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CherryArts Festival at Stanley Brings National Juried Artists to Stanley Marketplace September 16, 17 and 18

DENVER (August 30, 2016) – <u>CherryArts Festival at Stanley</u>, produced by the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, will feature 100 national juried artists, including 44 Colorado-based artists. The Festival takes place at the soon-to-be-opened <u>Stanley Marketplace</u>, located at the border of Stapleton and Aurora on September 17 and 18, with a ticketed Opening Night Grand Tasting event on September 16.

Complementing Stanley Marketplace's unique, urban and innovative persona, the exhibiting artists, who were selected through a blind-jury process in June, will showcase works in 13 media categories. A list of artists by media category can be found here http://bit.ly/1KNmV6z.

"Patrons can expect a high-quality show representing art and artists from all over the country," said Tara Brickell, CherryArts executive director and CEO. "We are particularly excited about the high number of Colorado artists exhibiting at this year's show and are confident that both experienced and first-time art buyers will find something in their price range that fits their tastes."

Visitors will experience a street mural painted by accomplished muralist Yulia Avgustinovich. The city of Aurora hired Avgustinovich to bring a splash of color to the two city blocks along Clinton Street from Montview Boulevard to 23rd Street.

In addition to the artists, visitors will enjoy children's activities at the <u>Creation Station</u>, interactive art installations, food trucks and live entertainment. CherryArts Festival at Stanley is free to the public on September 17 and 18, with a special Opening Night Grand Tasting ticketed event on September 16.

The Opening Night Grand Tasting will feature an exclusive selection of Stanley Marketplace restaurants, fine local culinary tastes, open-bar cocktails and beverages, national juried visual artists and special entertainment. VIP tickets are available and include one-hour early entry, limited to 100 patrons. For tickets to the event, visit http://www.CherryArts.org/Stanley. Ticket sales go toward funding CherryArts' nonprofit arts education programs.

For the full media kit for CherryArts Festival at Stanley, including images and photo credits, please visit http://bit.ly/2c5uBHB.

About CherryArts Festival at Stanley

The 2016 CherryArts Festival at Stanley is sponsored in association with Xfinity, CBS4, *Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, Mountain Living,* Alice 105.9, 99.5 The Mountain, *OUT FRONT,* The Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Stanley Marketplace and *Westword.* Supporting Sponsors include Blake Communications, Finished Basement Company, LearnSkillz, Renewal by Andersen & Visit Aurora. A portion of the proceeds from CherryArts Festival at Stanley supports the Cherry Creek Arts Festival's 501c3 mission to provide access to a broad array of arts experiences and support arts education in Colorado. For more information, visit www.cherryarts.org/stanley; or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat (cherryarts). Join the conversation using the hashtag #CherryArts.

About Stanley Marketplace

Opening in 2016, Stanley is no ordinary marketplace. Located at the intersection of the Stapleton and Aurora neighborhoods just east of Denver, Stanley Marketplace is a community of like-minded businesses and people who believe in doing things differently: sustainably, creatively, and with more than the bottom line in mind. The more than 22-acre, 140,000 sq. ft. indoor/outdoor space was once Stanley Aviation headquarters, where airplane ejector seats were engineered and manufactured; now it is an adaptive reuse community hub, home to a park, beer hall and more. Today, the same innovative spirit that once filled this building has been harnessed to offer community members an urban marketplace featuring goods and services from local and independent businesses, as well as a robust philanthropic and community outreach program, including Charity of the Month and First Jobs programs. For more information, visit www.stanleymarketplace.com.

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