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8th Annual Main Street Art Festival Highlight of Summer in Breckenridge

Breckenridge, Colorado – Breckenridge is the place to be for one of the finest art festivals in Colorado this summer. Taking place Friday through Sunday, July 24, 25, and 26 from 10 am – 6 pm daily, the **8th Annual Breckenridge Main Street Art Festival** is sure to be a highlight of the summer season in Breckenridge.

The Main Street Art Festival takes place at North Main Street at Wellington Road in downtown Breckenridge from 10 am to 6 pm each day with free admission. Exceptional artists, plenty of parking and easy access make this a perfect weekend to spend in the high country. The Festival will feature over 120 of the finest artisans from around the United States, and the world presenting their work in sculpture, photography, painting, glass, ceramics, bronze, mixed media and much more. Additionally the National Repertory Orchestra will present a free chamber music performance on Saturday, July 25 at 1 pm during the festival.

Artist highlights of the **8th Annual Breckenridge Main Street Art Festival** include Yoram Gal, who is not only a painter, but also a filmmaker, a playwright and an actor. The Jerusalem born artist currently resides in Israel, but travels the world selling his paintings. Gal paints in water based colors on paper and canvas. His work is characterized by rich colors, sensual drama and lyricism. “In my work I try to capture fleeting moments of intense dramatic, comic, grotesque and lyrical interactions between people. This combines my experience at a theater and cinema writer-director-actor, as well as a painter. Above all, I paint to have fun, to celebrate the decades I received from God on earth in the most colorful, joyful, sensual and intense way possible,” Gal states. Visit his website at www.yoramgal.co.il

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Summit County artist Mary Staby creates hand painted photographs. Recapturing a lost art, her photographs are made from a film negative, with hand coloring on each individual print. The old technique takes on new dimensions with her approach to color choice, oftentimes bright and intense in hue. Staby starts with black and white images printed on fiber base paper which allows the application of oils and pencils to the surface. “I love to choose my own colors, not by shooting the scene on color film and replicating it, but by selecting colors that *I* like. The old-fashioned photograph gives a rich sense of meaning that a digital image does not. I don’t use computers, just cameras, darkroom, and paintings to create my own vision of the world,” states Staby. For more on Mary Staby visit www.marystaby.com.

Mountain Art Festivals will present one other Summit County Art Festival later this summer. The 34th Annual Gathering at the Great Divide Art Festival will be held in Breckenridge September 5, 6, 7 at Main Street and Wellington Road.

The 8th Annual Main Street Art Festival in Breckenridge is presented by Mountain Art Festivals, Mark Beling and sponsored in part by Summit Daily News, KYSL, Art on a Whim, National Repertory Orchestra, KCMV and KSKE.

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