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## Breckenridge to Host Global Creative Talent and Environmental Art

### Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA)

Adventure + Creativity + Nature + Play

August 15 – 24, 2025

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Breckenridge, CO – Breck Create announces the 2025 Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA), taking place August 15 to 24, 2025. This year’s festival explores the profound interconnections between the natural world and human expression, inviting audiences to engage with both the seen and unseen elements above and below the Earth’s surface.

Taking center stage at BIFA 2025 is the United States public premiere of Studio Roosegaarde’s *SPARK*, a poetic, sustainable installation of biodegradable light sparks gracefully floating through the air.

“Breck Create, in partnership with the Town of Breckenridge, is honored to debut the public presentation of *SPARK* in the United States,” said Tamara Nuzzaci Park, president and CEO of Breck Create. “The installation itself will be breathtaking, and its ideology aligns with the sustainability goals and values of Breckenridge.”

The installation serves as a key promotional piece for the Town’s DarkSky initiative, an international effort to reduce light pollution for environmental and human health benefits. As the Town of Breckenridge works towards becoming a Dark Sky International Certified Community, which would make it one of just 55 in the world, guests are encouraged to reflect on the wonder of the skies above as they are immersed in this floating starscape.

*SPARK* reimagines high-profile public celebrations that traditionally rely on fireworks by addressing inherent design problems: fireworks pollute the air, water, and soil; present a wildfire hazard; and

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cause distress for animals and individuals sensitive to noise. Through creativity and curiosity, *SPARK* was born.

Experiencing *SPARK* means being enveloped within a field of floating sparks carried by the wind, soaring up to 160 feet in the air. Each performance lasts for several hours, encouraging participants to linger, engage with the installation and connect with one another. There will be numerous viewing locations throughout the core of Town and opportunities for local businesses and non-profit organizations to be part of the celebratory experience.

Based in the Netherlands, Studio Roosegaarde is a social design lab led by Dutch artist and innovator Daan Roosegaarde. *SPARK* has been exhibited in more than ten countries worldwide, attracting over two million visitors.

“We are honored that the people of Breckenridge found this project inspiring and aligned with our community values and priorities,” said a representative from Studio Roosegaarde in communication with Breck Create.

BIFA is an annual ten-day celebration of the arts that invites visitors on a transformative journey combining adventure, creativity, nature and play. Since 2014, the festival has turned the Town of Breckenridge into a vibrant hub of cultural exploration, with events spanning venues, public parks, trails and open spaces. Local, national and international artists intersect to deliver both traditional and unconventional experiences across music, dance, film, visual arts and family entertainment. The festival includes ticketed performances, immersive art installations and art workshops, as well as numerous free, family-friendly activities that encourage reflection, wonder and dialogue.

New this year, Breck Create launches the sale of VIP Festival Passes for individual couples as well as businesses and their employees to have a deeper, more meaningful experience throughout the ten days of BIFA. VIP Pass benefits include behind the scenes access to the *SPARK* project and artists, entry to all ticketed events and the exclusive BIFA lounge with specialty drinks, commemorative gifts and more. Passes are on sale now with single tickets going on sale April 2.

## **Programming Highlights for BIFA 2025**

### **Minty Fresh Circus** – BIFA 2025 Resident Artist

Created by Monique Martin, Minty Fresh Circus is a U.S.-based circus show performed by an all-Black cast with a majority-Black creative team. The show celebrates the healing power of Black music and movement, infused with the joy and resilience of the African diaspora. Structured in nine rituals,

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the 70-minute performance showcases spectacular circus and dance skills with a touring ensemble of seven to nine acrobats.

Minty Fresh Circus takes audiences on a journey through time and space, using circus and dance to explore themes of liberation, protection, adornment, healing, joy and spiritual communion. The performance reimagines circus storytelling through movement, visual design and sound, reflecting the dignity, resilience and transcendence of the Black American experience.

## **Art Exhibitions + Installations**

Breck Create's exhibiting artist for summer 2025, Anna Tsouhlarakis, will contribute three outdoor installations to BIFA as well as an exhibition in Old Masonic Hall. Tsouhlarakis, who is Greek, Creek and an enrolled citizen of the Navajo Nation, redefines what Native art is and can be. Her work explores themes of strength, resilience, humor and determination, elevating the stories and struggles of Native American communities.

- *Irrational Indigenous Insights* – This exhibition will include a selection of new and existing artworks that center Native voices in original and restoring ways presented throughout the two galleries of Old Masonic Hall.
- *The Native Guide Project* – A large, site-specific installation presented across key public areas of the Breckenridge Arts District.
- *Edges of the Ephemeral* – A work that explores the Navajo belief in multiple worlds within the culture's creation story.
- *Rocketship* – A fully functioning spacecraft constructed from found objects.

## **Trail Mix**

BIFA's signature program, Trail Mix, combines art and nature, leading hikers and mountain bikers through Breckenridge's trails to discover art installations and performance destinations.

- *Bill Orisich* – A filmmaker, musician, sound artist and photographer, Orisich presents an immersive, site-specific sonic installation exploring the symbiotic relationships that exist beneath the forest floor. Inspired by scientific findings on the interconnectedness of forest ecosystems, his work weaves natural sounds, instruments and vocals into a compelling auditory experience.
- *Joe Scolari* – A Swiss-Italian artist, Scolari crafts magical interactive experiences inspired by the wonder of wild spaces. His playful marble runs twist and cascade between trees, rocks and other natural elements, guided entirely by the topography of the landscape. Created with wood and rock, these sculptures evoke a sense of joy and adventure.



### **Additional Festival Highlights**

- *Concrete Jams* – Musicians collaborate with professional and local skateboarders to create an interactive community event at the Riverwalk Center.
- *Acoustic Flow* – These morning yoga classes feature live music on the banks of the Blue River.
- *Breck History & Breck Film Collaboration* – Two Breckenridge cultural organizations partner to showcase local filmmaking from the 1970s and 1980s.

More festival programming will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets, registration details, and more information about BIFA 2025 can be found at [breckcreate.org/bifa](https://breckcreate.org/bifa).

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### **About Breckenridge Arts District and Breck Create**

Breck Create manages the Breckenridge Arts District, a hub for creative experiences, bringing together studios, galleries, performance spaces, historic landmarks, public art, restaurants, cafes and other creative businesses that animate and populate a vibrant cultural corridor in downtown Breckenridge. Breck Create is proud to be affiliated with several of the region's leading arts, culture, and heritage organizations, including the [National Repertory Orchestra](#), [Breckenridge Backstage Theatre](#), [Breck History](#) and [Breck Film](#). Collectively, they form a vital part of Breckenridge's creative community, enriching the town's cultural landscape with diverse events and activities.

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.