StreetWise Boulder is an annual ARTivism mural festival in Boulder, CO created in 2019 by StreetWise Arts. The project spans 85 murals over the last three years. The mission of the festival is to amplify arts and culture, represent diversity, equity and inclusion through public art while encouraging conversations around social justice and community resilience. The festival prioritizes representation for BIPOC, emerging, and LGBTQIA artists and invites local, national, and international artists to participate in our festival.

“For a digital map, coupons to tour partners, and additional information about the artists and the murals, please use this QR code!” - Chris Haven

Street art...brings the gallery outside. [It creates] access to art so that people can familiarize themselves with techniques and colors.” - Chris Haven
Start by parking on Pearl Street east of 18th. Parking is plentiful a few blocks away from one of the busiest parts of the city - a pleasant reminder of Boulder’s size.

Before you see any art, you should stop at Boxcar / Cured. Boxcar is a local favorite for foodies and non-foodies alike - no expertise is required to enjoy an excellent cup of coffee and house-made pastry. Cured is a Willy Wonka wonderland for the pantry and picnic obsessed. If savory is more your thing, grab some fantastic bread, cheese, olives, and jams.

Walk east on pearl street (head toward the mountains) and then hang a right on 17th. The turn will be evident because it is signaled by one of the largest murals on the tour. Moe Gram’s massive piece is filled with text and details worth pouring over. From there, you'll do a small scuttle through back alleyways and side streets to catch work from Max Coleman and Cal Duran. Find the parking garage on 15th to catch the massive works tucked next to it. The space is just big enough to see all three pieces. This is also an excellent place for a photo op - not as many cars driving by. Continue up 15th to Pine Street to see the collaborative piece by Koko Bayer and Chris Haven - lots of love and pyramids.

Go back to Pearl Street for some top-notch people-watching and retail therapy. Feel free to wander in and out of any store you like, but definitely wander into the Boulder Bookstore. You can find books on just about anything that tickles your fancy. In a world full of digital devices, it taps into the endorphin-rich nostalgia of leather-bound wonder.

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After leaving the bookstore, cross the street to the south side of Pearl, and keep your eyes to the right for Kendall Kippley’s soaring piece. You cannot miss it. She worked at night with a projector to capture the massive scale of her design and then handpainted it. Pretty rad.

Head east to 7th Street to find another stunning piece by Afro Triangle, which is worth inhaling and absorbing slowly. If you are as caffeine-crazed as I am, Spruce Confections offers some of the best cookies on earth and a fresh cup of coffee. If you feel fulfilled, you can retrace your steps on Pearl Street or Canyon Boulevard. Or, if you're feeling intrepid...

...continue down Pearl street until you get to 5th, and take a quick dip to the south side of the road. A sneaky mural is waiting for you here, nestled into a quiet residential area.

Bounce back up to Pearl Street and continue following it west until you reach the Red Rocks trailhead. The trail is a quick scramble up to a lovely vantage point that looks over the whole city. It is a touch steep, but the time hiking to quality of view ratio is unparalleled, especially considering its proximity to Pearl Street. And, as promised, the rocks are QUITE red.

Meander back down at your leisure and retrace your steps on Pearl Street until you get to Broadway and hang a right. If you are walking on a Saturday in the warmer months, take a quick left on Canyon Drive, and it will spit you out at the Boulder Farmer’s Market.

If it is not a Saturday, or you have completed your journey, head south to Arapahoe Avenue and walk east. When you get to 15th street, head north back toward Pearl street and check the alley on your left. A stunning and enormous mural will greet you. This is another excellent place for practicing your photography skills.

If some beer sounds like the next appropriate step in your day, look no further than Mountain Sun Pub at 16th and Pearl. It’s always busy, and most of the seating is occupied by locals. Have no fear - you'll have a drink in hand soon enough.

Thus concludes this year's tour. Keep your eyes peeled for information on the next festival later this year. Thank you for joining us!!

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