

AURORA CREATES

Arts & History Worth Discovering
July - August 2022

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The Aurora Fox's 38 Season A CELEBRATION OF BRAVERY

For the first time since 2020, the Aurora Fox Arts Center will present a full season of four mainstage shows and two smaller black box shows. The Aurora Fox's 38th season will include Joan Didion's theatrical adaption of her best-selling memoir "The Year of Magical Thinking," the Colorado premieres of "Futurity" by César Alvarez and The Lisps; "The Jedi Handbook" by Stephen Massicotte; "Toni Stone" by Lydia R. Diamond; a new musical adaptation of "Treasure Island" by Carla Vitale, Brett Smock and Corinne Aquilina; and the U.S. premiere of "acts of faith" by David Yee.

"The past two years have pushed the boundaries of what we thought we were capable of, as individuals and as a community," said Aurora Fox Executive Producer Helen R. Murray. "Our season will celebrate the strength of the human spirit with stories of the exact kind of bravery we all have shown throughout recent years and events."

In addition to the six productions in Season 38, the Aurora Fox presents two community events, including its first in-person gala in more than two years on Sep. 17. Gala Night is the annual fundraising event that has left a giant hole in the theater's operating budget since its indefinite postponement in 2020. Although planning for this event is still underway, Murray advanced that Black Iris Collective will be performing at this "speakeasy-themed event."

New this season is also performances for young learners. The Aurora Fox has partnered with area schools to present a new arts-in-education program. The partnership features Thursday matinees of "Futurity," "Toni Stone" and "Treasure Island," which are already nearly sold out. "I am so excited to share next season's shows with our community," said Murray. "They all celebrate the joyous and heart-changing moments that we collectively experience in a story well-told and a life well-lived."

For more information on the Aurora Fox's 38th season, including details on special season ticket packages and student matinees, visit AuroraFox.org.



ON THE COVER:

From left to right: Detail of a mask part of the "Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora's Mexican Community" at the Aurora History Museum; illustration of "Futurity," part of the Aurora Fox Art Center's Season 38; "Ascentiate," the 7/20 Memorial at the Aurora Municipal Campus; Mexican folk dancers performing by "Dawn of Light" as part of the opening reception for the museum's exhibition about the Mexican community.



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GLOBAL FEST

A Global Celebration with the Local Community

Global Fest is back with an in-person celebration from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway. This year's event, presented by the city of Aurora, will continue to celebrate what makes Aurora one of the most diverse cities in the U.S. and its people! This unique global event celebrates the communities and cultures that call Aurora home, brings the community together and is a great summer multicultural experience. Global Fest will offer entertainment for all ages with musical and dance performances, a fashion show, a parade of nations, an international marketplace, food, vendors and more. Learn more by visiting AuroraGov.org/GlobalFest.



THE SCIENCE OF PUBLIC ART CONSERVATION

As “Ghost Trolley” temporarily disappeared to undergo major restoration work, people have expressed curiosity about conservation and maintenance of Aurora’s public art collection. This is a dynamic, exciting and rapidly evolving field, especially when it comes to contemporary works that may utilize innovative materials and processes. Alison Leard, Director of Pacific Coast Restoration and a Professional Associate of the American Institute for Conservation, leads the “Ghost Trolley” restoration project.

“According to our Code of Ethics & Guidelines for Practice, conservators must approach each project in a systematic and thoughtful way; our approaches must consider many factors, such as the material, location and artist’s intent for the piece,” explained Leard, who also discussed the treatment plan development. “We determine the possible treatment outcomes by carefully testing the various surfaces to determine the most appropriate methods and materials for treatment; documentation is key so that future conservators can understand our approach and reverse it if needed.”

For the planning to treat a contemporary piece, Leard said that the first person to talk to should be the artist. Since the artist of “Ghost Trolley,” Lawrence Argent, passed away, Leard’s team went to the fabricator, Bill Kreysler of Kreysler & Associates. They worked directly with Argent to fabricate the piece and understand the intent of

the sculpture’s look and feel. Leard shared that they had wonderful conversations about the original goals versus what the work looks like after years of deterioration.

Next, they tested the surface to determine what steps were necessary to restore the piece. Testing included removal of the various coatings and grime. They also assessed the condition of previous repairs and new damage, such as cracks, which mainly came from the sun and vandalism. One of the main treatment goals is to stop the cracks because they are visually distracting and can lead to further damage. Leard and her team are currently researching the exact resins that will be used in this restoration and testing them on an original piece of the fiberglass that they received from Kreysler. “This original piece of fiberglass is a wonderful thing to have because we know that we are testing on a material that is exactly what the piece is made of, without having to test on the artwork itself.”

