



Labor Day Weekend
Fri., Aug. 31 – Mon., Sept. 3
Civic Center Park
Downtown Denver
Free Admission

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A TASTE OF COLORADO ROCKS OUT TO FOUR DAYS OF NON-STOP MUSIC

Downtown Denver — Twelve rock bands and solo artists will perform for festivalgoers at this year's A Taste of Colorado. The four-day, free-admission, food, music and entertainment Festival will take place Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, 2007, in Downtown Denver's Civic Center Park. The rock music will be featured at the KBCO World Class Rock Stage, sponsored by Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que.

On Friday, **Tim Hanauer** has the honor of opening up the rock stage at 11:30 a.m. for A Taste of Colorado. This guitar-toting singer and songwriter combines rock, pop, and folk. Denver-based **Mach Heroes** hits the stage at 3 p.m. The fresh, alternative rock group plays songs ranging from fast-paced, bass-heavy tunes to melancholy ballads. At 6:45 p.m., festivalgoers will be treated to **Something Underground**, a band that appeals to a wide audience with its blend of rock and blues styles.

Using instruments that vary from the electric guitar to the cane flute, **Dan Treanor and African Wind** will perform soulful blues at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday. Performing at 3 p.m. is **The Indulgents**, a band that blends rock, folk, Celtic, and Western music. **Rebecca Folsom** hits the stage at 6:45 p.m., a soulful vocalist, who offers festivalgoers a range of rock, blues, and folk.

The Glenn Taylor Orchestra starts Sunday off at 10:45 a.m. He's played his own brand of rock on his signature pedal steel guitar with several bands. **Johnny Rodriguez y Los Diamantes** will perform beginning at 12:45 p.m. Featuring Erica Brown's strong voice, the **Erica Brown Band** will perform what it calls "high energy rockin' blues" at 3 p.m. Festival favorite **Chris Daniels & The Kings** will take to the stage at 6:45 p.m. This horn band plays rock 'n' roll with a little R&B, funk, and "jump blues" mixed in.

Monday kicks off with Denver-based, **Kenny Perkins & the Nightshift** at 10:45 a.m. An award-winning singer and songwriter, Perkins joins this powerful rock 'n' roll trio. At 2:30 p.m., **Funkiphino** will perform. This 11-piece powerhouse band is known for its "Chaka Khan" style vocals, dynamic horn section and Hammond organ-laced grooves. Closing out the rock portion of the Festival is **Kahuna Beach Party** at 5:20 p.m. With its classic, feel-good sound, this Denver-based band brings the party to the rock stage.

In addition to the KBCO World Class Rock Stage, sponsored by Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, five other entertainment stages – including the Qwest Main Stage – located throughout the Festival will serve up a continuous menu of music, featuring jazz, country, and ethnic groups.

With more than 50 of Colorado's restaurants selling a wide variety of sample- and full-sized portions, there's something for every palate. The Fine Dining area will host some of Denver's finest restaurants. The culinary showcase features local and nationally renowned chef demonstrations creating simple, yet elegant meals.

Festivalgoers can shop in the more than 250 Marketplace booths for original arts and crafts, home and gift items, furniture, jewelry, imports, and more. Festivalgoers also can explore the Home & Lifestyles area featuring a variety of exhibitors displaying products and services such as window installation, kitchen remodeling, cookware, basement refinishing, and salons and spas.

There will be plenty of music, magic, clowns, and puppets on the KidzStage and the KidZone has play equipment and hands-on craft activities each day until 7 p.m. Kids and adults will enjoy carnival rides and games Saturday through Monday.

Families can journey back to the roots of A Taste of Colorado and have fun learning about the state's pioneer past, nature, and the environment. In the Festival of Mountain and Plain area, featured artisans will demonstrate weaving, spinning, rug braiding, lace crocheting, papermaking, and quilting along with the popular blacksmith demonstration. At the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program exhibit, children can learn about birds, their environment, and their interactions with humans. Free gold panning and educational materials on dinosaurs, volcanoes, rocks and minerals, and energy production and conservation are available at the Colorado Mining Exhibit.

Sponsors of this year's Festival are: 9NEWS, American Medical Response, American Satellite – An Authorized DIRECTV Dealer, Bally Total Fitness®, Bing Energy, Blue Moon, Breckenridge Brewery, Cold Front Distribution, Coors Light, Crystal Light Pump It Up Tour, Dave & Buster's Denver, DODGE, Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Eldorado Natural Spring Water, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, The Ghirardelli Chocolate Company, Gillette Fusion Power Phantom, Gillette Venus Breeze, Grand Timber Lodge, Hallmark "Use Music Summer Tour" 2007, Intel Dell Extreme Gaming Tour, Killian's, LBA Realty, Levinson Eye Clinic, Mike's Hard Lemonade, Molson, Organic and Natural Experience (ONE), PEPSI, Precious Cat Litters, Qwest Communications, Ralph Schomp MINI, Redwood Creek Wines, Residence Inn Denver City Center, Rocky Mountain News, Sam's Club, Sensodyne, St. Pauli Girl, Sub-Zero & Wolf, and Valdoro Mountain Lodge.

Festival hours are Friday, Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 1, and Sunday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Monday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Festival of Mountain and Plain ... A Taste of Colorado is a community celebration that is produced by and benefits Downtown Denver Events, Inc., the Downtown Denver Partnership family's community events non-profit organization. The Festival is an opportunity for people throughout the region to come together to experience and appreciate our diverse cultural traditions, and to learn more about our state's western heritage. The Festival highlights visual and performing arts in addition to featuring educational programs and culinary demonstrations.

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