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CherryArts Announces Full Program for 2025 Cherry Creek Arts Festival

The 34th annual celebration of art supports nonprofit CherryArts' year-round work to bring art and art experiences to Coloradans

DENVER (June 2025) — One of the largest, most competitive fine arts festivals in the United States returns to Cherry Creek North in Denver this July 4 to 6.

The 2025 Cherry Creek Arts Festival, the signature event of year-round art advocates <u>CherryArts</u> and winner of the prestigious Gold Grand Pinnacle award for best festival, is free and open to the public:

Friday, July 4: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; accessibility hour from 9 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 5: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday, July 6**: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Highlights of the 2025 festival include:

260 National and International Juried Artists

<u>This year's artists</u>, selected from 2,085 applicants, include 36 from Colorado, 6 from countries outside the U.S., and 64 who are exhibiting at the festival for the first time, all in 13 different mediums. Last year, sales averaged \$20,629 per artist, with more than \$4.6 million in total sales.

5 New Emerging Artists

For the second year, CherryArts awarded <u>five emerging artists</u> a \$5,000 Emerging Artist grant of unrestricted funds to support their work, along with a mentor program and a booth at the festival.

Opening Night on Thursday, July 3, 5 to 9 p.m.

<u>This year's opening event</u> includes an intimate preview of a full block of artists, live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks. Tickets are \$110 and support CherryArts' mobile education program.

Free Art Activities for Children at Creation Station

Creation Station offers free, family friendly art activities for children of all ages each day of the festival, a large-scale collaborative mural, and daily cultural performances, presented by UCHealth.

A Free Show by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

Launching its 55th anniversary season, the internationally celebrated Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble will bring the power, passion, beauty, and freedom of modern dance to the festival's main stage on Saturday, July 5, at 8:30 p.m. <u>Tickets are free and available here</u>.

Free Live Music all Weekend

<u>Thirteen acts will perform over three days</u> at the Canvas Credit Union Main Stage on Fillmore near 1st Ave., including Delta Sonic, Doll House Thieves, Guerilla Fanfare, and Michael Friedman.

The Return of the Transformative Student Art Buying Program

Students from 24 Colorado schools in ten cities will attend the festival on July 5 to meet artists and purchase an original work of art for permanent display in their schools with \$500 provided by CherryArts. This art-buying experience is the culmination of an in-school art curriculum that teaches art appreciation and the business of art.

CherryArts Art Kits

For every Art Kit sold at the festival at 2nd & Detroit or online, CherryArts donates one kit to a school in need. Kits in drawing, mixed media, and watercolor include ready-to-use art experiences for students of all ages.

The Annual CherryArts Art Auction

Launching on Monday, June 30, and continuing through the festival, the annual art auction features donated work from 90 festival artists, with proceeds benefiting arts education in Colorado.

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival is produced by CherryArts, a Denver-based nonprofit dedicated to the beliefs that access to art is for everyone and that artists are essential. CherryArts supports artists and arts education through interactive programming at the annual festival and year-round throughout Colorado. Last year, CherryArts directly served more than 40,000 students with mobile outreach programs designed to spark creativity and empower the next generation through arts education.

The commemorative poster for this year's festival features "Northern Lights" by Signe and Genna Grushovenko, inspired by a mid-century photograph of a ski beach, with groups of skiers lounging in the bright sun. The poster is available here, including a limited number of signed editions.

The 2025 Cherry Creek Arts Festival media kit is at bit.ly/CCAF2025.