Denver Dive Launches as Independent Digital Publication Covering Denver Culture

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Denver Dive, a newly founded independent digital publication, officially launched on April 30, 2026, introducing a locally staffed editorial platform dedicated to covering the music, art, food, style, and community culture of Denver, Colorado. The publication is now live at denverdive.com and is currently publishing across five distinct editorial sections, each focused on a specific dimension of life in the Mile High City.

The publication was founded by a team of seven Denver-based journalists and contributors: Thomas Rutherford, Colin Wrenn, Emily Rodz, Genevieve Meehan, Kymberly Drapcho, Dane Chromzak, and Evan Dale. The team has structured Denver Dive around the principle that local culture is best covered by journalists who are embedded within the communities they report on, rather than observing from a distance.

"Denver Dive is a publication that the people of Denver can see themselves in," said Thomas Rutherford, Co-founder and Editor of Denver Dive. "This is a city overflowing with music and food and art and is made up of such vibrant, unique individuals, each with a story to tell. Dive serves as a place where those stories can be told, a reflection of the diverse culture that makes this city such a beautiful place to live."

Denver Dive launched at a time when the city's growth has brought significant changes to its media landscape, with local journalism outlets consolidating or narrowing their coverage scope. The founding team identified an opening for a publication focused specifically on the cultural infrastructure of Denver, including its independent music venues, gallery spaces, restaurant community, and the individuals shaping creative movements across the city's neighborhoods.

The publication's editorial structure is organized around five sections. Soundboard focuses on music coverage across the Front Range, with reporting on artists, venues, and developments in the regional music scene. Scene and Heard covers art, entertainment, and the contributors working behind the scenes within Denver's creative community. Pour and Plate addresses food and drink through coverage of the people and operations that make up the city's culinary landscape. Style presents personal style through profiles of real Denver residents rather than through a trend-driven editorial lens. Knick-Knacks offers long-form profiles and features on individuals across the city whose stories reflect the broader character of Denver's communities and neighborhoods.

Rutherford noted that the publication's editorial approach extends to parts of the city that have received limited coverage from larger regional outlets. Denver Dive has indicated that its reporting will include the Art District on Santa Fe, the live music community along South Broadway, and other areas where cultural activity has developed outside of mainstream visibility.

"We are the people of Denver, those that know this city intimately," Rutherford said. "This city deserves a new voice and we are so excited to finally be launching so we can serve that role. This is a publication for you, the people."

In addition to its editorial sections, Denver Dive has launched a weekly newsletter through which readers can receive ongoing coverage directly. Advertising opportunities for businesses interested in reaching the publication's readership are available by emailing info@denverdive.com.

The launch of Denver Dive reflects a broader pattern of independently founded digital publications entering local media markets in mid-sized cities where legacy outlets have reduced their presence. Denver Dive's founding team has indicated that the publication intends to grow its contributor network over time as it expands its coverage across the city's cultural communities.

Denver Dive is now live and accessible to the public. Readers interested in following the publication's coverage can visit denverdive.com, subscribe to its weekly newsletter, or follow along on Instagram and LinkedIn.

Denver Dive is the Front Range's newest digital publication dedicated to shining a light on Denver's beating heart and telling the stories of the people who call this city home. Dive will cover music, art, style, food and culture without shying away from the raw stories and underground voices that give our city such vibrant character. Founded by journalists who live in Denver and love it for all that it is, Dive is a publication for people just like you.

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