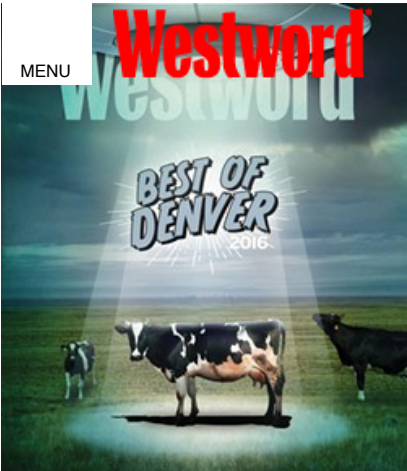


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"Shadow Array," by Patrick Marold
BEST NEW PUBLIC ART



Denver International Airport

The art collection at DIA is simultaneously famous and infamous, as exemplified by the best-known piece there, Luis Jiménez's "Mustang," which is both. Now the airport has added one of the region's most epic works of public art ever, Patrick Marold's "Shadow Array," an enormous environmental installation with a footprint the size of a building. The magnitude was necessary for the piece to even get noticed where it is, just south of the new Westin Denver International Airport and on either side of the adjacent RTD rail line flanking the station's long platform. The RTD tracks run in a valley, and Marold's creation lines its slopes with angled linear forms made out of joined logs from beetle-killed trees. The log elements have been arranged like a set of ribs, a pair of mirror-image radiating curves. "Shadow Array" takes advantage of its site, perfectly fitting the topography of the symmetrical slopes. The ribs create shadows when lit by the sun and via a lighting system at night, and those seemingly insubstantial reflections become as emphatic as the logs themselves. It's smart, sensitive and gorgeous.

Readers' choice: Project Colfax

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First Friday
BEST FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Yes, First Friday is often more about socializing than seeing art – but these free events are an undeniably good time, packed with artists and non-artists alike. In fact, First Friday has become one of the greatest date-night activities not just in Denver, but all along the Front Range. For a rowdy time, hit the Art District on Santa Fe; for more intimate explorations, try Navajo Street or one of the lesser-known arts districts. At any one of them, you're bound to be impressed by the level of talent in this town and inspired to attend other art-related offerings – or maybe even buy some art. As Colorado Creative Sarah Wallace Scott notes: "Being smart is sexy, and if you're already attending the First Friday openings with your date, then you should do yourself a favor and attend other art programs, too. Just think of how sexy you will be!"

Readers' choice: City Park Jazz

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Denver Small Press Festival
BEST NEW FESTIVAL

Last September's first Denver Small Press Festival hit the ground running, spring-loaded by Dan Landes and his *Suspect Press* in collaboration with such groups as Leon Gallery, SpringGun Press, and

STOMPIN' GROUND GAMES

Best Pop-Up Museum
BLACK CUBE

Best Incentive to Visit a Museum
CLYFFORD STILL MUSEUM FREE PROGRAMS

Best Deal for Artists
MCA DENVER I'M AN ARTIST PROGRAM

Best Move by the History Colorado Center
NEW PROGRAMMING

Best Museum Redo
AVENIR MUSEUM OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING

Best New Multi-Purpose Art Space
THE ART GYM

Best Arts District
RIVER NORTH

Best Art Party for Non-Artists
SCULPTURE BRUNCH

Best Incubator for Visiting Artists and Scholars
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

Best Window Onto the Creative Process
DENVER ART MUSEUM ARTISTS AT WORK PROGRAM

Best DIY Space for Academics
COUNTERPATH

Best Lowbrow Art Gallery
SALLY CENTIGRADE

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PROJECT COLFAX

Best Gallery Show – Solo
JOHN BUCK

Best Gallery Show – Group
UNEXPECTED NARRATIVES

Best Museum Exhibit
MARILYN MINTER: PRETTY/DIRTY

Best Juxtaposition of Colorado Artists and International Art Stars
SHOWING OFF

Best Showcase for Colorado Artists
ART OF THE STATE 2016

Best Reunion Show
VAULT: MSU DENVER ALUMNI EXHIBITION

Best Salute to a National Park
TRINE BUMILLER: 100 PAINTINGS FOR 100 YEARS

Best Memorial Show
THE SEEN AND UNSEEN: ROLAND BERNIER

Best Homage to a Denver Legend
STARRING LINDA

Best Abstract Show – Group
BEYOND THE PLANE

Best Abstract Show – Solo
MARK BRASUELL: I AM NOT THE SAME PERSON THAT I WAS ONCE BEFORE

Best Contemporary-Realist Show – Solo
MICHAEL J. DOWLING: FORGOTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Best Contemporary-Realist Show – Group
ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Best Show Done With Erasers
MIND OVER MATTER: TERESA BOOTH BROWN

– dates and place to be announced.

denversmallpressfest.com
Readers' choice: Larimer Block Party

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People's Fair
BEST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

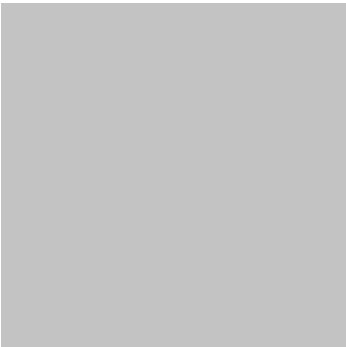
With so many newcomers in Denver, it never hurts to have a side of history with your fun. The People's Fair dates back to the early '70s, when it grew out of a movement to protect the interests of Capitol Hill; by 1976, it had taken over the grounds of East High School, where tens of thousands of people browsed among vendors selling macrame and patchouli, and booths handed out information about gay rights and the nuclear freeze. In 1987, with interest and attendance exploding, the fair moved to Civic Center Park, where every June it celebrates an incredible array of local artists (the musical tryouts alone are great entertainment), local businesses and local causes. While many festivals these days are crass commercial ventures, the People's Fair continues to be organized by Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods and still focuses on the community – a community that now includes all of Denver, past, present and future.

