

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF VIBRANT COLOR

Greetings, fellow art enthusiasts!

As we dive into the month of July, we not only celebrate the scorching days of summer but also indulge in the delectable delights of National Culinary Arts Month. It is the perfect time to embrace the enchanting world where artistry meets gastronomy, where flavors blend with colors, and where culinary masterpieces are skillfully crafted to delight both the eyes and the taste buds.

In this month-long celebration, we invite you to embark on a sensory journey through the tantalizing realms of culinary artistry. From the sizzling sautéés to the delicate plating techniques, let your taste buds dance with joy as you explore the exquisite fusion of flavors and textures that renowned chefs and home cooks bring.

Here in the Arts District, we believe that art knows no boundaries, and that includes the realm of culinary arts. Join us as we celebrate the artistry behind every carefully prepared dish, every thoughtfully selected ingredient, and every culinary creation that reflects the passion, creativity, and dedication of talented culinary artists.

Throughout the month of July, we will be hosting a series of exciting events, including cooking demonstrations, interactive workshops, and collaborative art and food experiences. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of culinary arts, where you'll have the opportunity to learn new techniques, discover unique flavors, and engage in fascinating conversations with fellow food enthusiasts.

Whether you are an avid foodie, an aspiring chef, or simply someone who appreciates the finer things in life, National Culinary Arts Month offers a chance to expand your palate and explore the incredible intersection of art and gastronomy. So, grab your aprons, sharpen your knives, and let your creativity flow as you embark on this culinary adventure with us.

Join us at Colfax Art Jams this July to savor the flavors, celebrate the culinary artists, and indulge in the sheer delight that National Culinary Arts Month has to offer. We invite you to experience the joy of creating edible masterpieces, discovering new tastes, and forging connections through the shared love of food and art.

Let this be a month of gastronomic exploration, where we relish the artistry of flavors, colors, and textures. We look forward to seeing you at our events, sharing stories, and witnessing the magic that unfolds when culinary arts and creativity converge.

Bon appétit and happy National Culinary Arts Month!

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COLFAX ART JAMS

2ND SATURDAYS 2023 FROM 12 PM-4 PM
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COLFAX ART JAMS



2ND SATURDAYS

Colfax Art Jams June 10th 12- 4 PM

Join us on Saturday, June 10th, 2023 from 12- 4 PM in Fletcher Plaza, in front of the MLK library (9898 E Colfax Ave.) This is the 4th 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



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Food Trucks and Small Plates

A Culinary Adventure Awaits: Discover Diverse Small Plates at Colfax Art Jams



The Food Festival Tasting offers a chance to explore a multitude of culinary styles, from traditional recipes handed down through generations to innovative dishes that push the boundaries of taste.

Our upcoming Colfax Art Jams themes and dates;

August 12th Skate the Fax
& September 9th, Dancin' On The Fax



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





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today!

BE A VENDOR

Calling all artists and creatives! Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talent and connect with art enthusiasts at Colfax Art Jams. As a vendor, you'll have a unique platform to display and sell your creations in a vibrant and supportive community.

Sign up at www.auroraculture.org

VOLUNTEER

Join us as a volunteer at Arts Acad and make a meaningful impact in your community. By sharing your talents and skills, you'll inspire and nurture budding artists, contribute to the cultural growth of your city, and create lasting memories for yourself and others. Sign up now and become a catalyst for artistic expression and personal growth!



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Get Involved





**DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)
JULY 2023 events;**



Open Studio

**Weekly at 1:30 pm Monday- Friday,
repeating until July 28**

The Open Studio at DAVA is a rich playing field for experiential learning for youth ages 6-14. Students learn vital social skills as they problem-solve and finish projects successfully, collaborate in community arts projects, and participate in extra STEAM (science, technology, engineering, ART, and math) classes. You can head to [their website](#) for more information.



Family Arts

**It is weekly, starting at 10:00 am
Wednesday and Friday, repeating until
July 28th.**

For children ages 3-6 and their parents or guardians.

We believe that families are an essential part of community cultural development. Introduce your child to the creative process while developing their imagination, motor skills, and school readiness.

The Family Arts program at DAVA is designed for children ages 3-6 with a parent or guardian. Classes are free and can be attended on a drop-in basis, but they fill up quickly! Arrive at 10:00 am to get your spot.



