

ACAD

# NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 2023

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- RETHINKING PLASTICS
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- TURN IT UP 2023
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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



# Imagine the amount of good we can do together.

Donate today for [ColoradoGivesDay.org](http://ColoradoGivesDay.org)



# Support ACAD and the Arts!

Dear ACAD Community,

As we approach the festive season, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your unwavering support of the arts in our beloved community. In this edition, we have exciting news to share, including a special spotlight on the upcoming Colorado Gives Day and the festivities at the East Colfax Gallery.

## 🌟 **Colorado Gives Day: Igniting the Creative Spark**

Colorado Gives Day is just around the corner, and we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact on the arts in Aurora. Your support is the key to our continued success and the flourishing of our vibrant arts community. Mark your calendars for this special day of giving on Dec 5th, and help us reach new heights in fostering creativity, diversity, and community engagement.

Visit [Colorado Gives](#) to contribute and be a part of the movement that empowers local artists, sustains cultural initiatives, and ensures that the arts remain accessible to all.

While our district is ALWAYS in need of support we equally support the creative non-profits that help make this area thrive so please consider supporting one of the wonderful organizations from the list;

[Vintage Theater](#)

[DAVA](#)

[Aurora Symphony Orchestra](#)

[Aurora Fox Theater](#)

[Village Exchange Center](#)

[Aurora Museum Foundation](#)

[Aurora Sister Cities International](#)

## 👤 **East Colfax Gallery Extravaganza: Black Friday & Small Business Saturday**

As a special treat for our community, the East Colfax Gallery will be open on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Skip the mall crowds and immerse yourself in a world of creativity. Explore unique artworks, meet local artists, and find the perfect gift for your loved ones. Your purchases directly support the artists and contribute to the cultural vitality of our district. [10201 E Colfax Ave](#)



## Gallery Hours:

- **Black Friday (November 24th) : 6-8PM**
- **Small Business Saturday (November 25th): 3-6 PM**

This is a fantastic opportunity to infuse art into your holiday shopping and support both local artists and small businesses. Let's make this weekend a celebration of community, creativity, and the spirit of giving.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Aurora Cultural Arts District. Together, we are creating a legacy of art, culture, and community that will resonate for years to come.

- **ACAD has four open seats on the board opening 2023 please send your resume and interest to [info@aurroculture.org](mailto:info@aurroculture.org).**

