

SIX STRINGS THAT SHAPED THE WORLD; CELEBRATING GUITAR MONTH

The guitar's history is a testament to the enduring power of music to unite, inspire, and heal. As we celebrate Guitar Month, let us remember the countless hands that have strummed, plucked, and caressed the instrument's strings, creating a symphony of human emotion that transcends time and space.

The guitar's lineage can be traced back over 3,000 years to ancient civilizations, where stringed instruments like the oud and the lute captivated audiences with their resonant tones. But it wasn't until the 16th century that the modern classical guitar, with its six strings and familiar shape, emerged in Spain. The instrument rapidly gained popularity across Europe, weaving a tale of inspiration and passion that still echoes today.

The guitar has been the muse of countless virtuosos, each leaving an indelible mark on the instrument's rich history. From the enchanting compositions of classical guitarists like Fernando Sor and Francisco Tárrega to the legendary prowess of blues pioneers like Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters, the guitar has transcended musical genres and ignited the creative spark in generations of musicians.

The 20th century saw the rise of iconic figures like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and B.B. King, who pushed the boundaries of the guitar's expressive capabilities. These trailblazers, along with countless others, immortalized the guitar as an emblem of freedom and self-expression, inspiring millions around the world to pick up the instrument and follow in their footsteps. The guitar's enchanting melody is an invitation to us all – to dream, to create, and to make our mark on the world.

With technological advancements, guitars have continued to evolve, incorporating MIDI technology, digital effects, and even self-tuning mechanisms. Yet, at its core, the guitar remains an instrument of emotion and expression. As we look forward to the future, the guitar will undoubtedly continue to inspire, captivate, and foster human connection.

In honor of Guitar Month, let us celebrate this remarkable instrument and its rich history. From the earliest stringed creations to the modern-day marvels, the guitar has woven a melodious tapestry that continues to enchant us all. So pick up your guitar, strum a chord, and let the time-honored magic of this extraordinary instrument resonate through your soul.

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April Events



KICKING OFF COLFAX ART JAMS



Colfax Art Jams April 8th 12- 4 PM

Join us on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 from 12- 4 PM in Fletcher Plaza, in front of the MLK library (9898 E Colfax Ave.) This is the first of six free festival events that take place annually. Come shop local artisans and vendors from all over the metro area. Food trucks are courtesy of AEOC and Aurora Food Justice. Celebrate different themes each month and come get creative with the Aurora Cultural Arts District



Aurora String Ensemble

Find out the things that inspired the creation of art pieces exhibited in this event and the purpose of the exhibition.

Get Involved

THE AURORA CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT

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APRIL 8TH
SPRING STRINGS
MAY 13TH
PICTURE THIS
JUNE 10TH
NEON GARDEN
JULY 8TH
TASTE THE FAX
AUG 12TH
SKATE THE FAX
SEPT 9TH
DANCING ON THE FAX



2ND SATURDAYS 2023 FROM 12 PM-4 PM
FLETCHER PLAZA 9800 E COLFAX AVE

'LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS 'LIVE MUSIC 'PERFORMERS 'LOCAL ARTISTS 'MAKERS AND 'VENDORS

Sign up to BE a [VENDOR, ENTERTAINER, OR SPONSOR](#)



Curiosity Cruiser

Theme- Spicy: Revealed
Spicy: Revealed dares you to get to know the science behind spicy flavors and foods, and our curious relationship with them.



DAVA
downtown aurora visual arts



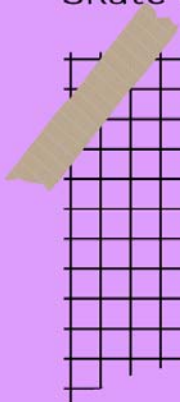
Make DIY String instruments with DAVA

Come get creative with the kids. DAVA will be hosting a FREE kid's DIY string craft at their booth.



