



INDEPENDENCE EVE presented by Anadarko returns on July 3 *SEVENTH-ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IN CIVIC CENTER PARK* *FEATURING FREE CONCERT, LIGHT SHOW & FIREWORKS FINALE*

(DENVER, CO – June 23, 2016) The **Civic Center Conservancy** announced details for the seventh-annual free community concert, light show and fireworks display on **Sunday, July 3, 2016**, at **Denver’s Civic Center Park** (Colfax & Broadway) beginning at **8:00 p.m.** **Independence Eve presented by Anadarko** Petroleum Corporation is **free** and open to the public.

“For the seventh year in a row, downtown Denver’s Civic Center Park will be the place to celebrate country, community and culture,” said **Civic Center Conservancy Executive Director Lindy Eichenbaum Lent**. “From Civic Center’s architectural and horticultural beauty to the fantastic music emanating from the concert stage to the stunning light show and fireworks finale – Independence Eve presented by Anadarko is truly a multi-sensory extravaganza in the heart of our city. We are grateful to Anadarko and the other loyal sponsors that support this gift to the community – and to the Metro Denver residents who make Independence Eve part of their annual family tradition.”



Independence Eve presented by Anadarko will be emceed by **CBS4 anchor Jim Benemann**. Anadarko employee **Travis Holland** will perform the National Anthem. The **free concert** featuring Colorado blues/rock/funk favorites **Chris Daniels & The Kings** and the beloved **Colorado National Guard 101st Army Band from Buckley Air Force Base** will include patriotic standards such as America the Beautiful, the Armed Forces Salute, The Stars and Stripes Forever and 1812 Overture, to name a few – alongside classic and contemporary favorites from Prince, James Brown, Chicago, Steppenwolf, Lee Greenwood, The Commodores, Daft Punk and more.

Lawn seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; arriving early is greatly encouraged, as are blankets or low-rise concert/beach chairs. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnics; food truck concessions will also be available on-site. The event will take place rain or shine, and Chris Daniels and the Kings will play a pre-show bonus set around 5:30 p.m.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Civic Center Conservancy for the opportunity to once again sponsor the Independence Eve Celebration, which brings us all together and provides such a powerful reminder of the freedom we all share,” said **Brad Holly, Anadarko Sr. Vice President of Rocky Mountain Operations**. “It’s been an honor to sponsor this awe-inspiring event from its beginning, and we look forward to seeing our fellow Coloradans on July 3 to celebrate, honor our veterans and active-duty servicemen and women for their sacrifices, and reflect on the importance of preserving the independence we all hold sacred.”

Independence Eve presented by Anadarko is made possible by the support of the following community partners and sponsors: **Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, the City and County of Denver, VISIT DENVER and Xcel Energy**. Special thanks to our media partners **CBS4 Denver, Comcast and The Denver Post Community**.

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Civic Center is easily accessible by light rail, bus, bicycle or the **16th Street FREE MallRide** and use of public transportation is encouraged. Information on nearby **B-cycle** bike-sharing locations is available at <https://denver.bcycle.com/>. Parking is available at nearby surface lots and parking garages, including but not limited to, the **Cultural Garage** at 12th and Broadway, the **Denver Justice Center Garage** at 490 W. 14th Ave., the **Sheraton** garage on the 1500 block of Cleveland, and the **parking lots/garages** at 1530 Cleveland Place, Denver Pavilions (15th & Welton), 1256 Delaware, 1440 Tremont and 1745 Sherman.

Please note that road closures will include the one block of Bannock and Cherokee between 14th Avenue Parkway and Colfax and 14th Ave. Parkway from Cherokee to Broadway. Broadway will likely close at 6 p.m. from Colfax to 14th Ave. on July 3. A close-in drop-off location will be accessible from eastbound Colfax in front of the McNichols Civic Center Building, 144 W. Colfax.

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CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY

Formed in 2004, the Civic Center Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the City and County of Denver restore, enhance and activate Civic Center Park. Through programs such as Civic Center EATS, Civic Center MOVES, Bike-In Movies and Independence Eve; advocacy around design, infrastructure and policy issues; and fundraising for capital improvements, activities and initiatives that support and revitalize the park, the Civic Center Conservancy aims to elevate and sustain Civic Center Park as Denver's vibrant, iconic community and cultural hub. For more information, please visit www.civiccenterconservancy.org or "Denver's Civic Center Park" on Facebook.

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CHRIS DANIELS & THE KINGS

Chris Daniels & the Kings played their first show in 1984 and have been touring the world ever since. The seven-piece band, called "funky-blues" by the Europeans, is an all-out "horn band" celebrating three decades of making great R&B, funk, "jump blues" and rock n' roll. Chris Daniels started as a 17-year-old songwriter and guitarist back in the 70s, has worked making records and performing with some of the most respected musicians in the business including Sonny Landreth, Sam Bush, Bela Fleck, David Bromberg, Al Kooper, Bill Payne, and Don Was to name a few, and was the founder of the Telluride After Hours Jam, playing that festival on-and-off for ten years beginning in 1975. In addition to his career as a singer, songwriter, guitarist, band leader, record producer and former executive director of the Swallow Hill Music Association, Daniels is an Assistant Professor at the College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado Denver campus. In 2015 Chris teamed up with Colorado soul-legend Freddi Gowdy (Freddi Henchi Band) to release The Kings' 14th album "Funky To The Bone." www.chrisdaniels.com

101ST ARMY CONCERT BAND

Based out of Colorado's Buckley Air Force Base, the 101st Army Concert Band plays patriotic music for the public, veterans and their families, and current members of the military. Under the direction of WO2 Russ Massey and SFC Nathaniel Johnson, the ensemble performs symphonic concerts consisting of classical music and marches, as well as playing a salute to veterans at every performance. The band consists of 40 citizen-soldiers who perform together part-time, while maintain their duties as soldiers and living and working in their communities. www.101starmyband.com