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Breck Create Announces 2024 Annual Fundraising Party

A Creative + Culinary Affair • Decade Party

Celebrating a Decade of Breck Create • Saturday, July 20th, 2024

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Breckenridge, CO – Breck Create, the pulse of arts and culture in Breckenridge, Colo., 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 <u>breckcreate.org</u>. Proceeds from the event support Breck Create's education initiatives and free community programming.

"Ten years of Breck Create is an incredible milestone for us, and it is also a celebration of the spirit of Breckenridge," says Tamara Nuzzaci Park, president and CEO of Breck Create. "We are thrilled to share our achievements with our steadfast supporters and welcome newcomers to witness our mission come to life."

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 from a dozen local restaurants and meet the creatives behind the culinary creations including acclaimed chefs from Briar Rose Chophouse, Hearthstone and Radicato, while also taking part in unique artistic experiences. The culinary and creative experiences are crafted to complement one another; for example, one stop along the stroll features a community art project that invites guests to paint images of the featured desserts. Local sensation KelLee Abdella will be performing live. Tickets can be purchased here.

The 12 featured chefs hail from all across the country, including right here in Summit County, and have trained all over the world. Several graduated from the esteemed Culinary Institute of America while others learned on the job. While most everyone has heard buzzy phrases such as "farm to table" and "a focus on fresh, local ingredients," some may be surprised to learn about "forest-to-field" edibles from Wild Food Girl, Erica Davis, who specializes in foraged experiences.

"Breck Create's anniversary celebration is a fantastic opportunity to bring everyone in town together in support of the arts district while also providing restaurant teams and small business owners with the rare chance to connect and collaborate," says Cameron Baker, chef de cuisine of Radicato. Baker will be representing Radicato and Rootstalk at the event.

Additionally, Breck Create will host a silent auction to help raise funds for the organization. Items up for auction will include creative cultural experiences such as art-themed Breckenridge date nights, Denver getaways and tickets to cultural events as well as original artwork from Breck Create's stable of local artists.

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. Beatlegras kicks off the journey, channeling the 60s with bluegrass renditions of iconic Beatles tracks. Funkiphino follows, capturing the essence of the 70s disco, 80s neon, and 90s grunge, paying homage to each era's hits. Broken Compass Brewery partners on the event by serving up delicious handcrafted brews. The local beer company also celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, aligning it perfectly with the celebration. Tickets to A Creative + Culinary Affair include a ticket to Decade Party; tickets to the music-only portion of the evening can be purchased <u>here</u>.

Read on to learn more about the event.

General Admission Tickets Include the Following

- Access to A Creative + Culinary Affair featuring:
 - eight chef stations serving creative small plates
 - three mixology stations with immersive libations
 - three unique dessert offerings from Colorado's finest chocolate to the ultimate ice cream experience
- Entertainment including unique performances, local music, an art auction and more

• Ticket with VIP access to Breck Create's Decade Party, featuring music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s at the Riverwalk Center

Featured Restaurants and Chefs

- Briar Rose Chophouse ft. Chef Todd Nelson
- Rootstalk + Radicato ft. Chef de Cuisine Cameron Baker
- Hearthstone ft. Chef Michael Halpin
- South Ridge Seafood Grille ft. Chef Paul Brenholt
- Fatty's ft. Chef Matt Fackler
- Breckenridge Distillery ft. Chef Nolan Cesario + Liquid Chef Billie Keithley
- Spencer's Restaurant at Beaver Run Resort ft. Chef Reginald Nebab
- Wild Food Girl ft. Author Erica Davis
- Ridge Street Kitchen & Catering ft. Chef Kelly Brenholt
- <u>Stir-Pan Creamery</u> ft. Owner Brandon Munoz
- Continental Divide Winery ft. Winemaker Dan Kraft

About Beatlegras Beatlegras was formed in 2003 by three Dallas studio musicians when Dave Walser asked George Anderson and Milo Deering if they'd be interested in doing some experimenting in the studio with some Beatle songs. Dave's musical interests included bluegrass guitar, The Beatles and James Taylor; George was a very accomplished bass musician in the styles of jazz and classical, and he also loves James Brown. Milo is best known as a steel guitar player who has toured with Don Henley, the Eagles, LeeAnn Rimes and... Beatlegras. He also plays guitar, mandolin, fiddle, flute, dobro and anything else with strings. Together they've produced 4 albums and played from Seattle to Ireland and are happy to be together again.

About Funkiphino Funkiphino is known for their sharp, edgy mash-ups with more than a hint of funk. The band's roots are unexpectedly classy with plenty of dirty-grit to charm the most discerning listeners. Funkiphino pays homage to an array of musical genres guaranteed to satisfy the most discerning musical palate. By showcasing heavy horn laden music motifs from the past and today, they take inspiration from old skool funk playgrounds, adolescent rock rebellion, and R&B daydreams.

For more information about this event and to secure tickets, please visit breckcreate.org.

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 <u>Colorado Creative Industries</u> Creative District program.

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