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One Week...100+ Events...All Free

SCFD recipient organizations show appreciation for metro-area residents by offering free events to celebrate 15 years of cultural funding.

SCFD 15th Anniversary

Join the week-long celebration at over 100 free events around the Denver metro area on September 19-24.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 -- In 1988, metro-area voters overwhelmingly passed a historic tax measure to support the funding of local not-for-profit cultural institutions. Managed through the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), the sales and use tax amounts to one penny on every ten-dollar purchase. The tax generates more than \$30 million annually and helps fund over 300 organizations in the seven counties that comprise the district: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson.

The SCFD serves as a national model for government funding of art, scientific, historical and cultural organizations. It supports four large regional attractions: the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS), the Denver Zoo, the Denver Art Museum, and the Denver Botanic Gardens.

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However, SCFD funding also goes to smaller community groups and facilities, such as the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, the Colorado Mountain Club, the Denver Film Society, Opera Colorado, the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, the Bluff Lake Nature Center, the Denver Brass, the Collage Children's Museum, Ballet Nouveau Colorado, El Centro Su Teatro, PHAMALY and many more.

These cultural organizations have a significant impact on the regional economy. In fact, in 2001, they attracted 9.1 million people and contributed more than \$1 billion to the Denver metro area economy.

This year marks the SCFD's 15th anniversary. To thank area citizens, voters, and to celebrate 15 years of continued support and success, SCFD-funded organizations are offering over 100 free events on September 19-24.

The SCFD anniversary celebration begins with a [Bear Fair](#) from 6–10:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19 at Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre. Admission is free, and performers include Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night, the Colorado Woman's Chorus, the New Philharmonic with Nina Storey and Wendy Woo, and more.

Events during the week include the Colorado Performing Arts Festival on September 20 – 21, free screenings of RAIN MAN and Casablanca by the Denver Film Society; free performances by Opera Colorado and the Central City Opera; free art and gallery exhibits at the Denver Art Museum, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, the CORE: New Art Space, the Mizel Center for Arts and Culture, and others; free entrance to the Butterfly Museum, the DMNS, the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Golden Pioneer Museum, the Colorado Railroad Museum, Denver's Molly Brown House Museum, and other facilities; as well as free festivals, child activities, lectures, concerts and much more.

For a full list of events and complete details, visit the Arts to Zoo special anniversary Web site at www.artstozoo/15. For general information about the 15th Anniversary of the SCFD, please call (303) 446-4890, or visit the SCFD Web site at www.scfid.org.

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