BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS
RESOURCE GUIDE
FOR
FIRE ARTS FESTIVAL 2017
Fire Arts Festival Resource Guide

Breckenridge Creative Arts is proud to present the third annual Fire Arts Festival, a 4-day exhibition featuring burning sculptures, fiery performances, and other spark-filled attractions. Presented in conjunction with the International Snow Sculpture Championships and as part of Colorado Mountain College’s 50th anniversary celebration.
Dates + Times
Thursday 5-9pm
Friday and Saturday 2-pm
Sunday 5-8pm

Sculptors + Sculptures (p. 3-5)
Sculptures will ignite hourly each night starting at 6pm.
Keith D’Angelo
Justin Gray
Shane Shane
Jamie Vaida
Joshua Birkmaier & Caitlin Morris

Fire Performers (p. 6)
Performances will run hourly each night starting at 5:30pm.
Dream Team Spinners

Demos (p. 6-7)
Demos will take place each night from 5-8pm.
Todd Brower
Bernadette Foley + Chris Simoni of Breckenridge Candle Cabin
Martha Peterson-Glomb
Marco Montanari

Artist Talks (p. 8)
Friday: Shane Shane, Old Masonic Hall, 2-3pm
Saturday: Justin Gray, Old Masonic Hall 2-3pm

Exhibition Tours (p. 8)
Friday: Old Masonic Hall 3pm and 4pm
Saturday: Old Masonic Hall 3pm and 4pm
SCULPTORS AND SCULPTURES

**Artist:** keith d’angelo

**Sculpture:** operation of creation

**Descriptive:**
Former summit county local keith d’angelo has exhibited his work across the state and at the burning man festival in nevada. His flaming heart sculpture was included in the inaugural breckenridge creative arts fire arts festival, and his 7-foot high flaming sculpture, “love,” was show-cased in 2016. This year, d’angelo presents: “operation of creation,” an interactive flame-based work inspired by the mandala.

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**Artist:** ryon gesink

**Sculpture:** kali, jabberwock + mini-spinner

**Descriptive:**
Ryon gesink has always been fascinated with pyrotechnics, explosions and fire, and his sculptures reflect this passion. To create his work, he uses a combination of basic tools: welders, band saws, drill presses, plasma cutters and clamps. “demon throne + jabberwock” are inspired by science fiction, and represent a cross between art and technology.
**Artist:** justin gray

**Sculpture:** fiery robots: libby + charlie

**Descriptive:**
weighing in at 3,500 pounds and rising seven feet tall, libby is a large robot featuring a suspended fire ball fueled by propane and methanol. Libby is constructed of mauldin asphalt paver, stripped of excess steel, and welded into hydraulic tracks. Charlie weighs in at 1,500 pounds and spits fire off a turbine electric track robot. While both libby and charlie are made from industrial materials, both machines have a personable quality.

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**Artist:** shane shane

**Sculpture:** biodiversity fire sphere + obelisk

**Descriptive:**
Shane shane’s biodiversity fire sphere + obelisk is constructed from a 500-gallon propane tank from the 1950s. “the ecosystem is important to every creature,” explains shane. “each part is represented in this piece.” The sculpture is hand-cut and includes dolphins, elephants, rhinos, an owl, a wolf, and various sea creatures. The sphere was first exhibited at the burning man festival in black rock desert, nevada.
**Artist:** jamie vaida

**Sculpture:** *music tree*

**Descriptive:**
“music tree” is a custom-crafted sculpture, made of hand-bent steel pipe that is hand-patinaed and powder coated. Vaida has spent years creating sculptural art, often functional, from recycled metals and has exhibited his work at the burning man festival in nevada. Jamie is creating music tree for the telluride and breckenridge fire festivals.

**Artists:** joshua birkmaier & caitlin morris

**Sculpture:** *arcus hymenoptera*

**Descriptive:**
Joshua birkmaier and caitlin morris of gammaspace artist collective in denver are bringing arcus hymenoptera to the breckenridge fire arts festival. Born out of the colorado burning man community, these seasoned artists and production managers have been working together to create large-scale art installations for many years.
FIRE PERFORMERS

**Artist:** dream team spinners

**Description:**
the dream team spinners use innovative techniques to create work that pushes our expectations and notions of fire. Trained in fire management technique, the team prioritizes safety while choreographing spectacular performances. Dancers use various props to create vivid patterns and illusions, producing an entrancing visual effect.

FIRE DEMOS

**Artist:** todd brower

**Demo type:** lampworking

**Description:**
Todd will demonstrate the basics of lampworking, a type of glasswork where a torch or lamp is primarily used to melt glass rods. Once in a molten state, the glass is formed by blowing and shaping with hand movements and tools.
Artists: Bernadette Foley + Chris Simoni of Breckenridge candle cabin
Demo type: handmade soy candles
Description: Watch how Bernadette and Chris make their eco-friendly soy candles. They will mix, wick, pour, cure and create.

Artist: victoria eubanks
Demo: encaustic painting
Description: Watch victoria layer, torch and move wax with fire to create paintings that have depth and luminosity. She will demonstrate fusing, etching, filling, how to create texture and a variety of techniques for transferring images.

Artist: martha peterson-glomb
Demo: silversmithing
Description: Martha is a local silversmith. She will demonstrate the art of silversmithing using an acetylene torch, saws, drill and hammers to create wearable art.

Artist: marco montanari
Demo + make and take: encaustic painting
Description: marco has developed a unique alternative to the “burn-in” process of traditional encaustic painting. You are invited to paint and play using an amazing range of pigmented wax.
ARTIST TALKS

Friday: Shane Shane, Old Masonic Hall, 2-3pm

Fire artist Shane Shane will offer a free public talk about his work and discuss his fire sculpture, “Biodiversity Fire Sphere + Obelisk”.

Saturday: Justin Gray, Old Masonic Hall 2-3pm

Fire artist Justin Gray will offer a free public talk about his work and discuss his fire sculptures, “Fiery Robots: Libby + Charlie”.

EXHIBITION TOURS

Friday: Old Masonic Hall 3pm and 4pm
Saturday: Old Masonic Hall 3pm and 4pm

Take a guided tour of artist exhibitions “Hot Wax: Encaustic Art” and “Urban Combustion”. Tours start at Old Masonic Hall and finish at the Breckenridge Theater.

Hot Wax: Encaustic Art
FEATURED ARTISTS: Alix Christian, Susan Delgavis, Victoria Eubanks + Marco Montanari
A group exhibition that represents four unique styles of encaustic painting. Works demonstrate the inherent qualities of this ancient yet contemporary medium: depth, texture, and luminosity.

Urban Combustion
FEATURED ARTISTS: Martin Deegan + Gabe Kirchheimer
An exhibition that ignites two artists’ urban sensibilities through mixed media and photography. Subject matter provokes contemplation on the individual within society and the dichotomy of natural vs. man-made environments.