Job Training

Monday- Thursday 1:30-4:30 pm

If you're in middle school, you can join Job Training in DAVA's Computer Art Lab or Studio Arts. You don't need to be an experienced artist – you need to be creative and willing to work hard while you share your stories and ideas. You will make art alongside students from many different cultures and learn important job and leadership skills while you prepare for work or college. Film short movies, build giant sculptures, and paint incredible murals!

Job Training in the Arts and Technology is designed to boost students' art, communication, and life skills. Classes focus on teamwork, respect, personal responsibility, and problem-solving while expressing your unique voice.

Stop by DAVA for an application to join!



Creative Action by Teens

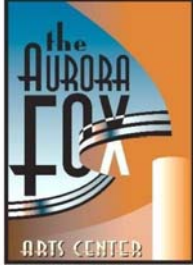
Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Take your art and design to a new level! Express your voice and ideas while creating art, graphic design, and more. You will get to work on both individual and collaborative projects, take field trips, and exhibit your work in the DAVA Gallery. Boost your skills for getting a job or going to college while having fun working with other creative teens.

CAT is a free program at DAVA. You must attend class weekly to earn a small stipend for your hard

work. Come to DAVA to fill out your application and join!

Registered students only, however; No drop-ins are permitted.



The Aurora Fox, JULY 2023 events;



Adriane Leigh & Marco Robinson

"It's Good to Be Bad"

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH – 7:30PM | SUNDAY, JULY 30TH –

2:00PM |

Why do musical theatre villains seem to have the best songs? Denver's darling musical theatre duo, Adriane Leigh & Marco Alberto Robinson, shed their wholesome image for a deep dive into the ever-so-juicy songs made famous by

your favorite antagonists. Join them for a delightfully unique and fun-loving frolic to the “other side” of your favorite shows!



The Peoples Building, JULY 2023 events;

INSIGHT COLAB THEATRE PRESENTS:

A collection of short stories by
the first Asian American women writers:
ONOTO WATANNA and SUI SIN FAR

**Adaptation and Direction
by Pang Yuan-Yuan**

BI-PASSING

July 14th @ 7:30
July 15th @ 2:30 and 7:30PM
July 16th @ 2:30 PM

People's Building, Aurora, CO

Tickets: insightcolab.square.site

BI-PASSING

Friday, July 14, 2023, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 2:30 PM

BI-PASSING is a short story collection by Edith and Winnifred Eaton, known as the first Asian American/Canadian women writers.

Born to a Scottish father and a Chinese mother, Edith adopted a Chinese pen name Sui Sin Far (Narcissus), for her writing persona, as she focused on writing the Chinese experience in 19th century America, some of which are autobiographical.

Winnifred adopted the Japanese pseudonym Onoto Watanna for her successful career as a romance writer and screenwriter.

This show is suitable for ages 12+ and runs 75 minutes with no intermission.

 TICKETS ON SALE NOW: <https://www.insightcolab.org/>



The E. Colfax Art Gallery, JULY 2023 events;

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GALLERY OPENING

ZSUDYKA
Nzinga

7th | July
6 PM - 8 PM

10201 E Colfax Ave
Aurora CO 80010

Gallery Exhibition opening July 7th, 6-8 PM; \$10 at the door. Meet Colorado native and DC artist; Zsudyka Nzinga learn more about her [here](#).



Wine & FINE ART

Enjoy art from Zsudayka Nzinga and try delicious organic wines provided by Scout & Cellar. \$10 at the door- space is limited.



WEDNESDAY,
JULY 12TH 6- 8PM



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Join us for an evening of art and wine tasting.



AN UNCONVENTIONAL ART EXHIBITION FOR THOSE BORED WITH THE CONVENTIONAL

This exhibition aims to challenge the notion of what is deemed "acceptable" or "normal" in the art world. We want to see art that provokes, challenges, and sparks conversations. This is your opportunity to push boundaries, break molds, and ignite a revolution of artistic expression.

If you're tired of conforming to the expectations of the art world, if you crave to set your creativity free, then submit your work for consideration in "I'm so F&#ing Board." We welcome artists from all backgrounds and levels of experience who are unafraid to challenge conventions and embrace the unconventional.

Artist Call

Now- July 25th
Exhibition; August 11-31st

For More Information
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We invite you to unleash your creative energy and join us for an extraordinary art exhibition titled "I'm so F&#ing Board." This show celebrates the unconventional, pushing the boundaries of what is considered art and challenging traditional norms.

We're seeking artists who dare to venture into uncharted territories, explore the depths of their imagination, and redefine the very essence of art itself.

