

ACAD

NEWSLETTER

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SEND US A STORY

IF YOU HAVE AN ART STORY OR AN AMAZING THING THAT'S HAPPENING, SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US: IFOR@AURORACULTURE.ORG



Art-Tober

Celebrate art and creativity in the Month of October and join us for daily creative prompts.

Each prompt will be uploaded to the Aurora Cultural Arts District's Social Media accounts, or save the list below.

ART-TOBER PROMPT LIST

1) draw, paint, sculpt, AI, perform, or use whatever your preferred medium to create the listed art prompt. No way is wrong and SHARE YOUR DAILY PROMPT!

2) Post it*

3) Hashtag it with #art-tober and #art-tober2023

4) Repeat it daily

Art-tober is about growing, improving, and forming positive habits, so the more you're consistent, the better. It's a fun way to engage the skills we know we have and to create something even if you miss a day or two.

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ART-TOBER PROMPT LIST

1. Pumpkin
2. Tranquil
3. Enchanted
4. Harvest
5. Mysterious
6. Radiant
7. Foliage
8. Whimsical
9. Nocturnal
10. Ethereal
11. Haunted
12. Vibrant
13. Cozy
14. Mythical
15. Serene
16. Ghostly
17. Luminous
18. Costume
19. Tombstone
20. Bountiful
21. Magical
22. Candles
23. Intricate
24. Moonlight
25. Shadows
26. Masquerade
27. Spooky
28. Bats
29. Elegance
30. Creepy
31. Jack-o'-lantern

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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

Get Involved





DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)
October 2023 events;

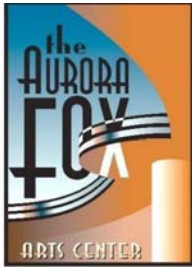
Rethinking Plastic



Rethinking Plastic

Now through November 22nd

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



The Aurora Fox, October 2023 events;

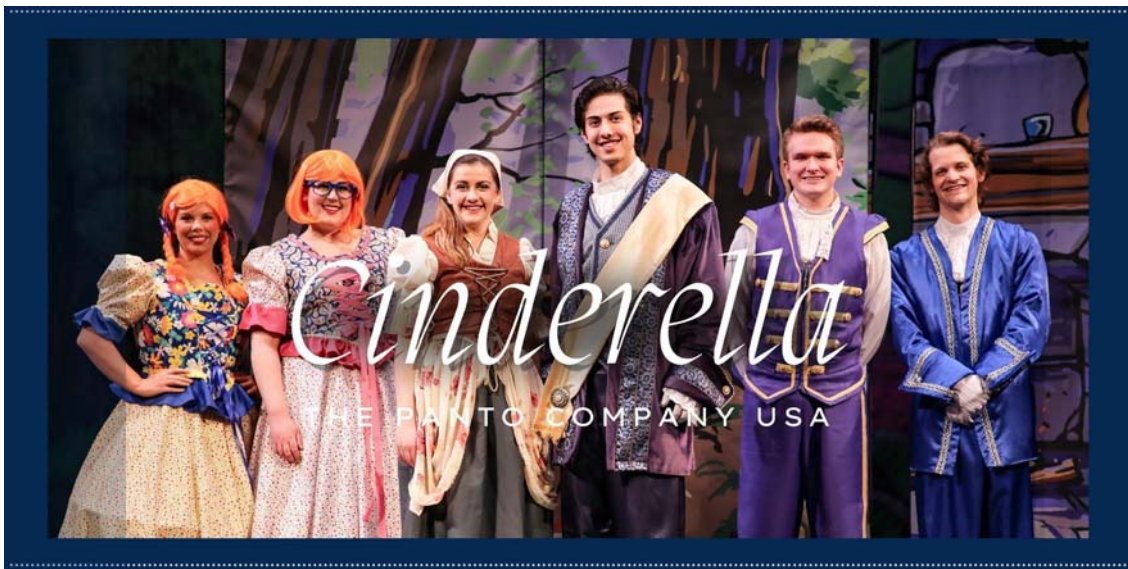


Blues In The Night

Now- Oct 22nd 2023

Conceived and Originally Directed by Sheldon Epp

The soul of the blues wails out full and strong in “**Blues in the Night**,” a scorching, Tony-nominated musical! The 26 torchy numbers that tell of sweet, sexy, and sorrowful experiences will leave you energized, inspired, and ready to wail. Alternately wistful, tender, and sultry, “**Blues in the Night**” boasts a larger-than-life score and vocal arrangements designed to bring down the house.