Warmest regards,

ACAD Team

Get Involved



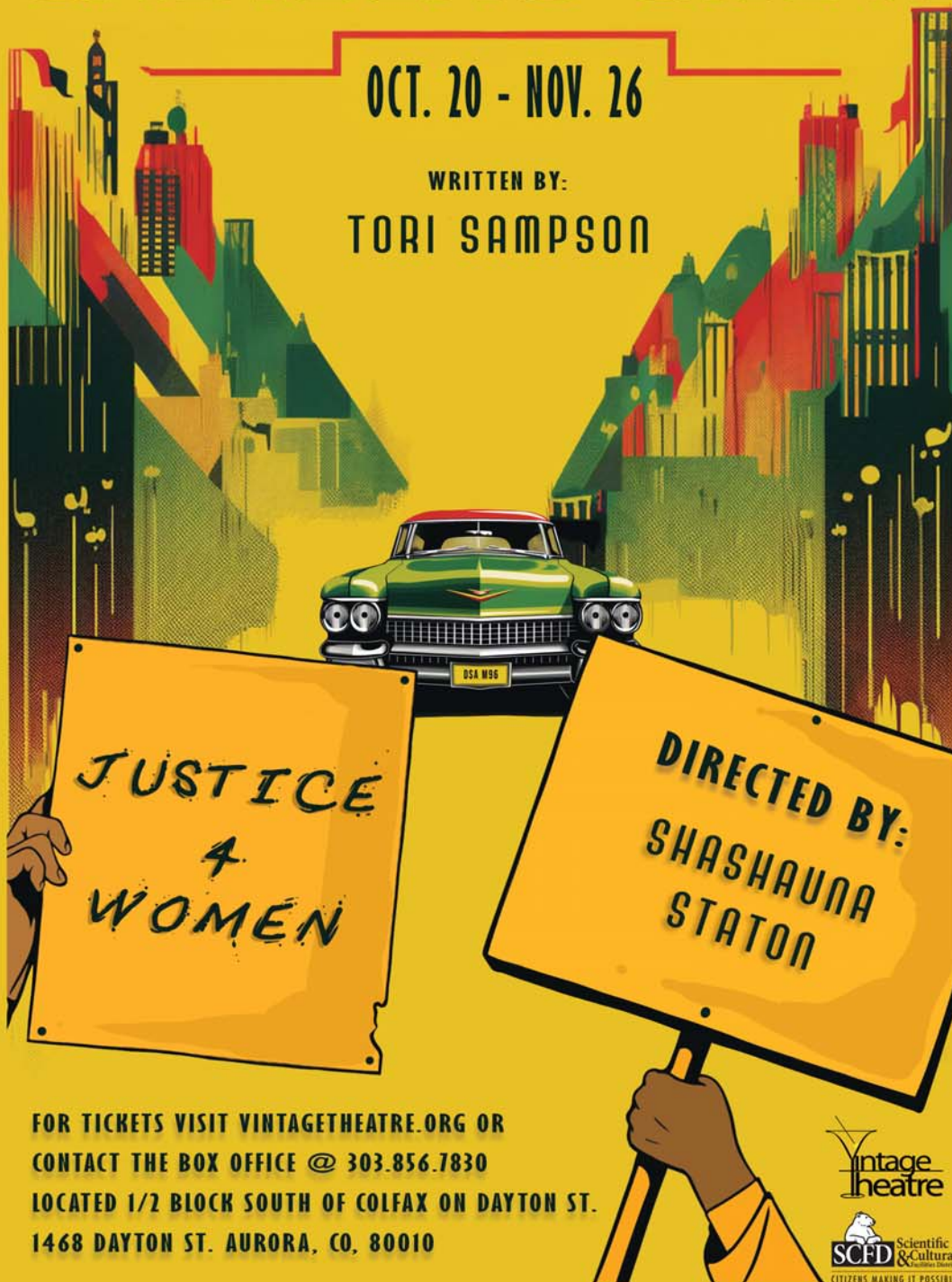
**Vintage Theater Events, November-  
December 2023 events;**

VINTAGE THEATRE PRESENTS

# CADILLAC CREW

OCT. 20 - NOV. 26

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FOR TICKETS VISIT [VINTAGETHEATRE.ORG](http://VINTAGETHEATRE.ORG) OR  
CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE @ 303.856.7830  
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1468 DAYTON ST. AURORA, CO, 80010