Our upcoming Colfax Art Jams themes and dates;

May 13th, Picture This "A Colfax Moment"-, June 10th Neon Garden, July 8th, Taste The Fax, August 12th Skate the Fax, September 9th, Dancin' On The Fax



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COLFAX ART JAMS

SECOND SATURDAYS 12 PM- 4 PM
9800 E COLFAX AVE
4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9





DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)
April 2023 events;



Blue Wonder

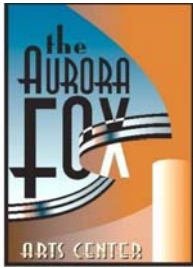
Now- April 28th 4pm- 7 pm

Experience the beauty and uniqueness of the cyanotype process. This exhibition features cyanotypes by DAVA youth and guest artists Lizeth Guadalupe, Leah Diament, Christine Nguyen, and Christopher R. Perez. Please join us for the opening reception on March 10th in conjunction with the Month of Photography.

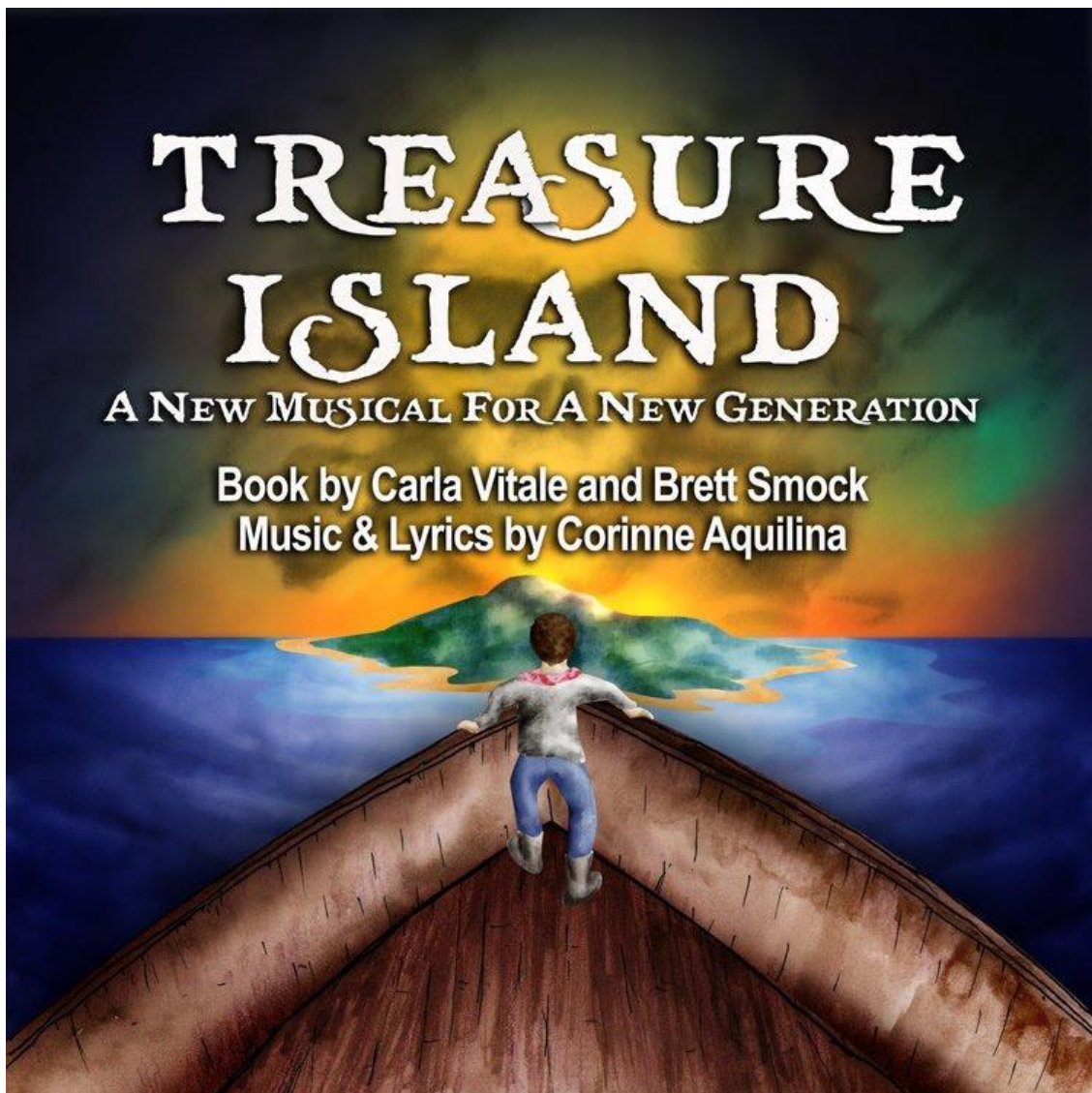
This exhibition is open through April 28th.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am to 5 pm.

