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**Call for Artists: “Beat Box” Funded by Denver Arts and Venues’ “P.S. You Are Here”
Grant Program**

Showcasing Colorado’s Vibrant Past and Present Music Scene

Denver, CO – Rocky Mountain Public Media is getting ready to paint the town! “Beat Box”, a community art project led by KUVO Jazz and THE DROP 104.7 radio stations, is looking for artists.

“Beat Box” aims to showcase Colorado’s vibrant past and present music scene and elevate local artists through the creation of six utility box murals near the Buell Public Media Center (home to Rocky Mountain Public Media, the parent organization of KUVO Jazz and THE DROP 104.7 radio stations) in downtown Denver. Each mural will feature the portrait of a prominent historical or active Colorado musician to raise public awareness about their artistic contributions and enhance community pride. “I’m grateful to be acknowledged in the city like this after 10 years of putting in work!” says one of the musicians selected by KUVO Jazz and THE DROP 104.7 listeners.

“Colorado has one of the most vibrant and creative music scenes in the nation, and this mural project is a powerful tribute to that legacy. “Beat Box” was created to honor not only the sound of our city but its soul — jazz and hip-hop — two sounds born from struggle and resilience, speak to truths that still resonate today. By highlighting local legends from Colorado’s jazz and hip-hop scenes, we’re not just adding beauty to our downtown; we’re putting history, culture, and resilience on the wall for all to see,” says Molly Gallegos, on-air host for THE DROP 104.7 and KUVO Jazz. “We cannot wait to review submissions and bring this project to life.”

The selected artists will design and install the murals. All artwork submissions must be an original design and suitable for viewing by all ages. Artists must be 18 years or older to apply. Each artist chosen will be assigned one musician at random and will receive a 1000-dollar stipend to cover time and materials. Selected artists will also have the opportunity for on-air interviews with KUVO Jazz and THE DROP 104.7.

ENTRY PROCEDURES:

ENTRY FORM: Each interested artist [can apply here](#).

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, May 16 at 11:59 PM Mountain

MORE INFO: About [“Beat Box”](#)

TIMELINE:

EARLY JUNE: Artist Finalist Notification

MID JUNE: Artist Finalist Design Deadline

EARLY JULY: Artist Informational Meeting

MID JULY-EARLY AUGUST: Mural Installation

This project is funded by Denver Arts and Venues' "*P.S. You are Here*" grant program in collaboration with KUVO Jazz and THE DROP 104.7.

About Rocky Mountain Public Media

[Rocky Mountain Public Media](#) (RMPM) is Colorado's largest statewide, member-supported multimedia network, home to Rocky Mountain PBS, KUVO JAZZ, and THE DROP 104.7. RMPM works to strengthen Colorado communities by offering educational resources for kids and families, trusted news and information for communities large and small, a stage for local artists, and stories that build bridges to empathy and understanding.

About THE DROP 104.7

[THE DROP 104.7](#) is a hub for music discovery, healing, and community engagement, inspiring the next generation of creatives and innovators. Denver's premier station for urban alternative, R&B, and hip-hop, THE DROP goes beyond sound waves, as a vibrant connector for the community, promoting local involvement and celebrating the region's rich culture and arts.

About KUVO Jazz

[KUVO Jazz](#) provides distinctive music, news and informational programming reflecting the values and cultural diversity of its listener community. In addition to the Denver broadcast on 89.3 FM, KUVO Jazz's free app and YouTube channel give the station the ability to stream programs live to a worldwide listener community. KUVO frequently features live broadcasts of national touring artists as well as local musicians and students from the station's Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Performance Studio, and broadcasts remotely from concerts, festivals, and community events.

About Denver Arts & Venues

[Denver Arts & Venues](#)' mission is to enrich Denver's quality of life and economic vitality through the advancement of arts, culture and entertainment opportunities for all. Denver Arts & Venues operates Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Denver Performing Arts Complex, Colorado Convention Center, Denver Coliseum, Theatre at Loretto Heights and McNichols Civic Center Building, using proceeds from events at these venues to run and maintain these facilities and to provide access to art for all through free and low-cost community events, grants for artists and arts organizations, public art and art education. Using Good Times, For Good.

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