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The Center for the Arts Crested Butte is excited to announce that it is one of the 2012-2013 *Colorado Creates* grantees.

The award is being given by Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the state Office of Economic Development and International Trade that promotes, supports and expands the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

Colorado Creates is Colorado Creative Industries' largest grant program, providing critical financial support that helps nonprofit cultural organizations and government agencies produce and present arts and cultural activities, bringing jobs to their communities and enhancing their quality of life. *Colorado Creates* grants provide a seal of excellence and help these groups leverage local and national funds.

"These grants support the artists and creative entrepreneurs who are critical to Colorado's economy," said Elaine Mariner, Director of Colorado Creative Industries. "There are over 186,000 jobs in our state's creative sector, making it the fifth largest employment cluster. By investing in this sector's vitality, the state builds its reputation as a premier creative hub and reaps significant economic returns."

With its existing ecosystem of creative entrepreneurs, arts and cultural nonprofits, media and entertainment giants, and universities and academic leaders who encourage creativity and innovation, Colorado's creative industries are well-positioned to grow and continue to help Colorado's economy thrive.

The Center for the Arts prides itself on being a home for the arts for all people in the East River Valley. This grant will assist the Center in providing cultural opportunities from education to programming to the entire community.

For more information on the Center for the Arts visit www.crestedbuttearts.org.