

festival notes

BRECKENRIDGE FILM FESTIVAL

It's the only chance in Summit County to get a taste of indie filmmaking for four days straight – and it happens annually in the heart of Breckenridge on the third weekend of September. It's an art house production nestled well away from the big city cinema houses, with breathing room and where limousine parking is replaced by a bike valet.

The Breckenridge Film Festival seeks to entertain its audiences at the same time it enlightens through intimate exposure to filmmakers and their craft in the town's authentic mountain environment. Since the festival rebranded and began rebuilding itself in early 2013, the 34-year-old event is taking a new approach to presenting film in Summit County, which includes film programming oriented to locals (think: Adventure Reel) as well as a strong emphasis on workshops, panel discussions and other educational approaches, often involving collaboration with fellow arts



organizations. This fall, the festival will be partnering with the Breckenridge Arts District to screen films and hold discussions in the intimate setting of the Fuqua Livery Stable with the goal of springboarding into a more interconnected relationship in the future. Think filmmaker-in-residence or an arts demonstration following a film screening.

To put on the annual flagship event, it takes many hands and long hours – and plenty of love. Six venues, more than 50 films, roughly 30 filmmakers, a day of educational forums, a free family program and a party or two each day comprise the festival each year. There are a few moving parts in that puzzle – which is one built

on a minimal budget. The festival constantly seeks to improve its offerings while accepting its limitations. This year, the festival will present the Colorado premiere of "Higher," the last in the Jeremy Jones trilogy produced by Teton Gravity Research, in addition to the return of the Adventure Reel. Opening and Closing night films are always surprises, though the regular film lineup (and tickets) will be available at www.breckfilmfest.com by mid-summer.

DILLON SUMMER EVENTS

Lake Dillon is on the rise as summer heats up and with that comes an incredible array of events in the town center of Dillon. The marina

alone is a great way to escape the heat of summer with boat and SUP rentals. The Tiki Bar is jamming on the dock with

spirits, grilled items and more on the menu. Music at the Dillon Amphitheater has an incredible lineup with notable performances from Dark Star Orchestra playing on June 6th and The Machine lined up for a September 6th performance. Take a country western dance lesson on Thursdays and be sure to hit their famous Farmers Market on Fridays. The town itself has terrific restaurants and fresh beer at Pug Ryans Microbrewery and Restaurant. Do you have kids or some youngsters who want to check it out? Their park overlooking the Lake is awesome. Be sure to enjoy their July 4th celebration too! www.townofdillon.com

OURAY MOUNTAIN AIR MUSIC SERIES

Held every Thursday night in June at Ouray's Fellin' Park, you

will be enchanted by spectacular Ouray, Colorado and evenings of pure musical magic!

This year's series features several Colorado based bands, as well as groups from California and New York. Each week features a different genre of music, from indie to funk, and bluegrass to rock and blues. The bands are selected to appeal to all ages and to get the crowds dancing and enjoying the gorgeous summer evenings.

The concerts are free and family and pet friendly. Each week a local non-profit organization will benefit from beer, wine and spirit sales. Additional non-profit groups will be fundraising by selling food and running entertainment for children. A wide selection of food, beverages and treats will be available for purchase each night. www.ouraycolorado.com



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