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## **CherryArts Reaches LGBTQ Youth With Free Screen Printing Event**

**DENVER (March 6, 2019)** From 3-5pm on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, CherryArts' newest educational adventure, *Ink the City*, will visit The Center on Colfax in partnership with the Rainbow Alley youth program serving LGBTQ teens. CherryArts is bringing high-quality art experiences throughout Colorado by providing free interactive art-making via a screen printing studio on wheels known as Mobile ArtCart. Event will be located at 1301 E Colfax Ave.

"CherryArts is proud to support safe spaces for LGBTQ youth in our community and honored to be able to encourage artistic expression among groups of young people who are at greater risk for struggles with identity, homelessness, depression and suicide," commented CherryArts Education Director, Shaina Belton. "We believe that art is for everyone and has the power to truly enrich lives."

Thanks to the Imagine 2020 Fund, the Dresner Foundation, Colorado Creates and MY Denver, CherryArts is visiting recreation centers and other community venues across Denver this year.

"CherryArts *Ink the City* was created as a direct response to the need for innovative art activities that can directly reach under resourced communities in Denver. We're thrilled that recent grant funding is allowing us to expand arts education to hundreds of students in Denver," announced Executive Director/CEO, Tara Brickell.

For more information about *Ink the City*, visit [CherryArts.org](http://CherryArts.org) or email [Education@cherryarts.org](mailto:Education@cherryarts.org).

Rainbow Alley is a safe and brave space supporting LGBTQ youth and their allies ages 11 to 21 and have partnered with CherryArts to provide this event as part of their daily drop-in activities. Drop-in hours are 2:00-7:00pm on Tuesdays/Wednesdays and 2:00-8:00pm Thursdays/Fridays. For more information about Rainbow Alley programs, visit [lgbtqcolorado.org](http://lgbtqcolorado.org) or email [info@lgbtqcolorado.org](mailto:info@lgbtqcolorado.org).

**About CherryArts**

CherryArts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization impacting lives through arts education and experiences in Colorado. World class public art events like the Cherry Creek Arts Festival and Stanley Arts Festival create large-scale cultural engagement each summer, connecting thousands of visitors to art and creating sustainability for our local artist community. Innovative mobile arts education programs like the Mobile Art Gallery, Mobile Art Cart and Student Art Buying inspire over 20,000 students annually. In the next three years, CherryArts plan to double outreach efforts to ensure that all have access to arts and culture.

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