OGDEN, UTAH - August 21, 2023 — Ogden City Arts is pleased to invite the public to its Corner Plaza Ribbon Cutting to be held Friday, September 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM. The event will be held at 2501 Washington Boulevard at the southwest corner of downtown Ogden’s Washington Boulevard and historic 25th Street.

This event opens the newly redesigned Corner Plaza, a project envisioned by Sasaki Associates, Inc. and Io LandArch and completed in partnership with Hogan & Associates Construction. The renovation has transformed the Corner’s small building into an art-scaped plaza that includes a large public art installation, permanent seating with vibrant lighting, and a pin-up wall to announce upcoming community events. Future programming and activities will include performances, guided tours, and more.

Furthermore, the evening will unveil The Corner’s new public art sculpture entitled New Range by New York-based multi-disciplinary studio Hou de Sousa. This innovative site-specific work is deeply rooted in its identity of place. With a silhouette reflective of the Wasatch Mountains and the faceted landscape of the Corner Plaza, New Range’s ridge line rises and dips to create a unique series of gateways and seating. In contrast to this jagged geometry, the soft round corners of the sculpture’s footprint evoke the Bigelow Hotel just across the street, while also smoothing circulation around the piece. The project’s playful palette was further inspired by the vibrancy of the surrounding natural landscape as well as the polychrome architectural features of the nearby Egyptian Theater and the Art Deco theater within Ogden High School.

“The refreshed Corner Plaza stands as a prominent destination and axis in downtown Ogden City. Anchored by New Range, it is positioned as a central location for gathering and information while simultaneously showcasing the creativity and innovation that Ogden is known for,” said Ogden City Arts Administrator Lorie Buckley. “We are privileged to share in this re-opening celebration and bring a sense of movement and discovery to The Corner Plaza with New Range. We hope the public enjoys the sculpture’s dynamic play with one's vantage point as they approach and move around the work,” shared Hou de Sousa artist Josh de Sousa.

“The form of the design was inspired by the geometry and color of the New Range sculpture. The plaza acts as a hub of activity and gateway between downtown and the Nine Rails Creative district and creates a variety of spaces for people to meet and gather, adding another layer of vibrancy to Ogden’s ongoing revitalization,” said Io LandArch Principal Shalae A. Larson. “With artistic inspiration from Hou de Sousa’s work New Range, the Corner Plaza stands as a dynamic city landmark reflective of its surroundings.” Hogan & Associates Construction Operations Manager Nash Golon added, “We are honored to have realized the vision of our thoughtful project partners. The Corner is now poised to serve Ogden residents and visitors alike in a facility that reflects the city’s vitality.”
The Corner is open and operating six days a week, offering food, beverages, and retail. It also serves as the go-to place for locals and visitors looking for adventure in Ogden.

For more information about The Corner, please visit https://www.ogdencity.com/746/The-Corner.

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