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**West Colfax MuralFest Enters 4<sup>th</sup> Year with Live Music, Mural Painting, Artist Demos and Free Trolley Tours at Lamar Station Plaza on August 11th**

**LAKEWOOD, Colo. (July 13, 2018)** – West Colfax MuralFest, a FREE one-day arts festival celebrating the creativity of Lakewood’s historic West Colfax corridor, features juried artists from across the country creating an outdoor gallery of murals and art experiences. Hosted at Lamar Station Plaza on August 11 from 11am to 6pm, the annual festival includes live music, live mural painting and art demos, creative vendors, free trolley tours, food trucks, craft beer, and kids’ activities.

“MuralFest is a celebration of the ever-growing arts movement along West Colfax” said Bill Marino, 40 West Board Chair and Business Improvement District Director. “This festival has something for everybody—murals, music, art booths, food, craft beer and activities for the whole family! We’re excited to showcase the creative energy of Lakewood’s 40 West Arts District through this family friendly event.”

This year MuralFest patrons can listen to music by Colorado favorites *Pandas & People* and *Graham Good and the Painters*, in addition to singer-songwriters Maya Bennett and Emelise Munoz. The inspirational Azure Antoinette, named the “Maya Angelou of the millennial generation” by Oprah, will also appear at the festival along with other poets to entertain the crowd throughout the day.

Mural artists include Thomas Evans (I am Detour) who has painted multiple sites in the Denver area with his signature bold, graphic and colorful style, and Steven Teller, an artist and muralist based out of Florida. MuralFest also welcomes international diversity with muralist Pepe Gaka from Italy. Live artist demos will be conducted throughout the day in multiple mediums including oil, wood and ceramics.

West Colfax MuralFest 2018 is a rain-or-shine event on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-6pm at Lamar Station Plaza** (home of Casa Bonita) and along the district’s newest amenity—the 40 West ArtLine, a four-mile walkable, bikeable arts experience. The festival is a collaboration of 40 West Arts, a state-certified creative district; West Colfax Community Association, and the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District. Last year’s MuralFest attracted more than 5000 people and organizers anticipate even larger crowds this year. For further information, write [info@40westarts.org](mailto:info@40westarts.org) or visit [westcolfaxmurfest.org](http://westcolfaxmurfest.org).

See the 2017 West Colfax MuralFest video here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsKJWroxzMk>

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/1931531876856881/>

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