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BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS LAUNCHES FIRE ARTS FESTIVAL **January 31–February 7, 2015**

Highlights include fire sculptures, installations, and performances

Plus, a new warming lounge at the Riverwalk Center with free concerts for attendees of the International Snow Sculpture Championships and Fire Arts Festival

BRECKENRIDGE, CO (January 5, 2015) – Breckenridge Creative Arts is pleased to announce the first annual **Fire Arts Festival** produced to celebrate and complement the 25th year of the **Budweiser International Snow Sculpture Championships (ISSC)**. The multi-day exhibition of fire and light runs from **January 31–February 7** and features burning sculptures, pyrotechnical effects, and other spark-filled attractions at the newly opened **Breckenridge Arts District** in the heart of downtown Breckenridge. Highlights include large- and small-scale pieces by nationally known fire sculptors that will be illuminated in and around the campus, including flammable metal works by **Orion Fredericks** and **Jamie Vaida**.

Throughout the festival week, the Arts District’s outdoor kiln yard will be lit with raku and wood firing demonstrations, and the indoor studios will be aglow with flame- and heat-related demonstrations including candle making with **Bernadette Foley**, silversmithing with **Martha Peterson-Glomb**, encaustic painting with **Victoria Eubanks and Marco Montanari**, lampworking glasswork with **Todd Brower**, and more.

On the evenings of January 31 and February 5–7, a lineup of guest DJs from the Front Range including **Chris Diablo, Stretch, Evasive**, and **Chrissy D** will spin sizzling, open-air sets in the Arts District plaza, while visitors are treated to sculpture ignitions throughout the night along with daring displays of fire breathing, flame throwing, and other incendiary acts by the artists of Lumina Entertainment. Guests are encouraged to attend the spectacle of the Fire Arts Festival before or after viewing the icy marvels featured at ISSC, located just down the street in the area around the Blue River Plaza and the Tiger Dredge Parking Lot.

“We felt that introducing the Fire Arts Festival this year was a great way to support and enhance ISSC’s landmark anniversary and also provided us with an opportunity to showcase our new Arts District campus for the thousands of guests coming to see the snow sculptures,” said Robb Woulfe, President of Breckenridge Creative Arts. “We’ve curated a weeklong program around a fire and ice theme, which promises plenty of entertainment of both the hot and cold varieties.”

In addition to the fiery activities on the Arts District campus, the Riverwalk Center will turn into a cozy warming lounge called **Thaw**, complete with free weekend concerts throughout ISSC and the Fire Arts Festival. The musical lineup features a contemporary mix of winter grooves by **Krooked Drivers** on January 30, **The Yawpers** on January 31, **Cody Crump** and **Mark’s Midnight Carnival Show** on February 5, **Grim & Darling** and **Sphynx** on February 6, and **Brotha James** and **Whiskey Blanket** on February 7.

Presented by Breckenridge Creative Arts, all activities for the inaugural Fire Arts Festival take place in studios and outdoor spaces within the Breckenridge Arts District, located on the corner of South Ridge Street and East Washington Avenue, just off of Main Street in downtown Breckenridge. The new Thaw lounge is located in the Riverwalk Center at 150 W. Adams Street, a few blocks from the Arts District campus and directly next to the carving activities of ISSC.

See attached schedule for a full listing of Fire Arts Festival activities as well as the musical artists performing at Thaw lounge. Information on all programs, including event times and locations, is available at breckcreate.org. Information on ISSC can be found at gobreck.com.

Established in 2014, Breckenridge Creative Arts was developed by the town to support and promote arts, culture, and creative experiences throughout Breckenridge. This multidisciplinary nonprofit organization is responsible for the successful management of a series of programs, facilities, and partnerships that collectively animate and populate a cultural corridor in the heart of downtown Breckenridge. From quality performing and visual arts to the development of one of the region’s newest arts districts, Breckenridge Creative Arts is a transformative force for Breckenridge and the greater Summit County community. More info at breckcreate.org.

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SCULPTURAL ARTISTS

Orion Fredericks was introduced to a variety of materials at the University of Alfred of New York. After working and producing a body of work at Pillchuck glass school in Washington, Fredericks became the first studio manager, volunteer coordinator at The Crucible, now in Oakland California. Fredericks will be bringing his beautiful fire sculpture Gillaoptourous Corvus, or Gilly for short, as part of the inaugural Fire Arts Festival.

Jamie Vaida has spent many years perfecting his trade. His work showcases many types of metal such as copper and stainless steel, but he also often incorporates recycled or reused metals and found objects into his projects. He begins simply, with discarded metal, often from a scrap yard. He looks for beauty and shape in a given piece in its raw form, then twists and bends the metal to bring out the full potential hidden within the material. Vaida will be showcasing his elegant fire flowers as part of the inaugural Fire Arts Festival.