Cinderella

School Matinees:

Thursday, Oct 12th and Friday Oct 13th 10:00 AM

Friday, Oct. 13 7:30 PM

The Panto Company USA presents their theatre for young audience's touring production of "Cinderella". Bullied by her two mean Stepsisters, Cinders' future looks bleak until her Fairy Godmother casts a spell and sends her to the ball. How will the Prince ever find her when she flees at midnight, leaving behind a single glass slipper? True to the story, the Panto Company USA brings this tale to life, full of fun and original songs, bursting with more hilarity than you can imagine! And, of course, a happy ending.



The E. Colfax Art Gallery, October 2023 events;



10201 E Colfax Ave.

November 10th

December 1st

December 15th

6-8 PM

HOLIDAY

ART AFFAIR

A CALL TO ARTISTS

The Aurora Cultural Arts District invites artists of all skill levels and mediums to participate in our "Holiday Art Affair" exhibition and art fundraiser. This exhibition aims to offer the community an opportunity to acquire locally crafted artwork as unique and meaningful gifts for the holiday season. By showcasing the talent within our district, we hope to foster a deeper appreciation for the arts and support the creative endeavors of our local artists. This is a 50/50 commission split, an end-of-year fundraiser so all artwork must be priced under \$1000.

Submission Guidelines:

Open to artists of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels.

Accepting works of art 24x36 inches or smaller.

All themes and mediums are welcome.

Submission Deadline: October 31st, 12:00 p.m. (Midday)

Submission Link <https://fs25.formsite.com/Ht3peu/cqhzmdwf9s/index>

Exhibition Details:

Three Artist Meet and Greet:

November 10th

November 24th

December 8th

Exhibition Closing Date:

December 31st

How to Submit:

complete the online application!

*** Notification of Acceptance: Selected artists will be notified by November 5th.- We do not send rejection letters all applications remain on file.

Sales and Fundraising: All artwork will be available for purchase, with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Aurora Cultural Arts District.

Important Notes: Artwork must be ready to hang or display (framed and wired). All works must be gallery-ready and able to hang on the STAS gallery hanging system.

Artists are responsible for the delivery and pickup of their artwork.

The Aurora Cultural Arts District reserves the right to photograph and promote exhibited works.

We encourage a diverse range of artistic expressions to make "Artful Holidays" a rich and varied exhibition. Here are the types of artwork we are particularly interested in:

- Paintings and Drawings: Both traditional and contemporary paintings and drawings are welcome. This includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, ink, pastel, and pencil works.
- Photography: Captivating photographs that capture the essence of the holiday season, local landscapes, or unique perspectives.
- Printmaking: Fine art prints created through various techniques such as etching, linocut, woodcut, or silk screen.
- Sculpture and 3D Art: Intriguing sculptures and three-dimensional artworks that add depth and texture to the exhibition.
- Mixed Media: Artworks that combine various materials, techniques, and mediums to create unique and innovative pieces.
- Textile Arts: Handcrafted textiles, fiber art, and fabric-based creations that evoke a sense of warmth and comfort.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with your creative contributions!

For inquiries, please contact info@auroraculture.org. Visit our websites; www.auroraculture.org and www.supportinglivingartists.org for more information about the Aurora Cultural Arts District.



[Jim Schrimshaaw Solo Art Exhibition](#)

October 13th, 6:30-8 pm

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

Jim Scrimshaw'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, Scrimshaw'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, October 2023 events;

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](#)

Now- 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.

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.

COOPER RAE @ VINTAGE THEATRE

WEDNESDAY OCT 11, 2023

AWESOMELY
WEIRD SONGS

MUSICAL EDITION

SUPER WEIRD

AS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD THEM BEFORE
(CUZ YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD THEM BEFORE)

SUPER RAD

STARRING COOPER RAE

\$24 TICKET, DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM, SHOW 7:30 PM

\$24 TICKET, PURCHASE TICKET
AT VINTAGETHEATRE.ORG (STREAMING OPTION AVAILABLE)
1468 DAYTON STREET, AURORA

www.vintagetheatre.org (303) 856-7830

[Cooper Rae: Awesomely Weird Songs](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 pm

This show is a celebration of the best kind of weird - fun and quirky! I have wanted to create this show for years to show my appreciation of the songs that make you go huh?! And since that day my wife and I met and to our delight, discovered our shared love of weird and obscure songs. This show is for those who revel in the exciting, creative, enigmatic, strange, and unusual...