"I'm so F&#ing Board" is not just a catchy title. It's an open invitation to disrupt the status quo, to think outside the box, and to create without limitations. We encourage you to embrace the unconventional, the absurd, the avant-garde, and anything that defies traditional norms.

Whether you work with paint, sculpture, photography, mixed media, performance art, or any other medium, we want to see your raw, unfiltered creativity. Surprise us, shock us, and make us question everything we thought we knew about art.

[Apply HERE](#)

Important Dates:

- Submission deadline: July 25, 2023
- Notification of acceptance: End of July- tentative
- Delivery of accepted works: Aug 1- 4th, 2023
- Exhibition dates: Aug 11 - 31st, 2023
- Opening reception: June 9, 2023

We can't wait to see your bold and beautiful works of art. Thank you for your interest in the "I'm so F&#ing bored" exhibition.



Vintage Theater Events, JULY 2023 events;

A stylized, golden-brown silhouette of the Golden Gate Bridge is centered in the background against a gradient of orange and yellow. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are clearly visible.

IN THE HEIGHTS

The Tony-Winning Best Musical from the Creator of *Hamilton*

MUSIC & LYRICS BY Lin-Manuel Miranda

BOOK BY Quiara Alegria Hudes

DIRECTED BY Jonathan Andujar



June 23 – July 30, 2023 | VintageTheatre.org

In The Heights

June 22nd - July 30th

Music & Lyrics By Lin-Manuel Miranda

Book By Quiara Algeria Hudes

Directed by Jonathan Andujar

Playing in the Nickelson Auditorium

From the creator of the worldwide phenomenon *Hamilton*, *In the Heights* tells the story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm and wisdom of three generations of family, love, and music.

Content Advisory: *In The Heights*, while it is a celebration of love and community, it does contain strong adult language and mature humor. Flashing lights will also be used during the performance.



Special Event -

Reptile Logic: A Corporate

Dismemberment

July 28th - August 13th

A gruesome workplace accident at a warehouse owned by a faceless megacorporation leads to a spontaneous work stoppage and a list of demands. Plant manager/shameless corporate shill Mike Stevens and his dutiful assistant Iris are determined to squash the threat of unionization by any means necessary. They engage in a no-holds-barred battle of wits with Jacky, the streetwise ex-con spokeswoman for the rank-and-file workers.

Content Awareness: *Reptile Logic contains mature language and is recommended for mature audiences.*



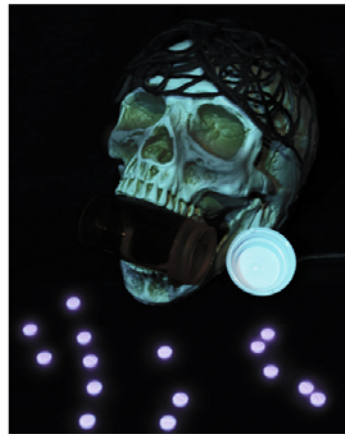
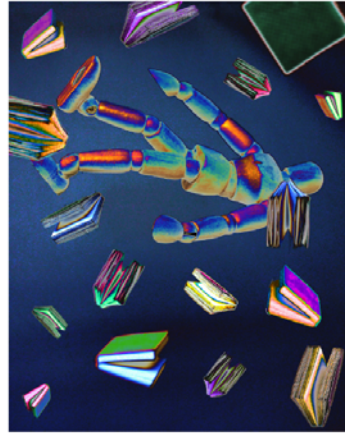
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Student of the Month:

Alondra Amparan
Aurora Central High School

For my sustained investigation, I decided to reflect on my mental health through toy photography. My photos feel unsettling, uncomfortable, and anxiety-inducing. This is what I feel every day when I go outside into public: a thousand eyes on me, laughing at me, hands reaching out. My mind is convinced I am in constant danger. No matter how hard I work on it in therapy, with the help of medication, the anxiety doesn't go away. In my photography, the toy is a reflection of me and my emotional state.

My work evolved as I experimented with editing styles of toy photography to represent my mental health. (1) The tangled yarn represents my mind. Eyebags on the skull show tiredness and my own medication glows as a light in the dark. (6) The size contrast between the toys shows the power dynamic. The pieces of Mr. Potato Head create an unsettling foreground, representing the fear of having attention on me. (15) The main clock rapidly moves to show how fast time can go by. The books the statue is on shows are overwhelming. The flag represents the American school system.



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