Conservators combine science, research, documentation, physical labor, history, and aesthetic interpretation to rejuvenate artworks and artifacts to ensure that future generations can enjoy and appreciate them. Their efforts make it possible for artworks like “Ghost Trolley” to continue forward, providing a visual interpretation of the history of Original Aurora.

To learn more about the Art in Public Places Program, visit AuroraGov.org/PublicArt.

JULY

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Colfax Art Jams (first Saturday of each month)
Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.
Fletcher Plaza
9800 E. Colfax Ave.

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Aurora Rhythms: Constant Tourists (Acoustic Gypsy Rock)
Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m., pre-show at 5:45 p.m.
Tallyn's Reach Library
23911 E. Arapahoe Road
Registration: TinyURL.com/AuroraRhythms

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Aurora Dance Arts Creative Dance Workshop
Friday, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Coal Creek Schoolhouse at DeLaney Farm
170 S. Chambers Road

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Special 7/20 Memorial Exhibition
On display only until Aug. 14
Aurora History Museum
15051 E. Alameda Parkway

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Ukelele Singalong
Wednesday, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Tallyn's Reach Library

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7/20 Foundation Metamorphosis
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn
15151 E. Alameda Parkway

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Storybook Alive
Wednesday, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Tallyn's Reach Library

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All Ages Jazz Jam 💰
Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. (last Sunday of each month)
The People's Building

AUGUST

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Aurora Rhythms: The Low Flying Knobs (Marimba Afro-pop)
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., pre-show 5:45 p.m.
Aurora Central Library
14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Registration: TinyURL.com/AuroraRhythms

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Colfax Art Jams: Traditional Hawaiian music with Mark Kahalekulu
Saturday, 1 to 2 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.

6 & 7

Motones & Jerseys: In Concert 💰
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m.
The Aurora Fox Arts Center
Tickets: AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

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Learn to Lindy Hop in a Day 💰
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The People's Building
Tickets: SwinginDenver.com

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Ukelele Singalong
Friday, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Coal Creek Schoolhouse at DeLaney Farm
170 S. Chambers Road

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"Tonos Latinos" Exhibition Opens
Aurora History Museum

20

Global Fest
Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn & Central Library

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All Ages Jazz Jam 💰
Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. (last Sunday of each month)
The People's Building



AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM SUMMER CAMPS 2022

STEAM-Powered History Camp (Ages 7 to 9) \$

July 11 to 15, Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Aurora History Museum (Ages 10 to 12) \$

July 18 to 22, Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, visit AuroraMuseum.org



SUMMER ART CAMPS 2022

Draw Comics & Anime Style (Ages 11 to 15) \$

July 11 to 14,
Monday to Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.*
Code: 47091
July 18 to 21,
Monday to Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.*
Code: 47092

Advanced Comics & Anime Style (Ages 11 to 15) \$

July 25 to 28,
Monday to Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.*
Code: 47093

*All sessions offered at the Aurora
Central Library Studio



ART CLASSES

Whimsical Watercolor Animals & Florals (Ages 14 & up) \$

Thursday, July 21 to Aug. 11,
1 to 3:30 p.m.
Aurora Center for Active Adults

Pet Portraits in Acrylic Painting (Ages 14 & up) \$

Thursday, July 21 to Aug. 11,
6 to 9 p.m.
Central Library

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Aly & the Genie

July 1 to 17
Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St.
Tickets and show times:
RoshnLight.org/Events

"Gypsy" \$

Through July 31
Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St.
Tickets: VintageTheatre.org

Prints Exhibit by Calvin Newland

Through July 31 | MLK Jr. Library

"Tatanka: The Spirit of the Land"

Through Aug. 14 | Aurora History Museum

"Linked"

Through Aug. 19 | DAVA, 1405 Florence St.

Photographs Exhibit by Steve Hostetler

Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 | MLK Jr. Library

Botanical Illustrations Exhibit by Vanessa Martin

Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 | Tallyn's Reach Library

"Tonos Latinos"

Aug. 16 to Oct. 30 | Aurora History Museum

"Mosaic of Cultures:

Aurora's Mexican Community"
Through April 2023 | Aurora History Museum



Print Exhibit by Calvin Newland



Mosaic of Cultures Display



Celebrating Aurora's Mexican Community **Exhibit**

The Aurora History Museum and the Aurora Office of International and Immigrant Affairs hosted a gallery reception in June to commemorate the opening of the new exhibition "Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora's Mexican Community." The festive reception included dance, music, food, games and activities celebrating Aurora's Mexican population and their contributions to the city's rich history.

