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It's nearly summer. Get your festival on.



Colorado Black Arts Festival, Boogaloo Celebration Parade

In summer, our hearts turn to thoughts of the amazing festivals that animate our world, connect us with our own or new cultures and make the season's dog days just a little brighter. Your support of SCFD makes certain these community-connecting events happen. So saddle up for a summer of fun, food and finding all the wonder.

- [Boulder Bach Festival](#)
- [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#)
- [Colorado Black Arts Festival](#)
- [Colorado Dragon Boat Festival](#)
- [Colorado MahlerFest](#)
- [Colorado Environmental Film Festival](#)
- [Colorado Scottish Festival](#)
- [Colorado Music Festival & Center for Musical Arts](#)
- [Denver Film Festival](#)

- [Evergreen Jazz Festival](#)
- [Hops Drops](#)
- [JLF Colorado \(Jaipur Literature Festival\)](#)
- [LitFest](#)
- [Neustadt JAAMM Festival](#)
- [ReelAbilities Film Festival](#)



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During 2020, organizations from across the sector lost about a decade's worth of financial growth. That's why funding you make possible through the SCFD is so critical. In 2021, you provided \$75 million in stabilizing funding to ensure that our arts and cultural organizations endure. [You can see a full economic impact report recently released by the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts.](#)



Engage with Us

A shout out from the SCFD community to metro area cultural champions

A longstanding tradition at SCFD is to recognize top cultural contributors with the Rex Morgan Awards. Named for Rex Morgan, without whom the SCFD would not exist, these awards seek to honor his memory by recognizing major contributors to the cultural landscape in lifetime leadership, civic engagement and innovative partnerships. Here are the 2022 winners.

- **Lifetime Achievement:** Jim Harrington's service over many decades as treasurer and chairman of the SCFD Board of Directors, as well as his instrumental work in securing reauthorization of the district across multiple elections demonstrates his deep commitment to culture in our metro area. His tireless service has ensured the continued vibrancy of our cultural landscape for generations to come.
- **Civic Engagement:** Darrell Anderson is an internationally known painter and visual artist with work displayed around the globe. But it is his deep commitment to mentoring, teaching and transforming the Denver metro area for the better that sees him honored with this year's award for civic engagement. While you can see his magnificent art around Denver, you might not see the hundreds of lives he has transformed through his championing of artists and arts organizations as well as the power of art to create a better world.
- **Innovative Partnership:** The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and the Denver Foundation came together at a critical juncture to create a unique partnership that was a literal lifeline to arts and culture organizations devastated by the necessary pandemic shutdowns. In the end, the two venerable Denver foundations delivered \$2 million to 72 organizations across the Denver metro area.

New organizations join the SCFD each year

Every year, organizations who are not currently part of the SCFD can apply to be eligible to receive funding. This process is the first step organizations take to become part of the SCFD funding family. Since voters conceived of the SCFD 30 years ago, the number of organizations supported by the district has grown to more than 300. [You can learn more about the process](#)

SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are

open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held 1 p.m. on July 28. Details on how to attend will be available soon. [Get more information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2022 board meetings.](#)

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