

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 16-1098

Honoring Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko's significant contributions to the artistic and cultural landscape in the City and County of Denver

Introduced by Councilman Wayne New

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko, co-owners of Shaver-Ramsey Gallery in Denver, Colorado, have a distinguished business reputation for success with integrity, and the Gallery is celebrating its 40th year in Cherry Creek North; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko have always demonstrated a passionate commitment to the local, national and international communities of art lovers to showcase and share the best of the best with all those who appreciate fine quality, workmanship, historical significance and artistry in the objects with which they surround themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey understands the power of a beautiful tapestry or rug to give its owners a type of "Magic Carpet Ride," transporting people to a higher place of artistic appreciation, imagination and joy...and has taught a Class by that name at many venues including the Denver Art Museum; and

WHEREAS, Liz Vehko has shared her time, expertise and commitment to the community by serving on the Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board from 2009-2012; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko have placed the importance of long-term relationships and the education of patrons above profits and convenience, making the Gallery a mecca for charity events and gatherings of all kinds including Bromwell Elementary School and various other schools and public education programs in Denver, Reach Out and Read Colorado, Central City Opera, Asian Performing Arts, and The Eating Disorder Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko have made the supreme gift of opening the Gallery at no charge to the birth, growth and ultimate establishment of the now-famed Cherry Creek Theatre over six entire seasons of plays, including rehearsals, set and seating arrangements, and storage, effectively transforming the business for the Theatre's 18 major productions and 200 performances so that local artists might flourish; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko understand the need for a sense of community, and understand how art in the form of live theatre can draw people together for plays which entertain, inspire, encourage discourse, and, through shared experiences in a beautiful setting, bring unity, harmony, and understanding among our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council applauds Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko's efforts on behalf of arts and community in Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Paul Ramsey and Liz Vehko.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 14, 2016

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ SPONSOR