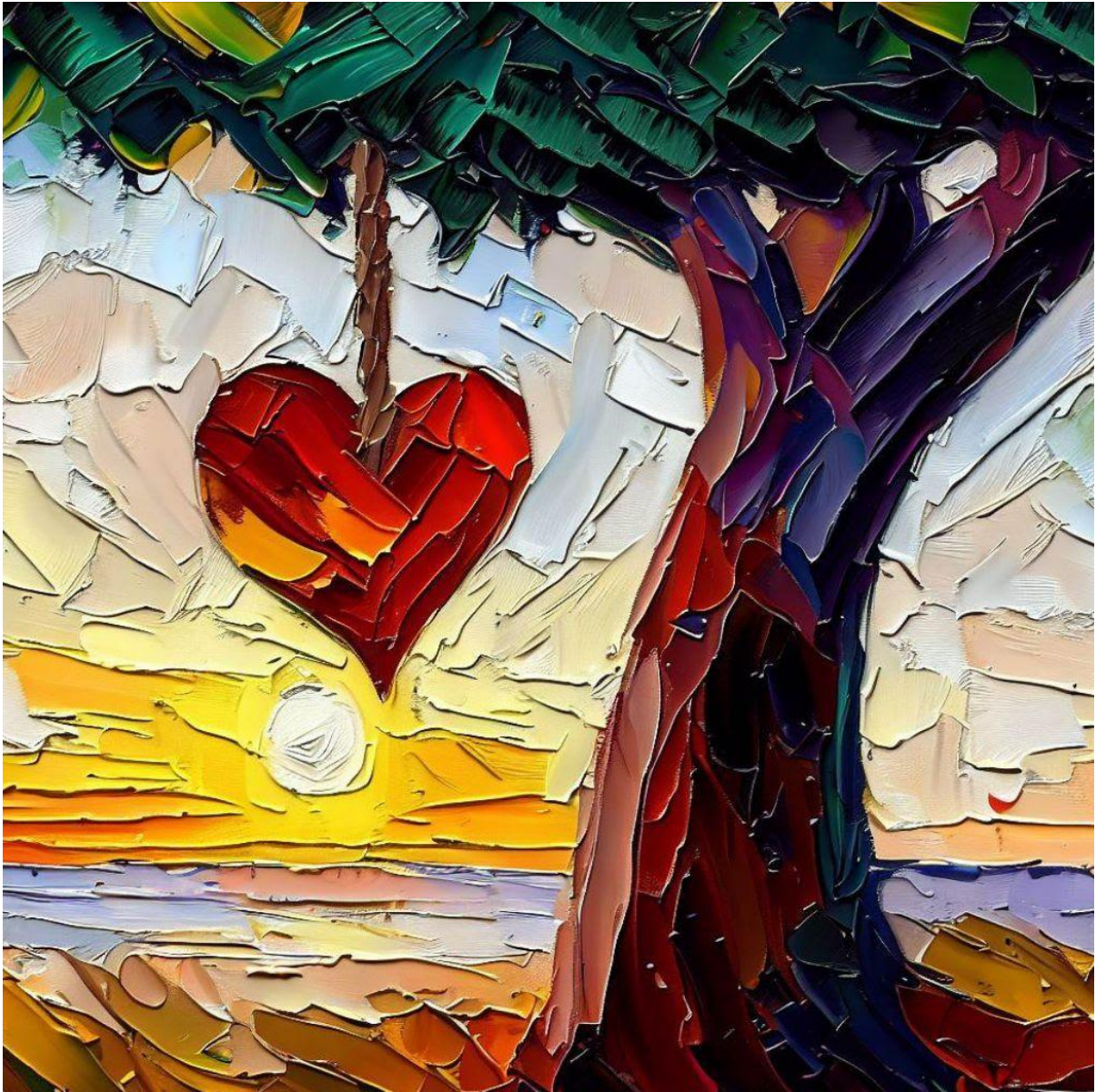


THE ART OF DANCE: A BRIEF HISTORY

Dance has been a fundamental part of human culture for millennia. Some of the earliest recorded dances date back over 5,000 years to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, where religious rituals often incorporated purposeful movement set to music. Greek dances soon became performance art forms celebrated in theaters. Ballet truly emerged during the Renaissance in 15th-century Italian courts, focused on grace, coordination, and telling stories through gestures.

As cultures collided through colonization and trade over the next centuries, dances mixed and evolved. African traditions brought to the Americas developed into tap, jazz, hip-hop, and more. 19th-century Romanticism reimagined classical ballet as ethereal art. Traditional folk dances spread globally, taking new shapes as they merged with local steps.

In the 20th century, groundbreaking innovators like Isadora Duncan, Martha Graham, and Merce Cunningham liberated dance from rigid forms and championed it as a vehicle for personal expression. Modern, contemporary, and interpretive dance were born. Around the world, communities keep sacred tribal and ceremonial dances alive today that express their unique cultural identities and connect them to ancestors. Whether used for religious worship, entertainment, sport, social function or artistic expression, dance has long brought people together and reflected the heart of societies across history. Its future remains unlimited in potential as an evolving global conversation across borders.



