

Civic Area Public Art



As imagined by the Civic Area Vision Plan, and reasserted in the Community Cultural Plan, the Civic Area will be filled with vivacious, thought-provoking experiences with public art.

Artists will be selected through an open, competitive process in several phases through the life of the Civic Area project. Goals for public art in the Civic Area include careful consideration of scale and substance, finished artworks that are a point-of-pride in their quality and unique character, a healthy diversity of experiences, and works that are thoughtful additions to the beautiful environment of the Civic Area.

CONCEPTS FOR PUBLIC ART PROJECTS IN THE CIVIC AREA:

Phase 1, 2016-17
**Eleventh Street
Magnet**

A grand meeting place on a civic scale. The project will be seen from across the campus and visually connected along Canyon and to Pearl Street.

Phase 2, 2019 or later
Threshold System

Your first impression of home life happens as you step over the threshold. So, too, in the Civic Area. An artist will create a system of “gateways” to announce your arrival in this special place.

Phase 2, 2019 or later
**Library Plaza
Sculpture**

An intimate, human-scale sculpture will be commissioned to greet visitors to the North Building of the library.

Phase 2, 2019 or later
Grand Stage

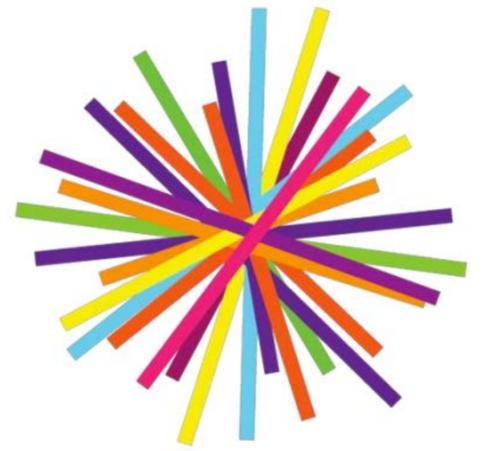
Serving as the backdrop to performances or as a work of art in itself, this architectural statement will be iconic, functional, and dynamic addition to the visual environment of the park.

Phase 3, after full build-out
**Temporary Artistic
Interventions**

Always fresh and interesting, new commissions of temporary work in a variety of media and styles will periodically appear.



Civic Area Cultural Programming



The community has a vision for the Civic Area as a “place for community activity and arts”. When fully realized this vision will include a diversity of experiences, with many serendipitous encounters with the arts.

Already a cultural center for Boulder, the Civic Area will be enhanced with further investments in cultural activity including destinations, events, and visual experiences . The goal is to create a highly-programmed environment in which anyone can expect to have an entertaining, enlightening, edifying visit; without checking a calendar or website, you will know that wonderful things will be happening when you visit the Civic Area.

A SELECTION OF CONCEPTS FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN THE CIVIC AREA:

Public Art
Permanent and temporary installations throughout the park.

Art Walk
An “art on the streets” experience with sculptures that rotate annually.

Farmers Market, Market Hall

Dushanbe Tea House

Main Library, Art Cinema, Makerspace

Cultural Festivals
New and returning outdoor events full of food, folk and fine arts.

BMoCA

Performing Arts
Music, dance & theater in 3 locations.

Street Performers

Outdoor Cinema

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