The fire sculptures of Fredericks and Vaida will be exhibited at the Breckenridge Arts District campus on the following dates and times:

Saturday, January 31, 5-8pm, FREE
Thursday, February 5, 5-8pm, FREE
Friday, February 6, 5-8pm, FREE
Saturday, February 7, 5-8pm, FREE

DJ ARTISTS

The below guest DJs will perform at the Breckenridge Arts District campus on the following dates and times:

Saturday, January 31
DJ Chris Diablo
5-8pm, FREE

Thursday, February 5
DJ Stretch
5-8pm, FREE

Friday, February 6
DJ Evasive
5-8pm, FREE

Saturday, February 7

DJ Chrissy D.
5-8pm, FREE

FLAME-RELATED WORKSHOPS + DEMONSTRATIONS

The below workshops and demonstrations will be held at the Breckenridge Arts District campus on the following dates and times. All sessions are free, unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, January 31

Raku Firing-Chris Hosbach and Todd Brower, 6-8 pm, Kiln Yard
Soy Candles Demonstration -Bernadette Foley, 5-8 pm, Fuqua Livery Stable
Encaustic Demonstration -Marco Montanari, 5-8 pm, Tin Shop
The Making of Fire Sculptures -Open Studio, Orion Fredericks, Robert Whyte House

Thursday, February 5

Lampworking Demonstration-Todd Brower, 5-8 pm, Hot Shop
Soy Candles Demonstration -Bernadette Foley, 5-8 pm, Fuqua Livery Stable
Encaustic Demonstration -Marco Montanari, 5-8 pm, Tin Shop
The Making of Fire Sculptures -Orion Fredericks, Open Studio at Robert Whyte House

Friday, February 6

Woodfiring- Chris Hosbach and Jenn Cram, 1-5pm, Kiln Yard
Encaustic Demonstration- Victoria Eubanks, 5-8 pm, Hot Shop
Essential Oils Demonstration- Erica Ragusa, 5-8pm, Fuqua Livery Stable
Encaustic Demonstration- Marco Montanari, 5-8 pm, Tin Shop
The Making of Fire Sculptures -Orion Fredericks, Open Studio at Robert Whyte House

Saturday, February 7

Raku Firing-Chris Hosbach and Todd Brower, 6-8pm, Kiln Yard
Encaustic Surfaces Workshop- Victoria Eubanks, 12-3pm, Hot Shop; \$75, includes all materials
Silversmithing Demonstration-Martha Peterson, 5-8pm, Hot Shop
Encaustic Demonstration-Marco Montanari, 5-8pm, Tin Shop
The Making of Fire Sculptures -Orion Fredericks, Open Studio at Robert Whyte House

MUSICAL ARTISTS AT THAW LOUNGE WITHIN RIVERWALK CENTER

Thursday, January 30

Krooked Drivers is an electronic hip-hop duo consisting of Donny D'albora and Maddy O'Neal based in Denver Colorado. Their influences range from old school hip hop to jazz, soul, funk and everything in between.

6:30-8:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Saturday, January 31

The Yawpers are a stripped down, brazen rock and roll band from Colorado, accompanied by overdriven acoustic guitars and a trap kit. The group has created a sound that is equal parts

frenetic, earnest, and menacing, all while bringing together disparate pieces of the American musical lexicon.

7:30-9pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Thursday, February 5

Cody Crump is a Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter who combines sensitive lyrics with high powered electronics.

6-7:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Mark's Midnight Carnival Show is an indie rock band from Colorado. They write, perform, record, and release original music. This regional touring act draws from a diverse list of influences that crosses over multiple genres.

8-9:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Friday, February 6

Grim & Darling is a duo from Denver, Colorado. Jessa Red and Jordan Polovina combine cello, guitar, harmonica, songwriting, custom beats and haunting harmonies.

6-7:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Sphynx is a trio from Austin, Texas that brings together musical elements of punk and glam rock to create a big sound featuring a spectacularly bouncy kind of electro-pop.

8-9:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Saturday, February 7

Brotha James is a percussionist, rapper and beatboxer who plays an eclectic mix of pop, hip-hop, and dance music. He loves to connect with people through the vibe, the lyrics, the beats and the melody.

6-7:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

Whiskey Blanket is a group bound by music and an underground lifestyle. Hailing out of Boulder, Colorado, Whiskey Blanket represents a style of hip-hop demanding more from their music.

8-9:30pm, Riverwalk Center, 150 W. Adams Ave., FREE

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