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**PARK CITY KIMBALL ARTS FESTIVAL CHANGES DATES FOR 2016**

*Kimball Art Center and Park City leaders collaborate to accommodate an international, world-renowned cycling event in August of 2016.*

Park City, UT – The Kimball Art Center has announced that its traditional festival dates will be shifting this year at the request of Park City Municipal Corporation to accommodate the Tour of Utah cycling race. The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Park City Kimball Arts Festival will happen August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in 2016.

This unique, one-year schedule shift stems from Park City's ever increasing demand to host world-class events. On the first weekend in August in 2016, Park City's Historic Main Street will be the finish line for one of Utah's largest state-wide events: the Tour of Utah. From 2017 on, the traditional festival schedule will resume taking place on the first weekend in August.

"We want to be consistent with the timing of the Arts Festival, and we want our artists and guests to know that this is a one-time situation that needed to happen to accommodate all that is happening in Park City," says Robin Marrouche, Executive Director of the Kimball Art Center.

"We are committed to our artists, and to returning to our regular schedule of having the festival the first weekend in August in 2017," added Dave March, Marketing & Events Director for the Kimball Art Center.

The Kimball Arts Festival has long attracted the best artists from around the country. Each year for the past 46 years, the first week of August has brought together artists, craftsmen and visitors from around the world to celebrate art on Park City's Historic Main Street. Applications for artists are now open through March 1, 2016.

The Kimball's annual Gala will still be held the first Thursday of August (August 4, 2016) to kick-off the excitement for this annual event.

**About the Kimball Art Center**

Since 1976, the Kimball Art Center (KAC) has been the heart of Park City's vibrant arts community. The non-profit center for the arts is committed to engaging individuals of all ages in diverse and inspiring experiences through education, exhibitions and events – including the annual Park City Kimball Arts Festival, Utah's original and longest-running visual arts festival, now in its 47<sup>th</sup> year. For more information on the KAC and its numerous community offerings and programs, please visit [www.kimballartcenter.org](http://www.kimballartcenter.org).

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