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**Welcome Back Art Exhibition Celebrating nearly 60 Artists  
Kicks Off New RiNo ArtPark Gallery on Aug 7**

*An exhibition features 58 artists working across multiple generations of  
RiNo Art District's 20-year history*

**DENVER** — On Friday, August 7, [RiNo Art District](#) (RAD) opens its Creative District Welcome Center and launches a new community gallery space at the [RiNo ArtPark](#) with an inaugural exhibition, *Welcome Back*.

Guest-curators [Jill Hadley Hooper](#), co-founder of RiNo Art District, and [Jonas Sanchez](#), a Denver-based emerging curator, were invited to curate *Welcome Back*, which features nearly 60 artists exhibiting works in diverse media, on view across multiple RiNo ArtPark exhibition and event spaces. The exhibition intentionally bridges artists who founded the certified Creative District with a younger generation carrying forward the district's renowned DIY spirit, creating a living conversation between generations.

**What:** [Welcome Back](#) Gallery Exhibition Opening

**When:** Friday, August 7, 5-9 pm, with the exhibition running [through Nov 7](#)

**Where:** RiNo ArtPark (1900 35th St.); *Welcome Back* exhibition spans the new RiNo Art District Welcome Center and Truss House Gallery spaces

**Tickets:** Free to attend; [reservation appreciated](#) (RSVPs before August 7 receive 50% off their first drink)

**Participating artists include:**

Sabin Aell • Zak Ashburn • Sharon Bankert • Stephen Batura • Ashlyn Bennett • Racheal Bennett • Jeffrey Bludeau • Sharon Bond Brown • Tonia Bonnell • Karen Bozik • Caroline Boyd • Beau Carnes • Josephine Clark • Michael Clapper • Lanny DeVuono • Brady A. Dollyhigh • Caitlyn Dolphin • Sharon Feder • John Ferguson • Ian Fisher • Camille Garcia • Jordan Garelick • Debra Goldman • Stephanie Hartshorn • Kristen Hatgi Sink • Matt Holman • Heidi Jung • Lisa Kowalski • dona laurita • Bryan Leister • Kendra Lewis • MaryV • William McDonald • Dawn McFadden • Myron J. Melnick • Susan Meyer • Patricia Murphy • Tori O'Dea • Matt O'Neill • Chandler Romeo • Cyrena Rosati • Vicki Ann Rottman • Randy Rushton • Yoshitomo Saito • Robin Louise Schaefer • Annalee Schorr • Dave Seiler • Mark Sink • Kevin P. Sloan • Elsa Sroka • Jeff Starr • Brenda Stumpf • Ruby Sumners • Tracy Weil • Reed Philip Weimer • Susan Wick • Where Wood Meets Steel • Craig Wright

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“This is the first survey of the work from the neighborhood that includes [Ironton](#), RiNo and also artists that predated the naming of the district. And most importantly the next generation; I appreciate the genius of Daisy inviting Jonas and his eye. By mixing the established and the emerging, this isn’t a static show and it’s not a static district. It’s moving forward in really good ways. And I think we all realized once we were in it, that this show is only part of the narrative and there is room and time for so many more stories,” says Jill Hadley Hooper.

“Celebrating the monumental 20th anniversary of the RiNo Art District, this exhibition serves as a major, expansive survey of RiNo’s enduring influence on Denver’s art scene. All of the ‘emerging’ artists selected have been impacted by this district and will ensure that RiNo’s legacy of experimentation continues.” says Jonas Sanchez.

“*Welcome Back* invites guest curators who are greatly admired in the Denver arts community - Jill Hadley Hooper as co-founder of RiNo Art District and a longtime and influential curator at Ironton Studios & Galleries, and Jonas Sanchez is a vibrant emerging curatorial voice with deep roots in Denver. We are fortunate to work with both of them on this important exhibition as the district marks two decades,” says Daisy Fodness-McGowan, Executive & Artistic Director of RiNo Art District.

As RiNo Art District marks its second decade, *Welcome Back* celebrates the artists, creative spaces, and cultural communities that have shaped the certified Creative District into one of Denver’s most important and impactful artistic ecosystems.

The RiNo ArtPark Gallery and Studios are a key element in RiNo Art District’s burgeoning curatorial incubator, which is offering opportunities to emerging and talented curators, artists, and curatorial groups. Programming for the remainder of 2026 will feature local, national, and international artists and invited curators; a call for applications for the incubator program is planned for 2027. [Read more about this new chapter for the RiNo Art District >](#)

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## About RiNo Art District

[RiNo Art District](#) (RAD) is a Denver-based 501c3 nonprofit arts organization and one of Colorado’s first certified Creative Districts, dedicated to supporting artists, creative businesses, and community across the historic neighborhoods of Five Points, Cole, Globeville, and Elyria-Swansea. Founded in 2005 as a nonprofit arts organization, RAD stewards the district’s cultural identity through public art, galleries, events, and creative placemaking — working to ensure that diverse creative voices remain central to RiNo Art District’s future.

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