Artwork: Detail of cyanotype on fabric skirt by Lizeth Guadalupe



The Aurora Fox, April 2023 events;



Treasure Island

Now - Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

Book by Carla Vitale and Brett Smock, Music & Lyrics by Corinne Aquilina

***Colorado Premiere**

THURSDAYS, MAY 4TH & 11TH, ARE 10 A.M. STUDENT MATINEES ONLY.

NO EVENING PERFORMANCES ON THESE TWO THURSDAYS.

Excitement runs high in this new musical adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's thrilling tale of pirates, treasure maps, and mutiny on the seven seas. When Jim Hawkins sets sail in search of a long-lost treasure, he has no idea what adventures and trials await him. Our young hero is on a race for hidden riches, but can he hold on to his humanity when pitted against the infamous sea dog, Long John Silver? Join us for a swashbuckling good time perfect for the entire family!

Content Advisory: None

Runtime: Approx. 100 minutes with intermission



The Peoples Building, April 2023 events;



Corpus Christi, an American play by Terrance McNally.

Now- APRIL 3, 2023, AT 5 PM

A groundbreaking exploration of faith, love, and LGBTQ+ issues, by American playwright Terrance McNally. Often referred to as the "gay Jesus play," PopUp will bring a new POV to this two+ decades-old play. Met with critical acclaim and protest in 1999, Artistic Director Christopher Huelshorst believes this is the right time and place to revive this ancient story meets contemporary theater. PopUp brings immersive, interactive environments to the stories it tells. Corpus Christi will be no different, allowing audiences to feel as if they are indeed a part of the play. Set in Corpus Christi, Texas, in the 1950s through the 1980s, the play follows Joshua (Jesus) and his disciples from the nativity to the fateful crucifixion.

Terrance McNally's 'Corpus Christi' was first performed in New York City in 1998; the play is primarily based on the Gospel of John but with a modern twist. It tells the story of Jesus and his disciples, Judas, Peter, and all, as they meet in Corpus Christi, Texas. There, Joshua and his followers are met with hostility and prejudice for their homosexuality, and the play tackles the topics of gay marriage, social violence, and AIDS/HIV. In 1998 it was met with praise and criticism from various religious groups. Some groups argued that the play was blasphemous, while others argued that the play was a powerful exploration of faith and love. In memoriam, McNally was lost to COVID-19 in 2020



The E. Colfax Art Gallery, April 2023 events;



10201 E Colfax Ave
Aurora CO 80010

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FREE

Ceramics Class

APRIL 15TH 1PM

Guests can come and build a ceramic pot/ cup. To personalize. This is a FREE class to 80010, and we invite you to come to get creative. Sign-up is required.



Art & Soul FREE ceramic hand-building class

APRIL 15TH, 1-3 PM

Unleash your inner artist and discover the joy of working with clay in our "Art & Soul: A Ceramic Hand-Building Workshop." This immersive experience is suitable for beginners and experienced potters, providing a supportive and inspiring environment to explore the versatile world of ceramics.

In this hands-on workshop, participants will be guided through the fundamental hand-building techniques with clay construction. Our skilled instructor will demonstrate and provide individualized attention to ensure everyone can confidently create unique ceramic pieces.

Guests must sign up as space is **EXTREMELY LIMITED!**



Vintage Theater Events, April 2023 events;



tick, tick ...
BOOM!

A MUSICAL BY Jonathan Larson
THE CREATOR OF "RENT"
DIRECTED BY Shannon McCarthy

Vintage
Theatre

March 17 – April 23, 2023 | VintageTheatre.org

[Tick, Tick... BOOM!](#)

NOW - MAY 7th, 2023

EXTENDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!