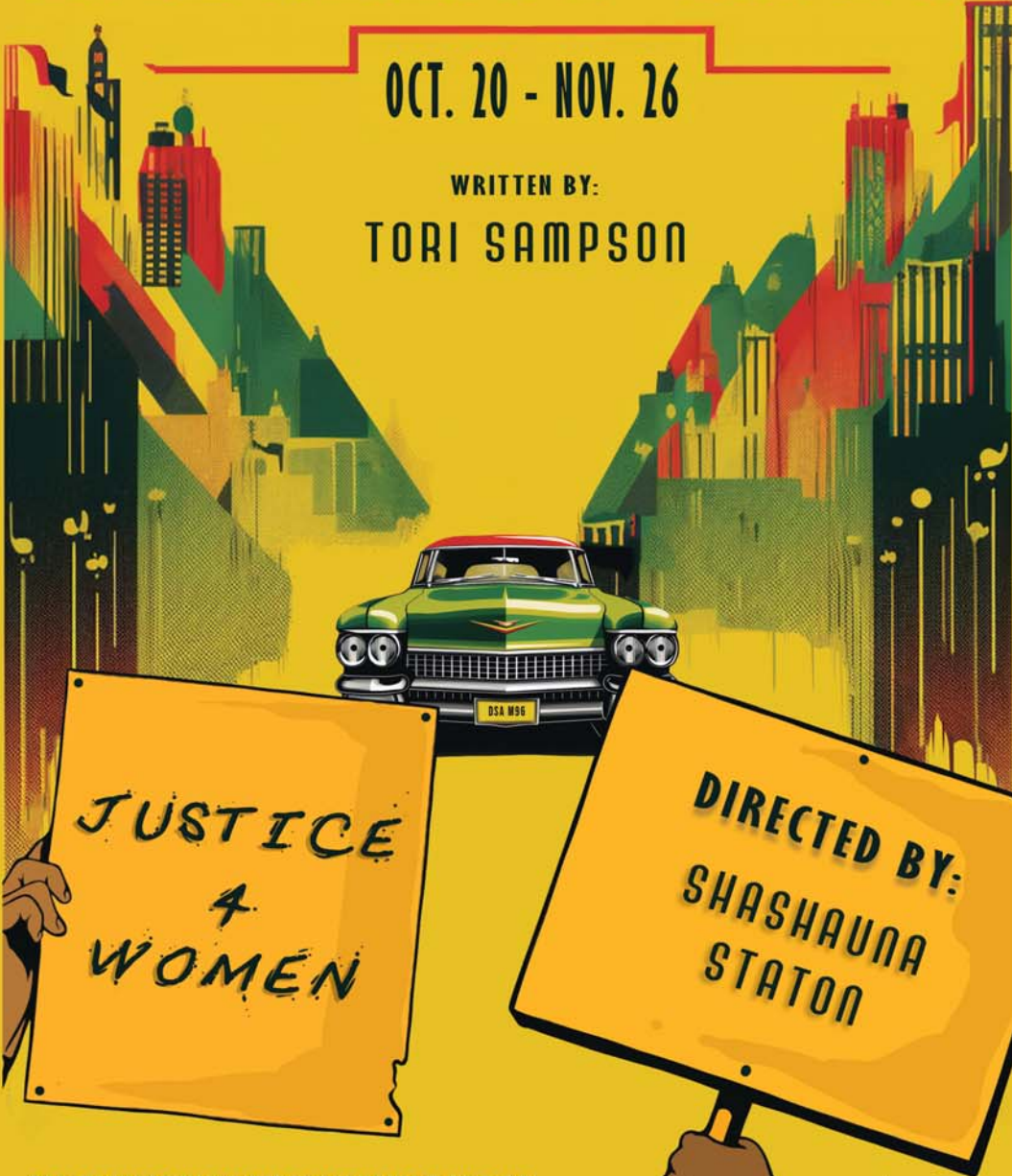
\$24 In-Person/\$15 Streaming

VINTAGE THEATRE PRESENTS


CADILLAC CREW


OCT. 20 - NOV. 26

WRITTEN BY:
TORI SAMPSON



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CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE @ 303.856.7830
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1468 DAYTON ST. AURORA, CO, 80010

 Vintage
theatre

 SCFD Scientific
& Cultural
Foundation Denver
CITIZENS MAKING IT POSSIBLE

[Cadillac Crew](#)

October 20th - November 26th, 2023

On the day of a much-anticipated speech by Rosa Parks during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, four activists working in a Virginia civil rights office wonder whether the proclamation of equality amongst mankind includes women. With remarkable insight and unexpected humor, Cadillac Crew reclaims the stories of the forgotten leaders who blazed the trail for desegregation and women's rights and asks: when will the world be ready to embrace women in all their capacity?

Content Awareness: Cadillac Crew contains strong language, and discussions of sexual violence and racism, prompting reflection on our shared history and ongoing struggles for equality.

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.



