



INVITATION TO ARTISTS

Dear Artist in the Community of People with Disabilities,

The Independence Center and The Arc Pikes Peak Region have been invited to partner with the Downtown Partnership's First Friday Downtown on September 1st. Free and open to the public, First Friday Downtown features new art, live music, and special events on the first Friday of every month from 5-8pm at dozens of galleries, retailers and nonprofits throughout Downtown Colorado Springs. This September, First Friday Downtown features a progressive dessert tour, where galleries also provide small desserts for visitors and draw a larger and more varied group of participants.

We would love to invite you to contribute your time and energy towards showcasing your artwork at The Independence Center, who will be hosting an "Art of Accessibility" Exhibit.

Artists will Receive:

- 3 hours of community exposure at the First Friday Downtown event, including potential media coverage and involvement
- Support with designing and setting up your exhibit from experienced artists
- The opportunity to be involved in an artist Q&A, Live Art Demonstration, or other exhibit highlight; if interested, please indicate in exhibit proposal

Artists will Provide:

- An application by 5pm on 8/14, which should include:
 - o A short biography
 - o Between 4-10 pictures of your work
 - o A short proposal for your exhibit (a few sentences describing your art)
- Artists MUST commit to be available during the following times:
 - o 8/31 from 5-8pm for Exhibit Setup and Preparation
 - o 9/1 from 4pm-8:30pm for First Friday Downtown Event

Please email submissions to Courtney Stone at cstone@the-ic.org to **by 5pm on 8/14!**
Questions can be directed to 719-471-8181 ext. 197.

