

Press Release

Routt County and Steamboat Creates Select Local Artists and Artwork for New HHS Building

Steamboat Springs, CO, November 14, 2022 – Routt County, in partnership with Steamboat Creates, is excited to announce that artists have been identified to create pieces for the interior of the new Health and Human Services Building at Oak Street and 6th Street in downtown Steamboat Springs.

“Public art is one of my favorite programs due to the vast array of benefits and accessibility for everyone to enjoy. The artwork that was selected encourages contemplation and dialogue that, I believe, will lead to a shared sense of belonging and community pride. Steamboat Creates is honored to guide the public art process from beginning to end,” said Kim Keith, Executive Director of Steamboat Creates.

Steamboat Creates invited artists to submit proposals for artwork for the new Routt County Health and Human Services Building, with a theme of “Being Human” in September. The RFP specified that ideal pieces should evoke the feeling of being human in a unique, contemporary way to celebrate Routt County citizens.

All proposals were due on October 20 to the curatorial committee. This committee, composed of community members, arts professionals, government and creative district committee members, met on October 27 to review all submissions. Kim Keith, Executive Director of Steamboat Creates, and Julie Kennedy, Routt County Purchasing Director, presented the committee’s selections to the Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2022 and the selections were unanimously approved!

Congratulations to the following artists:

- Julie Anderson
- Jill Bergman
- Erin Branscum
- Denise Bohart Brown
- Madeleine Burrough
- Sandy Graves
- Erin Kreis
- Wendy Kowynia
- Cyndi Marlowe
- Christie Stepan
- David Winters
- Chloe Wilwerding
- Simone White
- Steamboat Springs School District Elementary School students

The artists will be doing a site visit to discuss the site-specific perimeters and installation details. Installation will be scheduled for mid-April, 2023. We look forward to welcoming the



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community into the new Health and Human Services building, to experience the artwork, once construction is complete.

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