



## **2017 Biennial of the Americas Announces Monthly Podcast Series**

### ***Biennial Launches Podcast Centered Around Cultural Connections, and Disconnections, of the Americas***

**DENVER – April 7, 2017** –The 2017 Biennial of the Americas, an international festival of ideas, art, and culture announced today the launch of its monthly podcast series hosted by KUNC. Accessible both on the KUNC and Biennial of the Americas websites, the series will appear monthly through the launch of the 2017 Biennial of the Americas on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The podcast, called “Platform Americas”, explores the artistic, cultural, business, and political connections, and disconnections, between the Americas. Hosted by seasoned arts and culture reporters Ray Rinaldi and Elaine Grant, the first podcast features interviews with Ana Teresa Fernández (who has an exhibit currently on display in the exhibition *Mi Tierra* at the Denver Art Museum), Colombian ambassador to the US, Juan Carlos Pinzón and Governor Hickenlooper .

The Biennial of the Americas will hold its opening week of events in Denver September 12-16, 2017 with a special launch party to be held on May 19th at City Hall. The 2015 Biennial hosted over 100 events throughout the summer with over 25,000 participants attending the innovative six-day opening week program of events, bringing together nearly 60 artists, speakers and international leaders representing more than 25 countries.

The week-long festival of ideas, arts and culture is the most important gathering of top elected, business and cultural leaders focused on the Western hemisphere. The broad slate of activities also attracts innovators, artists, students, thinkers and doers from across the Americas. The Biennial curates with local partners such as the University of Denver, content among collaborators in the ideas, arts and cultural spheres, leveraging partnerships that result in high-quality, in-depth programming.

Building on the success of the Biennial of the Americas festival, the organization now operates year-round, creating events that tap into the underdeveloped networks and initiatives on the North-South axis. The Biennial connects leaders and innovators who drive progress and change across the hemisphere. Their roster of programs provides ongoing opportunities to connect with others in the hemisphere, inspire and be inspired by positive change happening in our backyard, and invest in ideas with the potential to make lasting impacts.

For additional information about the Biennial of the Americas, the podcast series or additional details surrounding the symposium, events, arts, Platform Americas and ticket information, please visit [www.biennialoftheamericas.org](http://www.biennialoftheamericas.org).

**About the Biennial of the Americas**

The Biennial of the Americas provides an international platform for leaders in business, government, civil society, and the arts, to examine the significant issues impacting life in the Americas. The organization's marquee event is an international festival of ideas, arts and culture hosted in Denver, Colorado on alternating years.

For more information:

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