The exhibit includes additional programs such as rotating local Latino artists showing their work at the museum and participation at the city's Global Fest event Aug. 20. The new exhibit will remain open to the public through April 16, 2023.

The Aurora History Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is always free. For more information, visit AuroraMuseum.org.

Roshni's Aly & the Genie at Vintage Theatre

Roshni, a community-based performing arts organization in north Aurora, is thrilled to present the play "Aly & the Genie" July 1 to 17. This family-oriented performance adapted from the fable of Aladdin and Jinn retells a magical story with a multiethnic cast and the message that we all have the power to summon our very own genie. Enjoy "Aly & the Genie" this summer at Vintage Theatre, 1468 Dayton St. For showtime information and tickets, visit VintageTheatre.org.

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A decade since 7/20: Community invited to reflect and remember

It's been ten years since the tragic events at an Aurora movie theater forever altered the lives of many and transformed our community in a profound way. To mark the passage of a decade, the 7/20 Memorial Foundation is hosting a series of events to recognize the changes that have occurred since that day and reflect on all who were impacted.

The 7/20 Memorial Foundation will host its annual midnight vigil Tuesday, July 19, at the Aurora Municipal Center's water-wise garden, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway. The vigil, which is open to the public, will include a candlelight procession starting at 11:30 p.m., words about the memorial and prayer, a walk through the reflection garden to remember the victims, and a procession of first responders. The event will be livestreamed from Facebook.com/720MemorialFoundation starting at 11:59 p.m. For details, visit 7-20Memorial.org.

Additional events will start at 9 a.m. July 23 with the Heroes Journey 5K—in partnership with Aurora Public Schools and Runners Roost—with proceeds benefiting the Zack Golditch opportunity scholarship. Golditch, wounded in the theater shooting, played in the NFL before returning to the Front Range to work as a firefighter. The 5K route will start at the theater and end at the 7/20 Memorial at the Aurora Water-wise Garden. Visit The Hero's Journey 5K: About This Run (runsignup.com) to access the registration link.

Activities will move to the Aurora Municipal Center's Great Lawn following the 5K, starting with a reflection ceremony from 1:45 to 3 p.m. to acknowledge the continued healing journeys of survivors, first responders and community leaders.

From 3 to 7 p.m., activities will include live bands like Brushfire and Latin Soul, food trucks and beer garden with over 21 breweries, wellness and community outreach booths, and live chalk art.

At 7:20 p.m., the Stratus Chamber Orchestra and Life/Art Dance will perform "Metamorphosis," an immersive art experience in the memorial garden featuring orchestral music, dance, video and visual art by DAVA students.

For more information or to volunteer at the event, visit 7-20Memorial.org/Metamorphosis.

MEET YOUR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Aurora Creates has been profiling the five vibrant boards and commissions supporting the Library and Cultural Services Department –Cultural Affairs Commission, Aurora Public Library Board, Aurora Fox Arts Center Board, Art in Public Places Commission and Historic Preservation Commission– and this time is turning its attention to the Historic Preservation Commission, its importance to the city, what it does and who are its members.

The Historic Preservation Commission was established in 1985 by the City Council, and its mission is to protect and preserve Aurora's heritage through education, advocacy and training. Its vision is to build community pride by recognizing and celebrating Aurora's history. The commission fosters community pride and protects Aurora's unique heritage primarily by preserving the city's historic buildings, both privately and publicly owned. Current leadership members are Elizabeth Hamilton, chair; Mike Ackman, vice chair; Lynne Evans, secretary; and members Lynda Heckendorn, Barbara Henk, Todd McMahon, Courtney Morehouse, Charles Peters and Gordon Tucker. (Photos above in this same order.) They meet in person on the second Tuesday of the month (excluding July and December) at the Aurora History Museum.

Currently, the city of Aurora has 32 individual historic landmarks, two historic districts and two cultural heritage sites. Learn more about the program at AuroraGov.org/HistoricSites.

If you are interested in serving on this valuable commission made up of talented Aurora volunteers, contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@auroragov.org or visit AuroraGov.org/Boards.

