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## Celebrate JUNETEENTH

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AURORA CULTURAL NEWS UPDATE

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## COLFAX ART JAMS 2022

JUNE 4TH  
JULY 2ND  
AUG 6TH  
SEPT 3RD  
OCT 1ST



Celebrating Juneteenth June 4th 12-4pm

Get Involved

**Join us for; Colfax Art Jams!**

Juneteenth (June 4th, 12-4 pm)

Colfax Art Jams take place in Fletcher Plaza ([9800 E. Colfax](#)) on the first

Saturdays of each month from 12 pm - 4 pm.

Colfax Art Jams are a series of FREE concerts and performances surrounded by TRUE LOCAL artisans and makers!

Join us monthly from NOW to October 1st as we jam and share some amazing art along East Colfax.

This Saturday's festivities include;

- Intergenerational Women's African Drum and Dance Ensemble (IWADDE)
- Brothers Of Brass
- DJ DocBlue
- A Variety of Artisans and Makers
- Face Painting
- Food Trucks
- Gaming Truck
- Inside activities for kids in the library

This event is a "come as you are" event.

We pride ourselves on being a safe space for ALL. This event is FREE for the whole family. We highlight different creatives and themes each month, so no Saturday is like the last. Taste authentic foods courtesy of the local food truck community.

Be sure to attend the creative community experience, as it's not the same without you!

[INVITE FRIENDS](#)



**The Peoples Building, JUNE 2022 events;**

INSIGHT COLAB THEATRE PRESENTS:

# ***SAY MY NAME***

*An original musical*

BOOK AND DIRECTION BY PANG YUAN YUAN

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY DAVID NEHLS

**JUNE 16-19**

People's Building Aurora  
Tickets: [insightcolab.square.site](https://insightcolab.square.site)

## **Bespoke Babe Gallery Show: Bohemian Mixtape**

**JUNE 16TH- 19TH 2022 1PM, 4PM, & 7PM**

INSIGHT COLAB THEATRE Presents *Say My Name*, *Say My Name* tells the story of Seung-Min, a Korean immigrant studying for a civics practice/naturalization test. On her path to citizenship, she is haunted by ghosts of Asian women from history who plead with her to say their names and help release their souls to become citizens as well. Insight Colab Theatre presents

*Say My Name* on June 16th through 19th at The Peoples Building, [9995 E Colfax, Ave, Aurora, CO 80010](#). Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 & 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 - \$30 and are available at <https://www.insightcolab.org/>. For more information, call 303-437-8917.

Newly rebranded, Insight Colab Theatre was previously known as Theatre Esprit Asia (TEA). TEA, founded in 2012, was the Southwest's first and only Asian American Theatre Company. Theatre Esprit Asia focused on bringing shows deeply rooted in Asian culture and the Asian American community. Insight Colab Theatre, founded by Pan Asian American artists, spotlights inclusive, innovative, and inspiring works to illuminate our shared human experience. The company plans to feature plays with non-traditional, diverse casting while creating acting workshops to train the next generation of minority actors and a writers series to explore identity, race, and privilege. *Say My Name* was developed at Local Theater Company's Local Lab (Artistic Director Pesha Rudnick) in Boulder, Colorado. It began as an idea in the Local Theatre's Writing for Stage & Screen program and received a week-long workshop and public presentation. In October 2020, during COVID, Insight Colab Theatre produced *Apart Together*, a collaborative and devised piece on identity, love, and hope in 2020 Colorado. It was presented as a live streamed virtual experience.

Insight Colab Theatre *Say My Name* is a story about Seung-Min and her path to citizenship, where she is met by ghosts of Asian women pleading for her help. June 16 - 19 Thurs/ Fri/ Sat at 7 p.m.; Sun. at 1 & 4 p.m. \$20 - \$30.

Tickets are online at <https://www.insightcolab.org/> For more information, call 303-437-8917. The Peoples Building, [9995 E Colfax, Ave, Aurora, CO 80010](#).

