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## Revitalise Relatives)

April 22, 2023 – Earth Day 2023 City Hall, Downtown Bozeman

"The purpose of **Revitalise** on Bozeman Creek in the city center is not only to inspire the generations that see the water as it is now, but to inspire them to think more deeply about what came before." ~Ben Pease, Artist

Mountain Time Arts (MTA) is pleased to present Revitalise in a #SeeBozeman Creek artwork. Bozeman Creek, a significant waterway, flows through the City Hall grounds. Unveiling on Earth Day 2023, Revitalise is a pair of images and words, digitally printed onto laminated glass panels that will be installed as a frieze atop the railings of the pedestrian bridge leading to the entrance to City Hall.

Lead artists include multi-disciplinary artist Ben Pease, Apsáalooke/Tsétsêhéstâhese (Crow/Northern Cheyenne) and MTA artist, Jim Madden.

Inspired by the multiple facets of Indigenous history in the Gallatin Valley and the spiritual nature of water, Pease's two glass panels will greet visitors to City Hall with an opportunity to pause and reflect on the Indigenous history of land and water in the valley. The importance of Bozeman Creek and its place within the Gallatin watershed will be highlighted. The experience of Pease's imagery will be enhanced by the sound of rushing water and the view, through the glass, of the water flowing in the creek. The installation will be a welcoming respite in our hurried world and a reminder of our cultural heritage as people conduct their civic affairs at City Hall.

"Having this art installation at City Hall is a special way to highlight Bozeman Creek and its importance to our daily life and ecosystem," Mayor Cyndy Andrus stated. "The City of Bozeman is proud to partner with Mountain Time Arts in showcasing art that gets us to think about indigenous history and a resource that has been sustaining us for generations."

The community is invited to join us in the City Hall parking lot on April 22, 2023 at 5pm for the unveiling ceremony. Guest speakers include MTA Executive Director, Francesca Pine-Rodriguez, Artists Ben Pease and Jim Madden, Mayor Cyndy Andrus and Keynote, Marsha Small. Families are encouraged to visit the MTA booth at the Emerson as part of the Gallatin Valley Earth Day festival earlier in the day for an art project to use during our interactive water activity. Audience participation is welcome.

Mountain Time Arts drives change through the cultivation of bold and engaging public art projects and programs that explore the history, culture and environment of the Rocky Mountain West and its Sovereign Nations. MTA is committed to social and environmental justice and

understands collaborative and inclusive inquiry as a means to generate new knowledge and work towards solutions for all. To learn more about Mountain Time Arts, visit: mountaintimearts.org.

#SeeBozemanCreek is Bozeman's opportunity to highlight and bring to life Bozeman Creek, the waterway running through the heart of our community. Generating ideas and cultivating support through specific community working groups, public art is at the forefront of raising awareness to foster engagement, appreciation and create local identity in downtown Bozeman. Art is a catalyst for change and this project will bridge diverse cultures and water, emphasizing the importance of seeing and living sensitively with nature.

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