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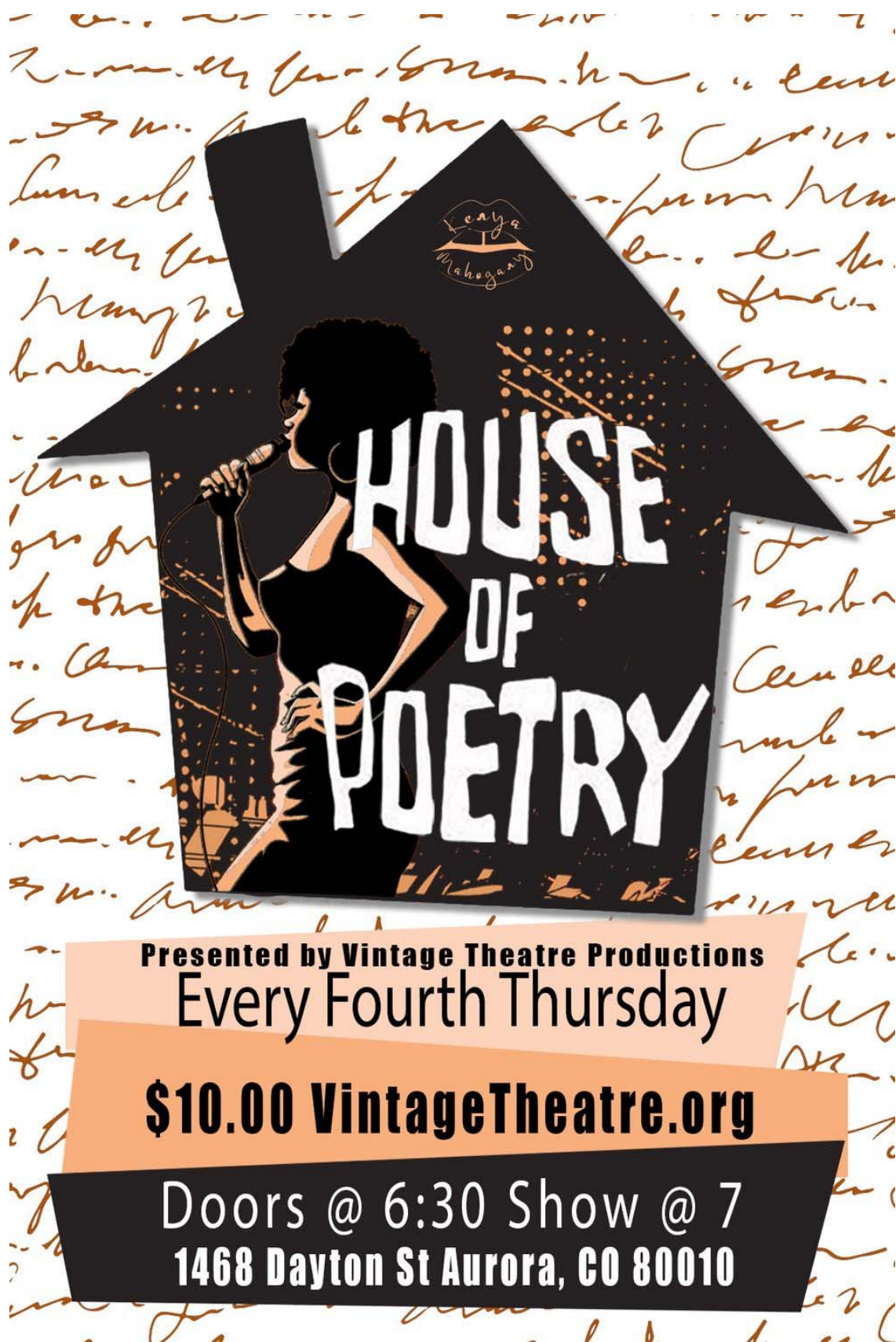
## Cadillac Crew

Now through 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.\*



**Presented by Vintage Theatre Productions**  
**Every Fourth Thursday**

**\$10.00 VintageTheatre.org**

**Doors @ 6:30 Show @ 7**  
**1468 Dayton St Aurora, CO 80010**

[House Of Poetry](#)

**Every 4th Thursday's 6:30 PM**

**Featuring DJ Mimi Twice and Guest Host Confidence Omenai!**



Come SNAP, CLAP & SUPPORT Some of CO's Dopest Poets.. Open Mic Vibes so All Are Welcome to Participate.

This Month's Special Guest Host:

☆Confidence Omenai☆

Mi Twice is bringing the sound.

