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Cherry Creek Arts Festival Announces Chris Stevens as President and CEO

Stevens, formerly with Denver International Airport, will step into his new role July 6

DENVER (June 24, 2015) – Beginning on July 6, directly following the 25th anniversary of the [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#) (CCAF), Chris Stevens, formerly manager of the art and culture program at Denver International Airport, will take over as president and CEO of CCAF.

“We are excited for Chris to lead CherryArts and its robust and growing nonprofit mission to provide access to arts experiences and support arts education for 20,000 youth annually throughout Colorado,” said Cherry Creek Arts Festival Board Chair Stacia Freimuth. “CCAF’s 25th anniversary celebration marks a key milestone for the organization, and the CCAF board of directors anticipates great success in this next chapter of our history.”

Along with the continued success of year-round, mission-based programming, CCAF’s annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival supports artist sales of \$2.8 million and contributes millions of dollars in economic impact to the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District, the City of Denver and the State of Colorado.

“I’m honored to become part of an organization that is a premier cultural institution in the city of Denver and in Colorado,” said Stevens. “I look forward to working with the board, staff and our rich community partners to expand CCAF’s mission of increasing access to arts in the Denver community and beyond.”

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival board of directors conducted a nationwide search when former president and CEO Terry Adams departed CCAF in February after serving the organization for 14 years. Interim director Tara Brickell will continue to lead the organization through the 25th Anniversary celebration (July 3, 4 and 5) until Stevens moves into his position on July 6.

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival (CCAF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit art services organization with the mission to provide access to a broad array of arts experiences and support arts education in Colorado. Along with the annual Arts Festival, CCAF fulfills its year-round art education and outreach mission through programs including the Mobile Art Gallery, Artist in Residence programs and the Janus Student Art Buying Program. CCAF has produced its signature cultural event for Colorado annually during the 4th of July weekend since 1991. The Arts Festival weekend is a world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary and performing arts, and enjoys an attendance of 350,000 visitors over the three-day event. CCAF gives patrons the FREE, rare and special opportunity to meet and talk with international visual artists, sample fine cuisine, visit special exhibits, and entertain their families with interactive “Artivities” and exciting performing arts. To learn more, follow CCAF at www.CherryArts.org, [www.Facebook.com/CherryArts](https://www.facebook.com/CherryArts), and [www.Twitter.com/CherryArts](https://www.twitter.com/CherryArts). Share art experiences with the hashtag #CherryArts.

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