



## 'Joyfully Dancing' joins Art Along Alameda

West Alameda Avenue was built more than 70 years ago as the gateway to Red Rocks Amphitheater, but in the 21st century it might become known mostly for its artwork.

The fourth in a series of sculptures along the corridor has been installed, courtesy of the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District. "Joyfully Dancing" by artist Kevin Robb of Wheat Ridge features seven multicolored brushed stainless steel elements set on a circular stainless steel base. The sculpture was placed in the roundabout north of the Belmar Library in Lakewood City Commons at the beginning of the year.

"Outdoor art is a signature of the Alameda corridor and downtown district," said George Valuck, executive director of the business district. "It inspires people, adds economic value, revitalizes and enhances the streetscape."

The outdoor art piece was paid for through the Arts Along Alameda program, an initiative funded by the businesses in the district and supported by the Alameda Gateway Community Association, which represents property owners, businesses, schools, neighborhood associations, nonprofits and residents along the Alameda corridor from Sheridan Boulevard west to the Rooney Valley. The

goal of the program is to enhance the visual environment of Alameda by integrating works of art into the landscaping. A sculpture committee of neighborhood, business, City and community representatives selects the pieces based on the artist's ability and expertise in outdoor art design and installation.

Robb is a renowned Colorado metal sculptor who was recently featured in the Denver Post. Over the past three decades, he has made his mark on the national and international art scene, with critics noting that Robb's sculptures provide beautiful and timeless snapshots of individual moments suspended in time. Known for bright, bold colors and patterns, Robb's artwork is said to bring life and energy to the spaces they occupy whether it's an intimate setting or a larger public space.

"Joyfully Dancing" joins "Actors" and "Aspens and Moon," which have been helping point the way from Alameda to the Lakewood Cultural Center since 2009. The first piece, "Flow," welcomes visitors and residents to Lakewood at the boundary with Denver at Sheridan Boulevard and Alameda. "Flow" was installed in 2006, and Arts Along Alameda will continue with additional artwork in the future.