ARTS AND CULTURE IN AURORA



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Aurora Dance Arts
Multiple locations
303.326.8308 | AuroraGov.org/Dance

Aurora Fox Arts Center
9900 E. Colfax Ave.
303.739.1970 | AuroraFox.org

Aurora History Museum
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
303.739.6660
AuroraMuseum.org

Art in Public Places
Multiple locations
303.739.6747 | AuroraGov.org/PublicArt

Aurora Public Library
• Central, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
• Hoffman Heights, 1298 Peoria St.
• Iliff Square, 2253 S. Peoria St.
• Martin Luther King Jr., 9898 E. Colfax Ave.
• Mission Viejo, 15324 E. Hampden Circle
• Tallyn's Reach, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road
AuroraLibrary.org

Aurora Rhythms – Concerts on the Lawn
303.739.6520 | AuroraGov.org/Concerts

Bicentennial Art Center – Pottery
13655 E. Alameda Ave.
303.344.1776 | AuroraGov.org/Pottery

Cultural Arts and Outreach
Theatre, music and visual arts classes at multiple locations
303.739.6520
AuroraGov.org/Arts

Historic Sites and Preservation Office
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraGov.org/HistoricSites

OTHER ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES

5280 Artist CoOp
303.432.9162 | 5280ArtistCoOp.com

Aurora Artists' Guild
AuroraArtistsGuild.com

Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD)
303.913.7508 | AuroraCulture.org

Aurora Singers
303.343.3377 | AuroraSingers.org

Aurora Symphony Orchestra
303.873.6622 | AuroraSymphony.org

**Community College of Aurora
Arts and Communication Department**
303.340.7335 | CCAurora.edu

Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)
1405 Florence St.
303.367.5886 | DavArts.org

Grand Design Inc.
303.955.2724 | GrandByDesign.org

Inside the Orchestra
303.355.7855
info@insidetheorchestra.org

Kim Robards Dance Inc.
303.825.4847
KimRobardsDance.org

The People's Building (City Venue)
9995 E. Colfax Ave.
720.819.6680
ThePeoplesBuilding.com

Red Delicious Press
9901 E. 16th Ave. | 303.366.2922
RedDeliciousPress.com

Roshni, Voice of the Voiceless
Multiple locations | 720.427.0404
RoshnillsLight.org

Vintage Theatre Productions Inc.
1468 Dayton St. | 303.856.7830
VintageTheatre.com

Visions Performing Arts
720.620.2316
VisionsPerformingArtsCompany.org

AURORA RHYTHMS

2022

Experience free live music and performances every month, hosted by the city's Library and Cultural Services Department. This year the Aurora Rhythms Concert Series will be offered monthly, from July to December, inside different library locations throughout the city. Each concert event will include free refreshments, creative activities for children and information from the various programs offered by the Library and Cultural Services Department.

The concert series includes performances by The Constant Tourists July 12 at Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road, and The Low Flying Knobs Aug. 2 at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway. The pre-shows will begin at 5:45 p.m. with a performance by Aurora Dance Arts, followed by the concerts at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit TinyURL.com/AuroraRhythms.

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JULY 12

THE CONSTANT TOURISTS

Gypsy rock

Tallyn's Reach Library,
23911 E. Arapahoe Road
Pre-show: Aurora Dance
Arts Performing Group



AUG. 2

THE LOW FLYING KNOBS

Marimba Afro-pop

Aurora Central Library,
14949 E. Alameda Pkwy.
Pre-show: Aurora Dance
Arts Performing Group



SEPT. 13

SKEANDUBHBAND

Neo-traditional Acoustic
Celtic

Tallyn's Reach Library,
23911 E. Arapahoe Road



OCT. 11

MOLLIE O'BRIEN & RICH MOORE

American Roots Duo

Mission Viejo Library,
15324 E. Hampden Circle



NOV. 15

EL JAVI

The King of Rock
Flamenco

Mission Viejo Library,
15324 E. Hampden Circle



DEC. 13

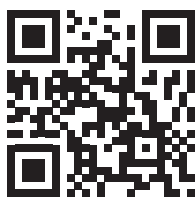
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE LIVE RADIO SHOW

Four actors portray
40 roles in this holiday
classic with music.

Tallyn's Reach Library,
23911 E. Arapahoe Road

Pre-shows,
refreshments and kid's
activities: **5:45 p.m.**
Concerts: **6:30 p.m.**

Free refreshments • Creative activities for children



For more information and to register,
visit TinyURL.com/AuroraRhythms



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