####Insight Colab Theatre Company Team Cecilia J. Pang - Artistic Director Jennifer So - President Faye Kleeman - Treasurer Dakota Makinen - Social Media Manager Social Media -Instagram: insight\_colab | Facebook: Insight Colab Theatre####

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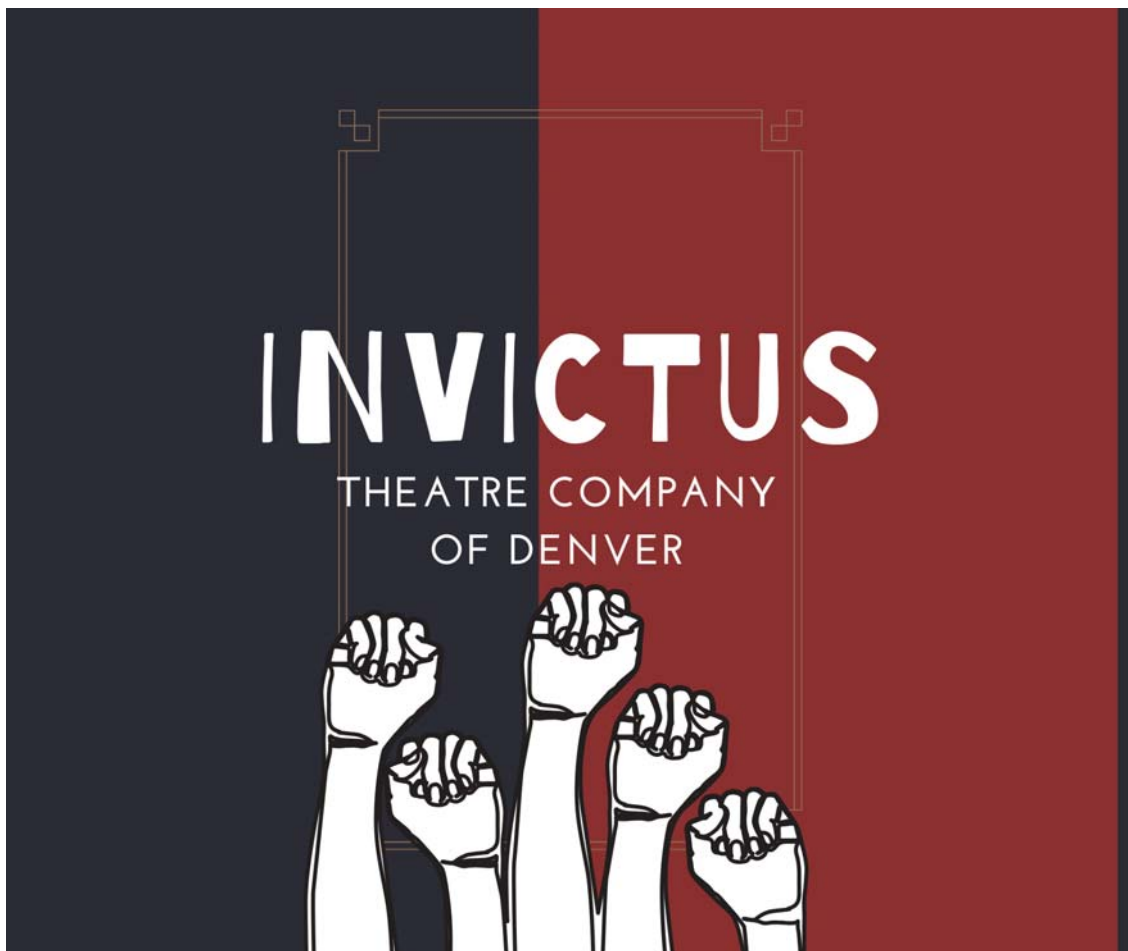


## [By a Thread: An Art Show](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2022; 5PM- 7PM

June 3rd, from 5-7 pm at The People's Building, join us for the art receptions of Fiona Small's exhibit, "By a Thread," a collection of mixed media work exploring the theme of hanging on by a thread in these turbulent times and the pursuit of beauty and harmony with nature and decay.