Support ACAD and the Arts!

We hope this message finds you well. We're reaching out today with an *important request* that is close to our hearts.

The **Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD)** has always stood for *creativity, inclusivity, and the power of the arts*. Over the past years, we've faced challenges that tested our resilience, including the impact of the pandemic and the loss of our former space. However, we've emerged *stronger and more determined* than ever to continue our mission.

Our new home at [10201 E Colfax](#) is more than just a building. It's a *haven for underrepresented artists* to share their stories, a *hub for cultural exchange*, and a place where the community comes together to celebrate the arts. The *Colfax art jams* epitomize this spirit, serving as a platform for *live entertainment, community bonding*, and the celebration of creativity.

Today, we're faced with a *critical situation*. The **grants we relied upon have diminished significantly**, leaving us with *less than half of our expected funding*. This shortfall has impacted our ability to pay contractors, staff, and operational costs for our events and activities. We're determined to keep supporting artists and fostering a vibrant arts scene in our community, but we can't do it alone.

We're asking for your support to help us bridge the gap. Our goal is to raise **\$30,000** to cover the funding shortfall and ensure that ACAD continues to be a *beacon for creativity and connection*. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a *real impact*. Your support will help us pay our dedicated team, keep the lights on, and provide a platform for artists' voices to shine.

To contribute, please visit our [donation page](#). Your donation will directly contribute to the growth and sustainability of ACAD and the artists we champion.

Thank you for being a *steadfast supporter* of ACAD and the arts. Your belief in the transformative power of creativity means the world to us.

Warm regards,

The Aurora Cultural Arts District Board



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Colfax Art Jams September 9th 12- 4 PM

Join us on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 12- 4 PM in Fletcher Plaza, in front of the MLK library (9898 E Colfax Ave.) This is the last 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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Rethinking Plastic



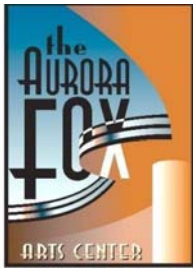
Rethinking Plastic

Reception Friday, September 8th, 4-7 PM. Monday- Friday 10 AM- 5 PM

Artwork by DAVA Youth exploring the deep sea, biomimicry, and human plastic consumption through art and design.

This exhibition will be open through November 10th.

Image credit: Artwork by Anthony Spies, age 16



The Aurora Fox, Septemeber 2023 events;



The Aurora Fox- Jubilation

September 9th, 6-9 PM

Join us for our “Fox Interlude” kick-off and Season 39 Party & Fundraiser at the Aurora Fox! This event will have it all: Food, Music and Dancing! Attendees will have the option to purchase Season 39 tickets, which will run from Jan. - Dec.

2024, at a discounted price. The event will help raise funds for the historic Aurora Fox Theatre in partnership with the Friends of the Aurora Fox, a 501c(3) dedicated to supporting the programs and operations of Aurora's favorite professional theater and crown jewel of the Aurora Cultural Arts District.

Gods and Gods-themed attire is strongly encouraged!

STANDARD TICKET | \$75

Includes access to the party, food, cash bar, silent auction items, and a pop-up performance by the cast of "Blues in the Night!"

VIP TICKETS | \$150

Includes all "Standard" benefits, **plus** a 5-show subscription to **Season 39**. This subscription package is pro-rated at \$15/show and is only available as part of the VIP ticket purchase. Season Ticket prices will increase on event day, so lock in your low rates now!



**The E. Colfax Art Gallery,
September 2023 events;**



[Exploring Phantasmagoria](#)


September 8th, 6-8 pm Artist Meet and Greet

Open Wed- Saturday 11-2 pm

Exhibition Theme: "Synthetic Realms: Exploring Phantasmagoria"

Step into the captivating world of "Synthetic Realms," an art exhibition that transcends the boundaries of reality and imagination, inviting you to embark on a journey through the depths of modern abstraction. From the mind-bending to the visually sublime, this exhibition celebrates the fusion of art and technology, inviting you to experience a new dimension of creativity.

 Date: Opening on September 8th  Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

 Exhibition Concept: In a rapidly evolving digital age, artists have harnessed the power of technology to craft breathtaking abstract landscapes that challenge our perceptions and ignite our senses. "Synthetic Realms" brings together a

curated selection of artworks that weave a tapestry of colors, forms, and emotions, defying traditional artistic norms. Step into a virtual wonderland where reality bends and reshapes, evoking feelings of wonder, curiosity, and awe.