peoplesfair.com
Readers' choice: Great American Beer Festival

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Denver Zine Festival
BEST ZINE FESTIVAL



When zine enthusiast Melissa Black moved to Denver, it didn't take her long to hook up with the Denver Zine Library, and not much longer after that, she discovered that the library's once-vibrant Denver Zine Fest had fallen through the cracks several years before. To the delight of DZL's Kelly Shortandqueer and the rest of the city's zine community, Black took steps to bring the fest back last summer with a big expo and trading floor, along with a couple of parties to kick it off and put it to bed. Does two years in a row make it a tradition? Find out when the fest returns on June 25, and keep up with news and developments on the Denver Zine Festival Facebook event page.

2400 Curtis St., Denver, 80205 MAP
denverzinelibrary.org

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Too Much Fun!
BEST FREE COMEDY SHOW

Every Wednesday, local comedy fans flock to the Deer Pile – a cozy arts space above City, O' City, a vegetarian restaurant and hub for artsy Capitol Hill residents – to watch some combination of Bobby Crane, Nathan Lund and Sam Tallent boogie into the room to the squeals of Mountain's "Mississippi Queen." The PBR-quaffing regulars, who deliberately arrive late to the frequently delayed showcase, recognize the ritual as the commencement of Too Much Fun!, a defiantly anarchic comedy experience unlike any in the city. While the show initially suffered a bit from the departure of founding gent Chris

Best Installation Solo – Hard Materials
A FOLK TALE BY BRYAN ANDREWS

Best Use of Fruit, Flowers and Nudes
A TENTED SKY: NEW WORKS BY KRISTEN HATGI SINK

Best Proof That Artists Can Change Course
AFTER THE PALE KING: ANDREW ROBERTS-GRAY

Best Painterly Essay on Climate
STEPHEN BATURA: FLOODPLAIN

Best Ode to Color
LEARNING TO SEE COLOR

Best Recasting of an Artist's Legacy
SUPER INDIAN: FRITZ SCHOLDER 1967-1980

Best Evidence of Clyfford Still's Eccentricity
REPEAT/RECREATE: CLYFFORD STILL'S "REPLICAS"

Best Celebration of the Absurd
JOKES OF NATURE

Best Celebration of the Rational
JOEL SWANSON: POLYSEMIC

Best Celebration of the Absurd and the Rational
SHAWN HUCKINS: THE AMERICAN __ TIER

Best Aesthetic Response to Football
CRITICAL FOCUS: MONIQUE CRINE

Best Aesthetic Response to 4/20
OUTPOST

Best Show About Denver's Hippie Heritage
RETROACTIVE: FOUNDING SPARK

Best Use of Concrete
THE ESSENCE

Best Use of Particle Board With Plastic Trim
DERRICK VELASQUEZ: NEW BRUTAL

Best Last-Minute Save for an Art Space
COLORADO PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS CENTER

Best Annual Art Party
DESIGN AFTER DARK

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SHORTER EVENINGS

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CURIOUS THEATRE COMPANY

Best Theater Lobby
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Best Display of Sheer On-Stage Gutsiness
PHAMALY THEATRE COMPANY, CABARET

Best Revival of a Theatrical Institution
AVENUE THEATER

Best Move by Local Playwrights
DIRTYFISH THEATER

Best Return to the Stage
HERITAGE SQUARE MUSIC HALL ACTORS

Best Reason to Make the Trek to Lone Tree
LONE TREE ARTS CENTER

Best Improvised Theater Space
THE CATAMOUNTS

Best Season for an Actor
CHRIS KENDALL

Best Season for an Actress
EMMA MESSENGER

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SCREENPLAY ABOUT THE DEATH
OF WALT DISNEY**

Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Comedy
MICHAEL BOUCHARD IN *HYSTERIA*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Drama
AUGUSTUS TRUHN IN *JERUSALEM*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Drama
PHILIP PLEASANTS IN *ALL THE WAY*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Shakespeare Play
BEN BONENFANT IN *HENRY V*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Shakespeare Play
GEOFFREY KENT IN *OTHELLO*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Shakespeare Play
CAROLYN HOLDING IN *AS YOU LIKE IT*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Shakespeare Play
EMILY KRON IN *AS YOU LIKE IT*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Drama
KAREN SLACK IN *MEDEA*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Drama
KATE FINCH IN *TRIBES*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy
DEBORAH PERSOFF IN *4000 MILES*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Comedy
JENNA MOLL REYES IN *4000 MILES*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical
CHRISTINA SAJOUS IN *THE 12*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Musical
CASHELLE BUTLER IN *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Musical
SCOTT BEYETTE IN *MARY POPPINS*

Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Musical
TJ HOGLE IN *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*

Best Direction of a Musical
NICK SUGAR, *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*

Best Theater Production
HYSTERIA

Best Theater Season
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BOOMBAPTRICKS

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BLOW PONY

Best Drag Queen
FELONY MISDEMEANOR

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- Best Long-Running Drag Show
DRAG NATION
- Best Monthly Dance Party
CIRCUIT SATURDAY
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R&R LOUNGE
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BLUSH & BLU
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ULTIMATE QUEEN CHALLENGE
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OMINOUS
- Best Dance Club
MILK BAR
- Best Rock Club
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"HOWLING AT NOTHING"
- Best New Band

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