

# BRECK CREATE

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### **Breck Create Highlights BIFA Resident Artist**

### **STREB EXTREME ACTION**

**Plus BIFA Classes + Workshops, BIFA Community Events**

**Breckenridge International Festival of Arts**

**August 16 – 25, 2024**

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**Breckenridge, CO** — Breck Create, the renowned arts and cultural organization in Breckenridge, Colo., is thrilled to welcome Streb Extreme Action to the 2024 Breckenridge International Festival of Arts (BIFA) as the festival’s resident artist and to announce BIFA-inspired classes, workshops and community events with the release of the festival program guide, available at various locations on the Arts District Campus, such as Old Masonic Hall and the Riverwalk Center, as well as throughout downtown Breckenridge. All BIFA events and activities are listed at [breckcreate.org/bifa](https://breckcreate.org/bifa).

"Breck Create is incredibly excited to welcome Streb Extreme Action to the 2024 Breckenridge International Festival of Arts," says Tamara Nuzzaci Park, president/CEO of Breck Create. "This residency not only highlights the dance company’s extraordinary artistry but also enhances our festival with innovative classes, workshops and events that engage and enrich our attendees. We look forward to a festival filled with dynamic performances, creative exploration and the vibrant spirit of artistic expression."

**About Streb Extreme Action** Founded by choreographer, performer and instructor of contemporary dance Elizabeth Streb, the movement company pushes the boundaries of modern dance. During the residency, Streb Extreme Action will perform two [free teasers](#) on the

Blue River Plaza, headline a [ticketed event](#) and conduct movement workshops for [youth only](#) as well as one for [adults and kids alike](#).

Built around founder Elizabeth Streb's organizing principle "Extreme Action," a movement style that thrills participants, audiences and students with choreographed feats of physicality, scientifically planned chaos, strength, risk, grace and elegance, Streb actively engages with, ensures inclusion of, and advances cultural equity for its diverse staff, audiences and communities. This is achieved via a broad range of performance, engagement and education programming that provides access to, and participation in, creation and presentation. The members of Elizabeth Streb's company, Streb Extreme Action, combine virtuosity and technical skill with openhearted popular appeal. Founded in New York City in 1985, the company has traveled, artistically as well as geographically, from the heights of the experimental dance world to the cutting-edge of popular entertainment.

[Time Machine: From Ringside to Extreme Action](#) serves as Streb's main performance during BIFA on Saturday, August 24. During the performance, Streb Extreme Action revisits their roots with a retrospective of Elizabeth Streb's classic solos from the 70s and 80s, early equipment experimentations of the 90s and extreme action opuses with the large scale "action machines," which the company has since become known for.

The two [free teaser performances](#) will happen on the Blue River Plaza on Wednesday, August 21st and Friday, August 23rd at 5 p.m. The [Streb Popaction Workshop for Kids and Adults](#) takes place on the Riverwalk Center lawn on Saturday, August 24th at 11 a.m.; the [Streb Popaction Youth Workshop](#) takes place at 4:30 p.m. Both workshops are free with registration.

**About BIFA Classes and Workshops** Breck Create's programming team is excited to unveil the 2024 lineup of BIFA creative classes and workshops. Linchpin classes of the summer semester such as [Toddler Art](#), [Mixed Up Media for Kids](#), [Clay Hand Building](#), [Beginner Glassblowing](#) and the various open-studios for regular, intermediate students will be offered alongside classes developed especially for BIFA that dovetail with the festival's other offerings, such as [Flagging Tape Flowers](#). In this class, participants will create forever flowers using the same material as exhibiting artist [Megan Geckler](#). Geckler's art will be on display at Old Masonic Hall, and she is a featured [Trail Mix](#) artist. Below is a list of the BIFA-inspired classes and workshops. Register online at [breckcreate.org/calendar](https://breckcreate.org/calendar).