<https://www.fionarosesmall.com/>



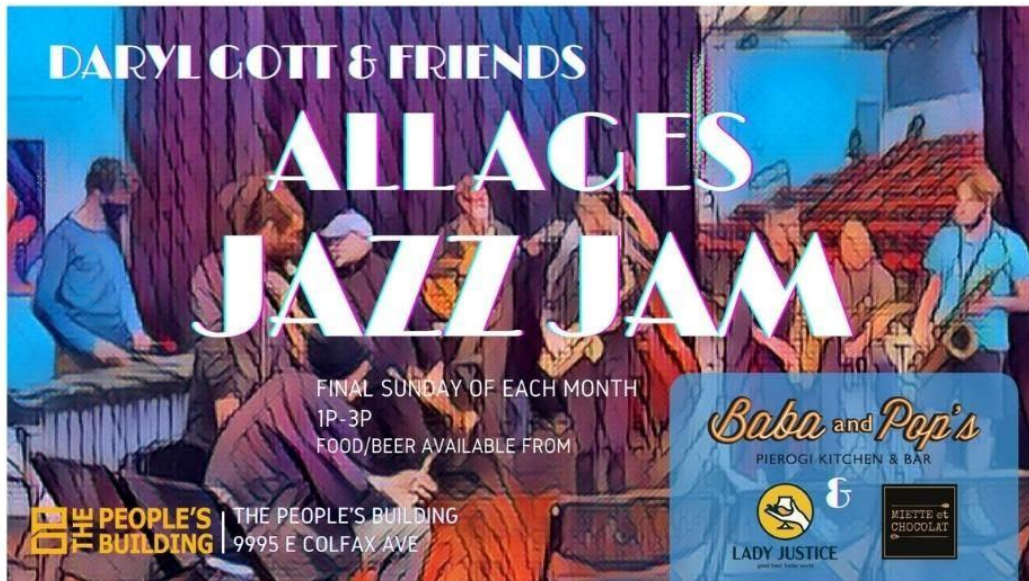
## Invictus

JUNE 23rd- JULY 3rd, 2022

Winner of the 2009 Tony Award for Best Play, *God of Carnage* relates an evening in the lives of two couples, residents of a tony Brooklyn neighborhood, who meet to discuss a playground incident. Alan and Annette's son hit Michael and Veronica's son in the face with a stick, resulting in two broken teeth. The four of them agree to discuss the incident civilly, but the polite veneer breaks down as the night wears on and drinks are imbibed. The couples initially spar against each other, but the men gang up on the women, and the spouses switch sides as the fighting continues. Reza's play suggests that our civilized trappings do poorly hide our venality and bile.

JUN 23 AT 1 PM – JUL 3 AT 10 AM MDT

**TICKETS**



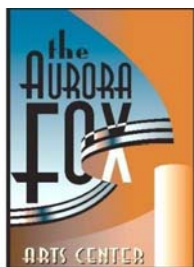
## All Ages Jazz Jam

EVERY LAST SUNDAY; 1-3 PM

Daryl Gott and other professional jazz friends lead an all-ages jam session at The People's Building on our lower level. This family-friendly environment gives our next generation of music makers the chance to interact with professionals and learn jam etiquette.

Pre-order your favorite food from neighborhood favorites Third Culture Bakery and Baba & Pops, and bring it into The People's Building gallery!

The bar will be open and stocked with wine, canned cocktails, and beer from Lady Justice Brewing.



**The Aurora Fox, JUNE 2022 events;**





**THE STINKY CHEESE MAN “REEKS” HAVOC AT THE AURORA FOX!**

***Performances June 21 - July 2***

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Young artists get the opportunity to peek behind the curtain, so to speak, at the life of a working actor. Participants will learn and rehearse the play “**The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales**,” then perform multiple shows a week for area youth and families. We are not like other area theater day camps where participants work with guest educational artists and present one weekend’s worth of performances to an invited audience. Our young artists will work with professional directors, technicians, and stage managers and present multiple technical and fully realized performances. **There is no audition required to participate.** Enrollment is limited to the first 20 young artists to sign up.

**ABOUT THE SHOW**

Written by John Glore | Based on the book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith

“The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales” is a play with music based on the beloved children’s book written by Jon Scieszka and illustrated by Lane Smith. The collection of fractured fairy tales stars Jack of “Jack and the Beanstalk” notoriety, who tells humorous parodies of famous children’s stories and fairy tales. Young artists will take on an assortment of wacky characters

like Little Red Hen, Chicken Licken, Little Red Running Shorts, and The Stinky Cheese Man himself!

