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# RiNo ART DISTRICT

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# **RiNo Art District** Annual Report 2017/2018

### A Message from the RiNo Art District:

Art is the spark. The generator of big ideas and visionary thinking. The very thing that can both challenge us and push us all to be better, bolder. For us, it is also the common denominator. When you start with art, the results are bound to be different.

In this moment, we recognize that art has helped us all keep moving forward, in a similar direction. It has shaped our conversations about people and about place. It has challenged us to do more, fight harder, and push farther.

Nearly three years into delivering bold initiatives via our consolidated RiNo Art District model, supported by the RiNo Business Improvement District and RiNo Denver General Improvement District, we have made progress in pushing for a new dynamic in how great cities and great places are made. We have pushed for bolder visions, better policies and creative problem solving. We have brought disparate voices to the table in order to hear all sides and craft better solutions.

Thank you for being a part of building a stronger future for the RiNo Art District and the historic neighborhoods - Cole, Five Points, Globeville and Elyria-Swansea - that we are honored to be a part of.

### THANK YOU

To the RiNo Community To our Members To our BID/GID Ratepayers To our Board Members To the City/County of Denver



### RiNo galleries are promoted in the 2017 "BUY ART" guide magazine—during 2017 and 2018, RiNo welcomes at least 7 new galleries.

# **RiNo welcomes Beloved**

# 7 new galleries

The RiNo BID contributes another \$20,000 toward Artspace and their efforts to develop affordable artist housing in RiNo, bringing the BID's total contribution to \$40,000 and helping to leverage more than \$300,000 in additional funding.



# **SUMMER**



Advocacy for **improvements** to pedestrian infrastructure including the 35th Street pedestrian bridge and preparations for the two-way conversion of Walnut Street enhances safety and walkability in the district.

racks, 4 miles of new bike

Safe Creative Spaces program passes through City Council thanks to RiNo's persistence and tenacity.

### New wayfinding signage sprouts up around RiNo to help create a sense of place through district gateways and pedestrian signage.

### FALL



The **RiNo Promenade** reaches

implementation after successfully

being added to the GO Bond.

a huge milestone toward

RiNo brings together artists and businesses for the World **Trade Center Denver Collaboration workshop** where 45 artists contribute ideas for including art and artists into this new global destination.

RiNo hosts the **pilot Denver** Day Works program to employ members of the homeless community for maintenance of the district while providing them with job training, support services, and paid employment.

The RiNo Made Pop-Up shop opens for the holidays, launching a new platform for RiNo artists to exhibit and sell their work.

RiNo launches a **partnership** with the Denver Public Library on programming and education with goals to expand to a full maker-space in the new RiNo Park Buildings.

RiNo celebrates Denver Arts Week with a VIP Studio and Gallery Tour guiding 90 guests throughout the district.

# 100+ artists featured at RiNo Made

### The 38th St. Underpass gets its big reveal after a nearly twoyear effort by RiNo to bring light RiNo completes **30% design** and color to the previously dark documents to convert 35th and blighted underpass making it Street between Arkins and Wazee into a street designed primarily for safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and

pedestrians and cyclists.



drivers alike.

60% increase in artist membership



## WINTER



### The inaugural "Side Stories" immersive video event

featured digital works from ten Colorado artists projected onto outdoor walls in RiNo. Each artist eceived a \$5,000 stipend to create a site-specific, short film nspired by RiNo's four historic neighborhoods.

One of

first 11

EcoDistricts

# 4 miles of new bike lanes

### RiNo's 2018 guide magazine **features the four historic** neighborhoods RiNo is a part of-Five Points, Cole, Globeville, Elyria-Swansea.

After years of negotiations and advocacy, **RiNo was** awarded control of two historic buildinas within the **RiNo Park.** The park buildings will serve as a community hub that celebrates art, innovation, education, small business, and community empowerment for the four neighborhoods in RiNo.

## \$40k to RiNo Made artists

RiNo launches a behind-thescenes Insider Tours series, giving exclusive access to the most exciting developments and businesses in the district. \$10,000 has been raised to help fund artist initiatives and other projects the district spearheads.

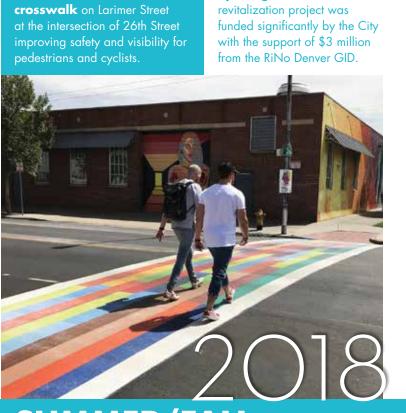
# The RiNo Made store opens, 40,000 has been paid to artis nd over 100 artists have beer

RiNo works with the Global Conservation Corps on a fundraising event, **RiNo for** Rhinos, featuring a silent auction of rhino inspired artwork from RiNo artists.

400+ trees planted

RiNo installs its **first creative** crosswalk on Larimer Street

Following a 20-month transformative construction project, Brighton Blvd, celebrates its grand opening. The \$30 million



# SUMMER/FALL



2.6 miles of sidewalks and separated cycle track, two new traffic signals, new pedestria crossings, wayfinding signage, and safety improvements as well as over 400 trees, 300+ streetlights, 100+ benches, 30+ bike racks, and 80+ on-street

estival, CRUSH WALLS, is relaunched as an official project of RiNo to include off the-wall activations alongside its compelling mural program. The event expands to **30 blocks throughout RiNo** and features an unprecedented lineup of **77 local and 7** international artists over the 7 day event.



## **SPRING**





The RiNo Design Overlay and Guidelines, and Density Bonuses are passed to naintains the character and feel nclusion of affordable residention

RiNo BID partners with the City to launch "RiNo MAPS" (RiNo Mobility and Parking Study) to help establish a framework through which the district can strategically and creatively manage access and mobility challenges.

After several months of crowdfunding, fundraising, and volunteerism, RiNo's pop-up park opens to the public. Boxyard Park features a dog park, art, seating and tables, food trucks, and a variety of programming through the end of the year. This pilot activation will ideally lead to support from the City to adopt Boxyard as an official park in the Parks and Recreation system.

The Brighton Blvd project delivers parking spaces.