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Breck Create Announces Exciting Fall 2023 Happenings

A celebration of community, art and creativity

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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 Fall 2023 Happenings, designed to engage, inspire and connect the vibrant creative and resident community of Breckenridge while animating the downtown corridor. This season's programs are set to showcase the talents of local and visiting artists, offering an array of classes, workshops, performances, exhibitions and interactive events.

"Our local community served as the inspiration for this diverse array of fall programming," says Tamara Nuzzaci Park, president and CEO of Breck Create. "Our goal is to provide enriching experiences for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, fostering connections that resonate far beyond the artistic process itself."

Read on to find out more about Breck Create's Fall 2023 offerings.

Campus Crawl Kicking off the season is the Campus Crawl, a unique opportunity to explore the thriving Breckenridge Arts District. Open to all ages, this community event invites participants to venture through renovated historic structures, discover studio spaces and immerse themselves in the artistic process. The event features artist demonstrations, family-friendly craft activities, light refreshments and live music by local musician KelLee Abdella, promising an evening of creative discovery and connection. Friday, September 1, 5 – 7 p.m., Admission: Free

Live Performances at the Riverwalk Center The Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, features three more performances before it closes out its summer/fall season. Experience the enchanting melodies of Watchhouse with special guest Bella White on September 1, at 7:30 p.m. Witness the comedic brilliance of Emmy- and Grammy-nominated stand-up comedian, writer, radio contributor, actor and podcaster Tig Notaro on her Hello Again Tour on September 28, at 7:30 p.m. Finally, don't miss the genredefying sound of Grammy-award winning Snarky Puppy on September 29, at 7:30 p.m. Buy tickets for all three shows at breckcreate.org/riverwalk.

Creative Classes + Workshops Breck Create invites all art enthusiasts to indulge in a variety of creative classes and workshops this fall. From ceramics and drawing to writing and metalsmithing, there's something for everyone to explore. Classes are offered at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels to a wide range of age groups, including a healthy offering of youth and family classes. New classes for fall include Adult Clay Sculpture, Guided Wheel Throwing and Sketch Crawl. Classes will also be offered as part of the Precious Plastic program that has been ongoing at Breck Create throughout the past year. Precious Plastic is a worldwide initiative that exists to reduce plastic waste through a combination of people, machines, platforms, knowledge and art. During the Injection 101 class, participants will learn to safely use Breck Create's injection machine to create small, functional objects with No. 2 plastic trash collected from the community. Learn more about Precious Plastic here and register for all classes and workshops at breckcreate.org/calendar.

Día De Muertos Festival Mark your calendars for the Día De Muertos Festival, a vibrant commemoration of Day of the Dead, October 13 – 14 on the Arts District Campus. Engage in hands-on workshops (sugar skulls, katarina masks, lotería cards, traditional dance), enjoy art installations showcasing and honoring Latine culture, shop at the Mexican Cultural Market and immerse yourself in performances that honor this cherished tradition. Grupo Huitzilopochtli returns to teach indigenous Aztec culture and traditions through dance and music with workshops and free performances. The Breck Create AirStage will feature an immersive installation by local artist Evangelina Estes. The installation is a gastronomical presentation that transforms the retrofitted 1975 Airstream trailer into a family kitchen and includes a mural depicting traditions from different Latine cultures as well as a sculptural depiction of traditional toys and dishes. This festival is produced in partnership with the Metropolitan State University of Denver Department of Chicana/o Studies, the Mexican Cultural Center, the Chicano Humanities Arts Council, the Colorado Folks Arts Council, and Mountain Dreamers. Learn more at breckcreate.org.

Stephanie Mercado: *The Seeds of Dreams* **Exhibition** Discover the thought-provoking artistry of Stephanie Mercado in her exhibition, *The Seeds of Dreams*. Through a series of portraits, Mercado pays homage to the unwavering dedication and resilience of the Latine communities in Summit County. This exhibition, running from October 6 to November 26, is a celebration of workers' contributions and the power of art to shed light on hidden stories. Located at Old Masonic Hall in downtown Breckenridge, the exhibition is free to view during gallery hours. Visit <u>breckcreate.org</u> for more information.

Artist-In-Residence: Elisa Gomez Renowned painter Elisa Gomez brings her vibrant, abstract expressionism to Breckenridge as the Fall 2023 Artist-In-Residence from August 29 to December 2, operating out of the Robert Whyte House. Her works create space through spontaneity, promising an engaging experience for all art enthusiasts. During her residency, Gomez will teach art classes at Snowy Peaks School and develop a coloring book about the Breckenridge Public Art Collection and Arts District Campus. She also will offer open studios, which are opportunities for the public to observe the artist at work, as well as creative workshops. Learn more at breckcreate.org.

Open Door Program Breck Create's Open Door Program provides affordable studio spaces for local artists to create, innovate and engage with the community. This program fosters collaboration between all of the artists working with Breck Create at any given time, enriching the cultural fabric of Breckenridge while also nurturing local artistry. Visit breckcreate.org for more information and to apply.

For more information about these events and programs and to reserve your spot or purchase tickets, please visit <u>breckcreate.org</u>.

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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