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&
QUEEN BEE PRODUCTIONS
PRESENT



Back to Bee

A Cabaret
featuring

Queen Bee

Oct. 25, 2023 | 7:30 PM

1468 Dayton Ave, Aurora, CO 80010

General Admission: **\$24** Streaming: **\$15**

Box Office: 303.856.7830

www.vintagetheatre.org

[Queen Bee: Back To Bee](#)

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 pm

My name is Jon, but you can call me Queen Bee! Join this celebrated performer as they get back to their musical roots in a jazz/musical theatre cabaret performance. Listen to the smooth, sultry sounds of some of the best tunes from the Great American Songbook in addition to some of Queen Bee's favorite songs set to the classic tale of finding yourself again.

\$24 In-Person/\$15 Streaming



The Peoples Building, October 2023 events;

FIRST FRIDAY

OCTOBER 6TH
5PM - 7PM

**BID
ON
ARTWORK**

FROM PRISON WALLS TO GALLERY HALLS

**PRISON
ART
EXPERIENCE**

**THE PEOPLE'S BUILDING
9995 E COLFAX AVE
AURORA, CO 80010**

WWW.PRISONARTEXPERIENCE.COM

From Prison Walls To Gallery Halls

October 6th, 5-7 PM

A new gallery opening, featuring the art of people currently or formerly

incarcerated. Curated by Roohallah M. of Prison Art Experience

About Prison Art Experience

At Prison Art Experience, we believe that art has the power to transform lives and shift perspectives. Our mission is to provide a platform for incarcerated and former incarcerated artists to showcase their work and earn equitable income.

As an organization, we are committed to representing our artists with the utmost respect and transparency, honoring their art and their lived experiences.

As someone who has personally experienced the prison system, I understand the immense struggles and barriers that incarcerated individuals face in terms of accessing resources and opportunities. My time in prison allowed me to rediscover my love for the arts, and I saw firsthand how it provided a powerful outlet for expression and healing. This realization inspired me to create the Prison Art Experience, an organization dedicated to providing a platform for artists with lived experience.

Through artistic expressions, we aim to help shift societal perspectives and create a more understanding world. Our passion and commitment to this cause drive us to work tirelessly to support these artists and advocate for change within the criminal justice system. We hope that you will join us on this journey, and together, we can create a more equitable and just society

Lauren Gunderson's

THE REVOLUTIONISTS

Directed by Janet Mylott
Licensed by Dramatists Play Service

A COMEDY,
A QUARTET,
A REVOLUTIONARY DREAM FUGUE,
A TRUE STORY

11 Minutes Theatre Company
The People's Building
9995 E. Colfax Ave.
Aurora, Colorado 80010
www.11minutestheatrecompany.com

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
October 5, 6, 7
12, 13, 14
19, 20, 21

Industry Night Performance:
Monday, October 16*
Tickets: \$10.00

*All proceeds go to The Denver Actors Fund

The Revolutionists

October 5th- 21st

Gunderson's contemporary witty and poignant writing brings 4 female revolutionary characters to life, shedding light on their struggles, fears, and

aspirations during a period, the French Revolution, of profound societal change. Through humor and heartfelt conversations, "The Revolutionists" explores themes of feminism, activism, art, and the eternal quest for justice. The play challenges traditional historical narratives by highlighting the often-overlooked contributions of women during times of revolution



[A Haunted Hous Experience](#)

Life/Art Dance Ensemble and Rocky Mountain Rhythm partner this October to bring you an eerie delight! Encounter ghostly apparitions and creepy characters as you move through this mysterious immersive experience. It's a perfect way

to get ready for the spooky time of year, so join us on October 27, 28, and 29 for a special tour of the night!

When purchasing tickets, please select your desired 30-minute timeframe:

* **Timeslot #1 is 7-7:30pm on Oct 27 & 28 and 2-2:30pm on Oct 29.**

* **Timeslot #2 is 7:30-8pm on Oct 27 & 28 and 2:30-3pm on Oct 29.**

* **Timeslot #3 is 8-8:30pm on Oct 27 & 28 and 3-3:30pm on Oct 29.**

* **Timeslot #4 is 8:30-9pm on Oct 27 & 28 and 3:30-4pm on Oct 29.**

Special Notes - PLEASE READ to be best prepared!

-The audience will not be asked to participate in any way - only to walk with us, observe, experience, and react.

-Each tour is about 20-25 minutes in length and will be on foot.

-Tours will run every 15 minutes. If, for example, you purchase a ticket for the 7 p.m. hour, your tour will run sometime between 7 and 7:30 p.m. If you are late, it is possible that you may be asked to join a tour in the next timeslot.

Entertainment and drinks will be available in the lobby while you wait.

-The Experience is ADA accessible, but please let your host know in advance if you need to use the elevators

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