behaved pups on leashes are welcome!

July 4th Visit the Arts District Campus for a [day-long celebration](#) of the freedom to be yourself. The Town of Breckenridge parade on Main Street kicks off the festivities. This year's event theme invites participants to envision the country in the year 2054. Send a postcard to your senator, dance to futuristic funk with DJ Erik as well as a poetry slam on the AirStage, Breck Create's mobile stage, plus enjoy family-friendly activities like chalk art, upcycled crafts, a dog fashion show and lawn games. Presented in conjunction with the Town of Breckenridge's July Fourth weekend celebration.

Live Performances at the Riverwalk Center The Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge hosts a broad line up of national touring acts this summer and remains the home of the [National Repertory Orchestra](#). Tickets for all shows are on sale now at [breckcreate.org](#).

- **Squirrel Nut Zippers** • Sunday, July 14 • [Tickets](#)
- **As We Speak: Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer ft. Rakesh Chaurasia** • Tuesday, July 16 • [Tickets](#)
- **Decade Party Feat. Beatlegras + Funkiphino** • Saturday, July 20 • [Tickets](#)
- **Steep Canyon Rangers** • Sunday, July 21 • [Tickets](#)
- **Ryan Adams: Solo 2024** • Sunday, August 11 • [Tickets](#)
- **Jason Moran + The Bandwagon** • Finding a Line: Skateboarding, Music + Media • Friday, August 16 • [Tickets](#) • *Part of Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA)*
- **Jason Moran Plays Duke Ellington + The Bandwagon** • Saturday, August 17 • [Tickets](#)
- **Streb Extreme Action Presents** • Time Machine: From Ringside to Extreme Action • Saturday, August 24 • [Tickets](#) • *Part of Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA)*
- **The Robert Cray Band: Groovin' for 50 Years** • Friday, August 30 • [Tickets](#)
- **Jad Abumrad: Creator of National Public Radio's Radiolab** • Friday, September 6 • [Tickets](#)

Breck Create Annual Gala Breck Create celebrates its illustrious 10-year journey with a pairing of culinary brilliance and artistic wonders followed by a full evening of music on Saturday, July 20th, 2024. General-admission tickets are on sale now and sponsorships are available at [breckcreate.org](#). Proceeds from the event support Breck Create's education initiatives and free community programming.

The anniversary celebration begins with [A Creative + Culinary Affair](#): a food tour through the historic Breckenridge Arts District campus. As guests stroll through Breck Create studios, they'll have the opportunity to sample fare specially curated by almost a dozen local chefs, including Todd Nelson of Briar Rose, Michael Halpin with Hearthstone and Matt Vawter of

Rootstalk, while also taking part in unique artistic experiences. Local sensation KelLee Abdella also will be performing live. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

The food tour concludes at 7:30 p.m., and the festivities continue at the Riverwalk Center for the [Decade Party](#). The Decade Party will whisk guests through four-decades worth of iconic songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s with stellar musical acts that feature Beatlegras, a bluegrass band specializing in Beatles tunes and Funkiphino. [Broken Compass Brewery](#) will be serving their delicious handcrafted brews to accompany the good times. Tickets to A Creative + Culinary Affair include a ticket to Decade Party; tickets to the music-only portion of the evening can be purchased [here](#).

BIFA: BIFA is a 10-day celebration of Adventure + Creativity + Nature + Play. Local, national and international artists intersect to deliver traditional and unconventional experiences across music, dance, film, visual arts and family entertainment. From August 16 to August 25, 2024, the festival will transform the Town of Breckenridge into a vibrant hub of cultural exploration, with events spanning venues, public parks, trails, and open spaces. Explore ticketed performances, immersive art installations, and art classes and workshops as well as dozens of opportunities for free, family-friendly fun. Learn more at breckcreate.org/bifa.

About Breck Create Breck Create aims to build a dynamic, year-round creative community in Breckenridge. The organization's mission is to deliver inspiring creative experiences that enrich the quality of life for all residents and quality of place for visitors. Breck Create supports and serves artists, creatives, cultural enthusiasts, visitors and the community at large by providing a year-round schedule of performances, exhibitions, screenings, art classes and workshops as well as other engagement opportunities.

The organization maintains, manages and operates the Town of Breckenridge's exceptional cultural facilities and also hosts arts-based events in public gathering spaces throughout Breckenridge. Breck Create's core attractions are the Riverwalk Center—a 750-seat, heated, indoor performance venue—and a lively Arts District campus of renovated historic structures that now function as studio spaces for art classes and workshops. These structures also include affordable rentals for local artists and visiting artists-in-residence participants. The Breckenridge Arts District is a certified district within the [Colorado Creative Industries](#) Creative District program.

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