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What: *Intrude*, an Installation by Amanda Parer

Where: Republic Plaza
370 17th Street
Denver, CO 80202

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1801 California Street
Denver, CO 80202

Date & Time:	June 17 & 18	11am – 9pm
	June 19	11am – 6pm
	June 23, 24 & 25	11am – 9pm
	June 26	11am – 6pm

Presenter: Arts Brookfield

Website: artsbrookfield.com/event/intrude

Cost: FREE, no tickets or reservations required

ARTS BROOKFIELD BRINGS WORLD-CLASS EXHIBITION INTRUDE TO REPUBLIC PLAZA AND 1801 CALIFORNIA

Giant inflatable rabbits invade two locations in downtown Denver over two weekends

DENVER, CO, May 17, 2016— Arts Brookfield, the cultural arm of real estate corporation Brookfield, presents a stop in Denver for the national tour of *Intrude*, a highly acclaimed public art installation by Australian artist Amanda Parer. *Intrude* features **monumental sculptural rabbits**, each sewn in white nylon, inflated and internally lit. The installation will be at Brookfield's premier properties in Denver, **Republic Plaza** and **1801 California**, for **two extended weekends in late June**.

For *Intrude's* Denver stop, Arts Brookfield is bringing **five giant, huggable rabbits** to downtown, one of which was commissioned by Arts Brookfield and is **40-feet in length**. Two of the rabbits will be at 1801 California and three at Republic Plaza, where two will be on the 16th Street Mall side of the building and the 40-foot-long specially-commissioned rabbit will be on the 17th Street side.

“Arts Brookfield’s goal of presenting art that is both creative and accessible on multiple levels is brought to life in Amanda Parer’s magnificent works,” said Debra Simon, vice president and artistic director of Arts Brookfield. “Her larger-than-life rabbit sculptures are a visually arresting social commentary. We’re thrilled to present *Intrude* at seven of Brookfield’s premiere properties across four U.S. cities.”

When asked, “Why rabbits?” artist Amanda Parer explains that she is raising awareness about rabbits in her native Australia, which leave a trail of ecological destruction wherever they go. First introduced by white settlers in 1788, they have caused a great imbalance to the country’s endemic species.

Parer continues, “The rabbit also is an animal of contradiction. They represent the fairy tale animals from our childhood – a furry innocence, frolicking through idyllic fields. *Intrude* deliberately evokes this cutesy image, and a strong visual humor, to lure you into the artwork only to reveal the more serious environmental messages in the work.”

It is important to note that the bunnies are purposely huge; their size references “the elephant in the room.” The problem, much like our environmental impact, is big but easily ignored.

In spite of the environmental message, these rabbits have brought a joyful spirit to more than 19 major cities throughout the world, including London, Perth, Paris and Boston. The New York launch of the installation marked the one-year anniversary of the reopening of Brookfield Place New York and celebrated more than 25 years of Arts Brookfield’s animation of non-traditional spaces with world-class arts and cultural experiences that are free and accessible to the public.

While *Intrude* graces the exterior of both Brookfield properties, the lobby at Republic Plaza will host the exhibition *PeopleScapes* June 23 through August 17 with an **Opening Reception on Thursday, June 23** from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Intrude and *PeopleScapes* are part of a year-round calendar of free events presented by Arts Brookfield for the downtown Denver community. For more information on upcoming events and to sign up for e-mail alerts, please visit www.ArtsBrookfield.com.

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About Amanda Parer

Australian artist [Amanda Parer's](#) edgy and ephemeral artworks explore the natural world, its fragility and our role within it. With startlingly beautiful creatures enlarged and frozen within their chosen habitats. When viewing one of these iconic, mostly feral animals inhabiting a beautifully haunting landscape, the environmental message is enhanced by the artist's finely crafted traditional technique in any of her chosen mediums such as painting, sculpture and public installation. Parer is an artist originally from Sydney but now resides in Tasmania where her work has been acquired by both public and private collections. She has been selected for notable national competitions including five times for the Blake Prize, as well as for the Glover Prize in 2008, 2012 & 2013.