[Jim Schrimshaaw Solo Art Exhibition](#)

October 13th, 6:30-8 pm

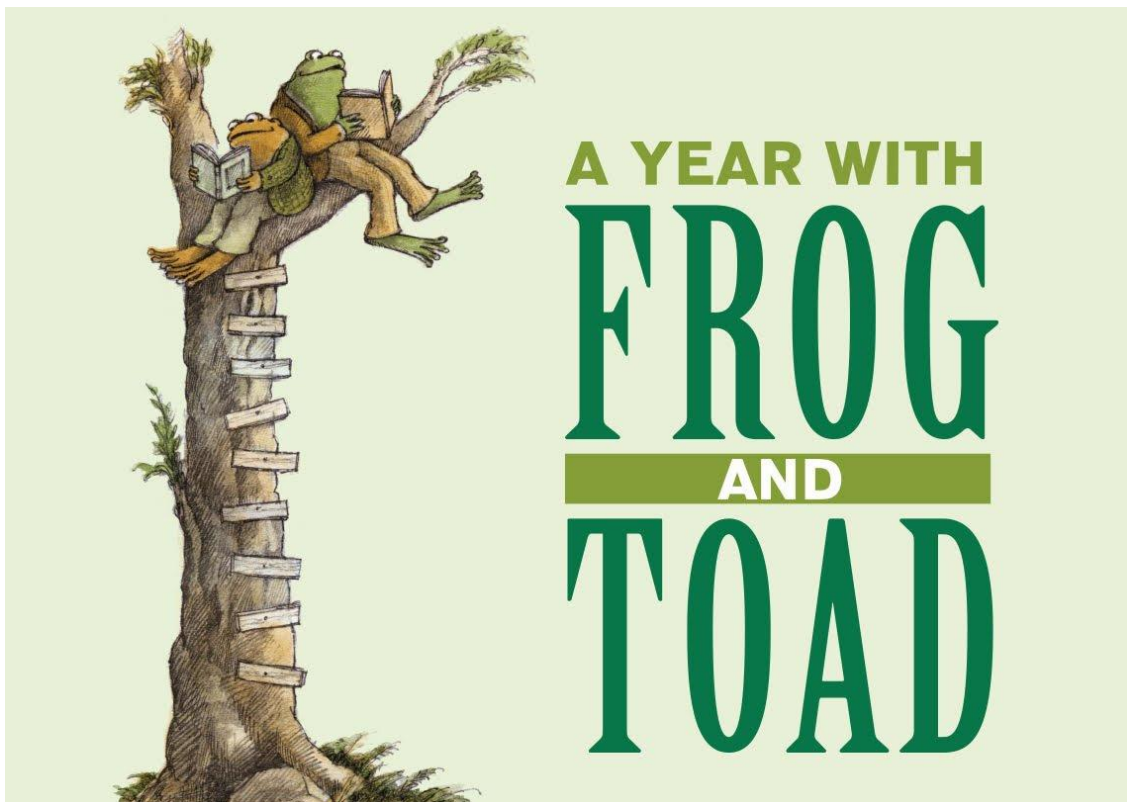
Open Wed- Saturday 11-2 pm until Nov 5th, 2023

Jim Schrimshaw's solo show stands as a remarkable testament to the unyielding spirit of artistic vision, defying the constraints of physical limitations and the trials of war. A veteran who has overcome numerous challenges, Schrimshaw's journey is in itself an inspiration. Legally blind yet undeterred, he channels his experiences and determination into creating Monofilament works that

transcend boundaries. This exhibition immerses visitors in a world where art becomes a bridge between adversity and triumph. Scrimshaw's intricate weavings and delicate details within his Monofilament pieces evoke profound depth, inviting viewers to engage with art on an emotional level. As we bear witness to the intersection of his military service and artistic expression, this show becomes a poignant reminder that the human drive to create knows no bounds. Jim Scrimshaw's solo exhibit amplifies the extraordinary capacity of an artist's spirit but also pays homage to the resilience and courage that characterize veterans' stories, turning life's challenges into timeless works of art.



**Vintage Theater Events,
September 2023 events;**



[A Year With Frog and Toad](#)

September 2nd & 30th; 11:00 AM

Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

Music by Robert Reale

Book and Lyrics by Willie Reale

Directed by Kathryn Gourley

Playing in the Nickelson Auditorium

A hit on Broadway, *A Year with Frog and Toad* was nominated for three Tony Awards – including Best Musical. Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, this whimsical show follows two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. The jazzy, upbeat score of *A Year with Frog and Toad* bubbles with melody and wit, making it an inventive, exuberant, and enchanting musical for the whole family.

Please note an order fee of two dollars (\$2) per ticket will be added to each transaction. This fee is waived for our current year Season Subscribers.

CABARET



MUSIC BY John Kander
LYRICS BY Fred Ebb
BOOK BY Joe Masteroff
DIRECTED BY Bernie Cardell



Sept. 15 – Oct. 22, 2023 | VintageTheatre.org

[Cabaret](#)

September 15th- October 22nd, 2023

Step into the dazzling world of "Cabaret," where the seductive allure of 1930s Berlin comes to life in this riveting musical. Journey with us to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, a den of temptation and decadence, where unforgettable characters intertwine their lives amidst political turmoil. As captivating performances unfold, the audience is swept away by the thrilling choreography, show-stopping songs, and a powerful narrative that explores the clash between love and the rise of the Nazi party. This Tony-award-winning masterpiece guarantees an unforgettable and thought-provoking theatrical experience that will leave you mesmerized long after the final curtain falls.

Stage and cabaret seating are available.

CONTENT AWARENESS: Please be aware that "Cabaret" contains mature themes, including sexuality, substance use, Nazi imagery, and historical depictions of prejudice.

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September 1, 8, & 15th at 6:30 PM

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