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Breck Create Announces December 2023 Happenings

A celebration of community, art and holiday magic

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Breckenridge, CO — This December, Breck Create, the renowned arts and cultural organization in Breckenridge, Colo., offers several events to animate the downtown corridor with creativity and community spirit. Keep reading to learn more.

Classes + Workshops Winter 2024 • Registration Opens December 1st

The Art District Campus continues to be the epicenter of artistic exploration, offering an extensive range of art-focused classes and workshops. Breck Create classes cater to artists of all ages and levels of expertise. New classes for winter 2024 include large-scale ceramics, a painting open studio with local artist Tracy Bligh and the innovative "From Junk to Gems," where participants craft jewelry from reclaimed plastic as part of Breck Create's Precious Plastic initiative. Winter 2024 classes will be online and open for registration on December 1st at breckcreate.org with classes beginning on January 2nd. Fall 2023 classes are available for registration now at breckcreate.org.

Community Event: Handmade Holiday

Saturday, December 2 • 12 – 6:30 p.m. • Arts District Campus • FREE Embracing the spirit of the holiday season, Breck Create invites you to the annual Handmade Holiday, which coincides with the Lighting of Breckenridge festivities. A veritable holiday open house, this event allows Breck Create's instructors to showcase their artwork (jewelry, ceramics, prints and more) and also lead creative activities such

as ornament and candle workshops. Find the perfect gift, enjoy holiday music and some holiday cheer (cash bar) while wandering through the winter wonderland of downtown Breckenridge.

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Exhibition: Locals Live, Work, Create

December 9 – January 7 • Old Masonic Hall • FREE

Opening Reception: Friday, December 15

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Old Masonic Hall • FREE

This annual exhibition reflects the rich tapestry of talent within the Breckenridge community and features the artwork of Breck Create's resident artists, instructors and staff.

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Exhibition: Coloradans and Our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change

December 9 – January 7 • Old Masonic Hall • FREE

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This group exhibition tells the story of how Coloradans are experiencing interrelated challenges of fire, drought and water and air quality in their communities. It features collaborative work by Colorado Art Science Environment (CASE) fellows through the CU Boulder Office for Outreach and Engagement. The artwork reflects a dialogue between the perspectives of the artists, scientists and the artists' communities. The narrative depicted in the artwork moves beyond debates about climate change to confront, amplify and make visible the connection all Coloradans have to our state's natural landscape, and, through our connection to place, to one another.

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Performance: The Queen's Cartoonists Holiday Hurrah! Yule Love It

Thursday, December 21 • Riverwalk Center

The Queen's Cartoonists perform classic and original music from cartoons. Pulling from over 100 years of animation from around the world, TQC's performances are perfectly synchronized to the films projected on stage.

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Performance: The Sweet Lillies

Friday, December 29 • Riverwalk Center

The Sweet Lillies' music is, first and foremost, heartfelt and collaborative. The Sweet Lillies have incorporated all of their cumulative life-experiences into their music, songwriting, and artistry, crafting an uncommonly-beautiful style they have christened "String-Americana" - a nod to the band's all encompassing musical tastes and willingness to experiment with genres.

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Performance: Brass Queens

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31 • Riverwalk Center

Brass Queens is a New York-based brass band that is female-led and features an all-female horn section. Brass Queens has developed a signature sound that sits right at the intersection of the Big Apple and the Big Easy: their music is deeply inspired by and pays homage to the New Orleans brass band tradition while injecting the upbeat, multifaceted energy of their New York home into each performance. The result is a nonstop party: a Brass Queens show will have you singing along to classic pop hits, dancing your heart out to reggaeton, and feeling like you've been transported to Frenchman Street.

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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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