Brought to you by: Kenya Mahogany Fashaw

"It all began with that first star in Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago." -Langston Hughes



Langston Hughes'  
**BLACK  
NATIVITY**

Directed by: Alicia "Lisa" Young  
Music Direction by Arthur E. Robinson II,  
and Santemu Aakhu

**DEC. 1st - DEC. 30th 2023**

 Vintage Theatre

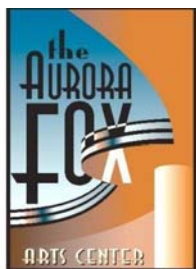
VintageTheatre.Org 303.856.7830 Box Office  
1468 Dayton St. Aurora, Co, 80010

 SCFD Scientific & Cultural Foundation  
CITIZENS MAKING IT POSSIBLE

## Black Nativity

*December 1st- 30th*

Black Nativity, the joyous holiday musical, is a modern retelling of the traditional account of the Nativity story from an African-American perspective. Using gospel music, African beats, dramatic dance, and a biblical narrative Black Nativity opened for a limited run of 57 performances at Broadway's 41st St. Theatre on December 11, 1961. It was written and conceived by one of the legendary leaders of the Harlem Renaissance: Black playwright, poet, novelist, and social activist Langston Hughes.



**The Aurora Fox, November- December  
2023 events;**

# THE AURORA FOX PRESENTS SEASON 39

As a follow-up to the previously announced "**Fox Interlude**" fall line-up of events, we are thrilled to announce Season 39, which will run from Jan. through Dec. of 2024.

The new season at the Aurora Fox will begin with the quick-witted comedy, "**ART**" by Yasmina Reza, playing Feb. 3 to 25, 2024, in the Studio



Theatre. Hailed as one of the most successful comedies of all time, "**ART**" is the winner of the Tony Award (Best Play), Olivier Award (Best New Comedy), and NY Drama Critics Award (Best Play).

The second production of the season will be August Wilson's "**Gem of the Ocean**," playing from March 23 to April 14. A 2005 Tony Award Nominee for Best Play, "**Gem of the Ocean**" is the first in Aurora Fox's commitment to producing August Wilson's ten-play "The American Century Cycle". Boasting multiple Tony Awards and Pulitzer Prizes for Drama, the cycle follows the lives of Black Americans throughout each decade of the 20th century.

In June of 2024, in partnership with Aurora Public Library, the Fox will present the family-friendly fantasy adventure, "**The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical**" playing June 1 to 23. With over 180 million copies sold, "**The Lightning Thief**" is based on Rick Riordan's best-selling fantasy novels, sprung to life with dazzling special effects and a riveting pop-rock score.

In another library partnership, fall brings the classic Jules Verne adventure, "**Around the World in 80 Days**" adapted by Mark Brown, playing Oct. 5 to 27. Traveling by boat, train, and elephant, Phileas Fogg and his trusty valet, Passepartout, set the timer on a riotous and suspenseful race-against-the-clock romp around the globe.

The final production of the season, playing Nov. 30 to Dec. 22, is the regional premiere of "**Ebenezer Scrooge's Big Christmas Show!**" written by Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen, based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Wacky fun for the entire family, five nimble actors play dozens of roles in this hilariously fast-paced and highly imaginative Dickens mashup.

The upcoming Aurora Fox season will go on sale in September of 2023, but discounted season FlexPass tickets can be obtained with purchase of a VIP ticket for the Fox Jubilation & Fundraiser event on **Sunday, September 10th, 2023**.

[GET TICKETS](#)

Collective Conscious  
Presents

# Moods & Melodies

November 18th & 19th 2025  
6.00pm Saturday, 4.00pm Sunday

Aurora Fox Arts Center 9900 East Colfax Avenue, Aurora, CO 80010

*An evening of soulful Hindi film music that will delight you, enthrall you and wrap you like a warm fuzzy blanket in middle of November!*

Featuring local Singers and Musicians - playing live

Tickets: Phone 303-739-1970; [www.aurorafoxartscenter.org](http://www.aurorafoxartscenter.org)

Moods & Melodies

November 19th 4 pm

## **Collective Conscious Presents: Moods & Melodies**

### **Fox Mainstage Theatre**

An evening of soulful Hindi film music that will delight you, enthrall you, and wrap up like a warm fuzzy blanket in the middle of November. Featuring local Singers and Musicians - playing live.



