



INDEPENDENCE EVE returns to Civic Center on July 3 *EIGHTH-ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IN CIVIC CENTER PARK* *FEATURES FREE CONCERT, LIGHT SHOW & FIREWORKS FINALE*

(DENVER, CO – June 27, 2017) The **Civic Center Conservancy** announced details for the eighth-annual free community concert, light show and fireworks finale on **Monday, July 3, 2017**, at **Denver’s Civic Center Park** (Colfax & Broadway) beginning at **8:00 p.m.** **Independence Eve** is free and open to the public.

“For the eighth 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 is a multi-sensory extravaganza in the heart of our city. We are grateful to the 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 will be emceed by **CBS4 anchor Jim Benemann** and feature welcome remarks from **Governor John Hickenlooper**. Colorado-based country music singer/songwriter/recording artist **Taylor Rae** will perform the National Anthem and her new single, “13 Stripes and 50 Stars.” The **free concert** featuring Colorado’s high-energy, multi-genre 10-piece dance band **Soul X** and the beloved **101st Army Band of the Colorado National Guard** will include patriotic standards such as the Armed Forces Salute and John Philip Sousa marches – alongside classic and contemporary favorites that will have the crowd dancing.

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.

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

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.bicycle.com/>. A bike valet will be available on the north side of the park at 201 W. Colfax starting at 4 p.m.; additional bike racks will be available on the south side of the park, between the Denver Central Library and Denver Art Museum. 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.

TAYLOR RAE

Colorado-based singer/songwriter/recording artist Taylor Rae released her self-titled album in June 2017, and her single "13 Stripes and 50 Stars" can be heard on radio stations across the country. Taylor seeks to change lives one song at a time, and is well-known locally for performing the National Anthem for the Colorado Rockies, Denver Nuggets, University of Colorado Men's and Women's basketball games, CU Women's Volleyball games, National Western Stock Show Pro Rodeo, Douglas County Rodeo, military services and large fundraising events all throughout Colorado. <https://www.officialtaylorrae.com/>

SOUL X

Soul X has built a reputation and loyal following based on its interactive high-energy performance style, exceptional vocals and authentic musicianship. Whether performing current top 40, Motown, blues, 80s hits, country, funk and more, Soul X impresses with every genre. The band performs an average of over 100 events a year in Denver, across the U.S. and internationally, leaving audiences across the globe begging for more. <http://soulxband.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