[Create a Musical Instrument](#)  
[BIFA Inspired Creative Action Workshop](#)  
[Mala Making](#)  
[Craft Stick Skateboards](#)  
[Botanical Printmaking](#)  
[Make Your Own Hiking Stick](#)  
[Clay Hand Building: Planters](#)  
[Streb Popaction Youth Workshop](#)  
[Build Binoculars](#)  
[Torn Mountainscapes](#)  
[Streb Popaction Workshop for Kids and Adults](#)  
[Exploring the Art of Gerald Clark](#)  
[Craft Stick Mountains](#)  
[Drafts + Crafts: Can Crafts](#)

**About BIFA Community Events** Breck Create prides itself as a champion of community, and free events remain a pillar of BIFA programming. The [BIFA Info Tent + Craft](#) will be open on the Blue River Plaza Thursdays through Sundays during the festival. Opening night features [Finding a Line: Skateboarding, Music + Media](#) at the Riverwalk Center, which will be transformed into a mini skate park where professional skateboarders will perform to improvisational jazz by Jason Moran and The Bandwagon. The [BIFA Airstage Summer Après](#) will take place on Thursdays during the festival—the Airstage Summer Après is a much-loved summer event series featuring views, brews and fellowship on the Arts District Campus. Both of the current Breck Create artists-in-residence will keep open studio hours during the festival: visit [Cipriano Ortega Studio: Open Doors](#) and [Kayla Powers Studio: Open Doors](#) to learn more. Finally, there will be three separate events that focus on the artwork of exhibiting artist Gerald Clark: [Game Night](#), [Gerald Clark: Exhibition Reception + Artist Talk](#) and [Scorched Art: Gerald Clark Artist Demonstration](#).

**Additional marquis events and core programming at BIFA 2024** include the following: [Guided Mindfulness Hikes](#) - Immerse yourself in the healing powers of art and nature on these excursions featuring BIFA art installations by Megan Geckler and Gerald Clarke. Mindfulness expert, Leslie Glenn, guides participants through personal reflection and creates meaningful conversations centered in mental health and wellbeing along the trail. All Guided Mindfulness Hikes will be presented in both English and Spanish.

[Polyglot Theatre's Bees](#) - Bees is a joyful, interactive work in which children are welcomed into a world of community, communication, wonder and imagination. Explore a buzzing, humming hive of activity, as three human-sized Bees busy themselves in the creation of a community alongside children who transform into bees as they play. The bees are fascinating, strange and beautiful, traversing invisible pathways and mapping delicate patterns across the performance space.

[Trail Mix Performances](#) - Trail Mix combines art, music, theater, mindfulness, hiking and biking along the trails of Breckenridge with free outdoor pop-up performances, guided hikes and environmental outdoor installations. Performances feature Tree-O, excerpts from *A Lady's Guide to Mountains* or local musicians. Co-presented with Breckenridge Backstage Theatre Company. Guided Mindfulness Hikes is sponsored by Building Hope and Vail Health.

[Acoustic Flow](#) - These 60-minute morning classes combine music, nature and wellness along the relaxing shores of the Blue River. Each day features a different local yoga instructor and musical ensemble. Linger before or after class to enjoy a cup of coffee with friends and visit the Building Hope table providing mental health and wellness resources.

[Music From Almost Yesterday](#) - Local percussionist Jason Rodon and friends curate an evening of BIFA-inspired contemporary music that takes the audience on a journey through sound and image featuring multimedia composer Yehuda Yannay.

[A Lady's Guide to Mountains](#) - Henriette wants to be the first lady in 1830s Europe to climb Mont Blanc. Erin wants to be the first trans woman to ascend the Seven Summits. And MT wants to get through a bouldering class without embarrassing herself. This story celebrates Colorado's outdoor culture with three true stories of women pushing their limits and meeting their edge. The performances will be staged readings.

[Rising Tide: The Crossroads Project](#) - The Crossroads Project fuses original music with art, imagery and science to create live performance experiences that addresses global sustainability and provides a path toward meaningful response.

**About 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. More than 80 of the festival's 100 events will be free of charge, ensuring that art in Breckenridge is accessible to everyone, which

underscores a core value of Breck Create. The schedule is full of [youth and family programming](#) as well as classes, workshops and nature experiences that focus on health and wellness.

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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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