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Manitou Springs is the Colorado Contender in Top 10 Best Small Town Arts Scenes

Manitou Springs, CO – For the second year running, Manitou Springs is the sole Colorado contender for the *USA Today* 10Best Small Town Arts Scenes in America.

USA Today 10Best editors and travel experts nominated Manitou Springs and 19 other small towns across America based on an evaluation of their museums, art galleries, performing arts and busy event calendars. The final rankings will be determined by a popular nationwide vote, so the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, Creative Alliance, and City of Manitou Springs again ask for support from friends, neighbors, businesses, and Colorado residents for daily votes to secure a Top-10 designation here: <http://tiny.cc/voteformanitousprings>.

“I’m not at all surprised to see Manitou Springs, Colorado competitively compared to Marfa, Texas; Taos, New Mexico; or Carmel-by-the-Sea, California” said Creative Alliance Manitou executive director Becca Sickbert. “We owe our Colorado State-Certified Creative District status to the vivacious community built by our creatives. Without our incredible arts scene, Manitou Springs would still be a beautiful place to live, but our arts and culture contributors all make it feel like home.”

Painters, potters, and makers have been attracted to this unique part of the country for the creative inspiration offered by the natural beauty and rich cultural traditions of the region.

“This is our 150th year as a city,” said Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce executive director, Leslie Lewis. “The arts have and always will be a vital part of our local business community, and we appreciate that these artists call Manitou Springs home.”

For more information on the contest and to vote daily through July 4, visit <http://tiny.cc/voteformanitousprings>

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About Creative Alliance Manitou Springs

The Manitou Springs Arts Council and Manitou Springs Creative District are now Creative Alliance Manitou Springs (CRANE). CRANE elevates and promotes Manitou Springs creatives to lift artistic and economic vitality. Programs include Manitou Made and administering one of Colorado’s State-Certified Creative Districts, in addition to advocating for and overseeing public art for the City of Manitou Springs. <https://manitouspringscd.org>