**Enrollment is limited to the first 20 young artists to sign up.**

**WHO:** Twenty (20) young artists between the ages of 8 and 14

**WHAT:** The Little Foxes Summer Theater Experience presents “The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales” – a play with music

**WHEN:** May 31 – July 2, 9 am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** The Aurora Fox Arts Center [9900 East Colfax Ave Aurora, Colorado 80010](#)

**COST:** Only \$300 for the entire six-week experience.

Scholarships are available for students who qualify. Email [FoxBox@auroragov.org](mailto:FoxBox@auroragov.org) for more information

[\*\*Sign Up Here\*\*](#)



**Vintage Theater Events, JUNE 2022 events;**

[\*\*Blackademics\*\*](#)

**May 20- June 19, 2022**

A sharp, surreal satire about who gets a place at the table

By Idris Goodwin

Directed by Betty Hart

Two ravenous female African-American scholars arrive for their coveted dinner reservation at a select café. But what starts as a celebration quickly takes a raucous turn. Banter turns to debate and debate into battle as the women figuratively and literally vie for a seat at the table.

[\*\*TICKETS\*\*](#)

Playwright Idris Goodwin serves up a meal of searing wit, pop-culture humor, and psychological menace in an absurdist take on “post-racial America.”



# BLACKADEMICS

A PLAY BY Idris Goodwin  
DIRECTED BY Betty Hart




May 20 – June 19, 2022 | [VintageTheatre.org](https://VintageTheatre.org)

[New Play  
Festival](#)


June 10- 12th, 2022

The finalists in our 2022 New Comedy Play Festival are being performed as staged readings live at the Vintage Theatre! Purchase tickets for each show or all four for only \$25!

Vote for your favorite to be included in our 2022/2023 Season!



# NEW PLAY FESTIVAL



COMEDY

June 10-12, 2022

### READING SCHEDULE


**FRIDAY, JUNE 10 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**ELEANOR AND DOLLY** by Jenny Stafford, Directed by Andrew KC Nicholas

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 – 2:30 P.M.**  
**SPEAK LINES ALL GARBLED** by David Liu, Directed by Mykai Eastman

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**MORNINGS WITH JUNE** by Karen Saari, Directed by Jennifer Schmitz

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12 – 2:30 P.M.**  
**THE PASSWORD** by Karin Williams, Directed by Troy Lakey

Tickets to each reading \$10  
Or purchase a package of all four for \$25!



**Tickets:** [VintageTheatre.org](http://VintageTheatre.org)  
**Box Office:** 303.856.7830  
1468 Dayton St., Aurora, CO 80010  
(1/2 block south of Colfax)



**Vintage Theatre**  
**YOUTH**  
**DRAMA**  
**CAMP**



**for kids ages 8–18**

**July 18 – August 5, 2022**

Monday–Friday | 12:00–4:00 p.m.

**at Vintage Theatre**

1460 Dayton St., Aurora (1/2-block south of Colfax)

*Performances Aug. 5 & 6*

**Annie Jr.**

**\$199 tuition** includes snacks, makeup & costumes  
*Full & Part Scholarships Available*



To sign up, go to **VintageTheatre.org**

For more information, email  
**VintageTheatreProductions@gmail.com**

[Youth Drama Camp](#)

**JULY 18TH- AUG 5TH, 2022**

PERFORMANCES:

Friday evening, August 5th, and Saturday afternoon, August 6th

**Scholarships Available.**

The sun will come out tomorrow! In this exciting summer camp adventure, students will embark on the journey of putting on a fully staged musical! Three

weeks full of learning, fun, and friends! Students will study acting, music, and dance as part of the rehearsal process, including technical elements such as lights, sound, set, costumes, and props. Camps end with two fully-staged performances! We're thrilled to welcome back **Jessica Lawdan** and **Brittany Homberg**, who will lead the camp this year. Join us as your favorite characters, Annie, Miss Hanigan, Daddy Warbucks, and a group of spirited orphans, come to vibrant life on the stage!

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**DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)**  
**JUNE 2022 events;**



# FEATURED STUDENT ARTIST



**CHELSY ROMERO RUANO**

*(Aurora Central High School Student)*

At the beginning of my sustained investigation, I had the idea of still life from the olden times. Basic plates and cups with fruits around them. Eventually, I started playing with the colors and discovered what a contrast there is between artificial food and natural foods. Now I'm experimenting more on how to contrast these both in a way that it doesn't look too weird.





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