

## **RESORTQUEST BRECKENRIDGE SPONSORS THE BUDWEISER SELECT INTERNATIONAL SNOW SCULPTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BRECKENRIDGE**

***ResortQuest Breckenridge is a proud sponsor of one of Breckenridge, Colorado's most famed events, the Budweiser Select International Snow Sculpture Championships. Each year teams of world-class artisans converge in the mountain resort of Breckenridge, Colorado where they transform 20-ton blocks of ice and snow into breathtaking works of art. ResortQuest Breckenridge offers over 350 vacation rentals in Breckenridge, Colorado, just steps from the town center and the event viewing plaza.***

January 16, 2007, Breckenridge, Colorado – The snowy mountain town of Breckenridge, Colorado is eagerly preparing for one of its most famed events of the season: The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Budweiser Select International Snow Sculpture Championships. Starting January 23, teams from across the globe will converge in downtown Breckenridge where they prepare to carve stunning works of art from little more than a block of snow. ResortQuest Breckenridge offers a full selection of vacation rentals and lodging packages in both Breckenridge and Keystone, just steps from the event viewing plaza and downtown Breckenridge.

Each year Breckenridge plays host to this event, which draws teams from as far away as Mexico, Norway, Italy and Sweden. A total of 10 teams, representing 17 countries are on tap for this year's competition. Over the course of 5 days, thousands of spectators watch as blank canvases of snow are transformed into everything from whimsical bouquets of enormous flowers to thought-provoking abstract shapes. Rules limit the artists to the strict use of select hand tools and their own creativity and inspiration. No power tools or colorants are allowed.

On January 27, 2007 a panel of judges will award honors to the top four teams, based on the criteria of: theme, style and technique. The spectators will then have their moment to speak, with the awards of: People's Choice, Kid's Choice and Artist's Choice. A week-long viewing period follows the awards ceremony, with the final viewing commencing on February 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.gobreck.com](http://www.gobreck.com).

Guests interested in lodging for the competition are encouraged to contact ResortQuest Breckenridge Vacation Rentals. ResortQuest offers a complete selection of vacation rentals and lodging packages for the Snow Sculpture Championships, along with convenient locations to both the event and the mountain peaks. Guests can choose from deluxe hotel suites, 1-4 bedroom condominium and luxurious private homes in ski-in/ski-out or downtown locations. For more information on ResortQuest Breckenridge and their wide selection of vacation rentals, visit [www.resortquestbreckenridge.com](http://www.resortquestbreckenridge.com)

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