From the creator of the worldwide phenomenon **RENT!**

Music, Lyrics & Book by Jonathan Larson

Directed by Shannon McCarthy

Musical Direction by Brandon Bill

Playing in the Bond-Trimble Theatre

While Jon waits tables and waits for his big break, the pressure to give it all up grows as Jon approaches his 30th birthday. Will he sell out to keep the lights on? Will he finally write the soaring song that can change everything? And if he does, will anyone be there to see it? **Tick, tick ... BOOM!** cracks open the ticking-time-bomb world of creating theater to celebrate the power of finding your voice and holding on to a dream.

The Moondance Cast: Andy Seracuse as Jon, Tracy Denver as Susan, and Justin Ostergard as Michael perform Friday and Saturday Evenings and Sunday Matinees

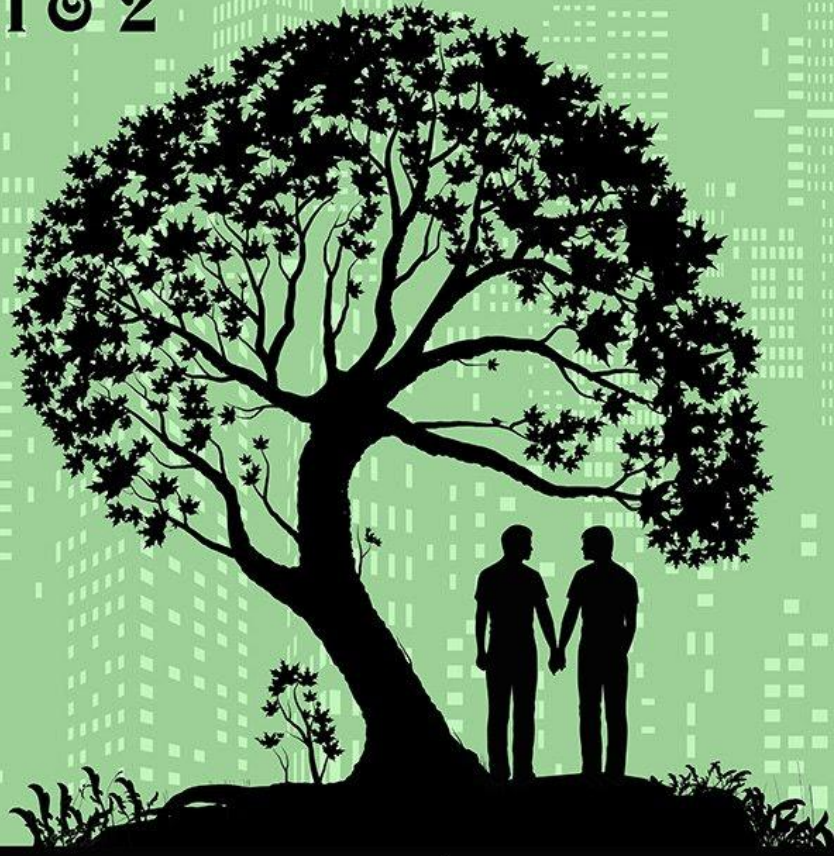
The Bohemian Cast: Nick Marshall as Jon, Isabella Duran as Susan, and Hayes Burton as Michael perform Thursday evenings and Saturday Matinees



Tick, Tick, Boom! (Official Trailer)

The Inheritance

PARTS 1 & 2



A REGIONAL PREMIERE!

WRITTEN BY Matthew Lopez

DIRECTED BY Bernie Cardell



April 7 – May 14, 2023 | VintageTheatre.org

[The Inheritance \(Parts 1 & 2\)](#)

APRIL 7th - May 14th, 2023

A Regional Premier!

Written by Matthew Lopez

Directed by Bernie Cardell

Playing in the Nickelson Auditorium

Winner of the 2020 Tony Award for Best Play, *The Inheritance* transposes EM Forster's novel *Howard's End* to 21st Century New York. Decades after the AIDS epidemic, three generations of gay men grapple with the tragedy of their past and what it means for their future. This two-part epic explores healing, class divide, and what it means to call a place home.

Content Warning: *The Inheritance* contains mature language, realistic depictions, and descriptions of gay sexual relations, male nudity, and adult situations.

Part One - Primarily performs Friday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons

Part Two - Primarily performs Saturday Evenings and Sunday Afternoons