## [CJRO](#)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 3:00 PM**

Enjoy an afternoon of favorite holiday music performed with a soulful sound when the CJRO small band takes the stage. Robert Johnson will lead the ensemble for an experience that will get you into the spirit of the season. A long-time Colorado favorite, Robert is well-known for his smooth-as-silk voice and entertaining stage presence.

**TICKETS: \$25-\$29**





## Piano & Me; Holiday Edition

### **December 3 & 4th (Studio Theater)**

Join composer/lyricist, David Nehls, for an irreverent evening celebrating everything Christmas! From familiar yuletide tunes to original songs from various projects David has worked on, such as “The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical,” “Broadway Cares’ Carols for the Cure,” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.” You’ll certainly be ready to tackle the holiday season with gusto! Be prepared for some sing-a-longs, though not your grandmother’s holiday sing-a-longs, for sure!



## [Shelvis and the Roustabouts](#)

**December 31, 2023 | 7:30 PM**

Voted “Denver’s Best Band” by the readers of 5280 magazine, Lori “Shelvis” Muha and her band of Roustabouts are an entertainment powerhouse! Shelves captures the audience with amazing vocals and high-energy performances. Ring in the New Year at the Fox with the music of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, and other Rockabilly pioneers, complete with costumes, dancing, and plenty of participation. This is no ordinary gig, it’s a SHOW!



**DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)  
November- December 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.**



Image credit: Artwork by Anthony Spies, age 16





**Harmony**  
**DAVA's Annual Holiday Show & Sale**

**Opening Reception on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 4 -7 pm.**

Start the season of giving with original art by DAVA Youth and local artists. DAVA is a wonderful destination for handmade holiday gifts! Proceeds from this exhibition support DAVA's free year-round art programs for kids in our northern Aurora community. DAVA is located at 1405 Florence Street, one block south of East Colfax Avenue in the Aurora Cultural Arts District.



Students in all DAVA programs are creating unique artworks and colorful everyday items to share with you. Inspired by guest artist and DAVA staff member **Leya Admasu**, high school students painted colorful patterns layered with subjects inspiring peace and harmony. Students of all ages carefully crafted a wide range of ceramic items, including animal planters with succulents, clay whistles, pitchers, vases, coffee accessories, and textured wall tiles. Other students are painting and weaving colorful bookmarks, felting animals, and designing greeting cards.

Artwork by guest artists includes unique paintings mixing tribal patterns and realism by Ethiopian-born artist **Leya Admasu**, block prints by **Raymundo Muñoz**, and handmade prints on fabric towels and bags by **Jen G Studios**. Wooden ornaments, wall hangings, and vases by **William Emerson** and jewelry by **I Love ME Gems** add to the selection. Everyone can find treasures to wear, to bring harmony to their homes, or to gift to loved ones.

This exhibition is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and by appointment. **Harmony** will be on display through January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

*For more information about the exhibition, please email [gallery@davarts.org](mailto:gallery@davarts.org) or call DAVA at 303-367-5886. DAVA's mission is to engage diverse youth in meaningful arts education that sparks creativity, increases opportunity & strengthens community. For more information about our programs, please visit [www.davarts.org](http://www.davarts.org).*



**The E. Colfax Art Gallery, November-December 2023 events;**





## Holiday Art Affair

November 24th, 6-8 PM join us for BLACK Friday and our artist meet and greet!  
Gallery hours; Thursday-Sat 3-6 PM  
Closing Dec 31st, 2023  
\$10 at the door.

Step into a world of artistry and holiday cheer at the Aurora Cultural Arts District's "Holiday Art Affair." This enchanting event brings together artists of all backgrounds and skill levels, showcasing a diverse array of locally crafted artworks, each with its own unique story to tell.

Discover one-of-a-kind treasures crafted by talented artists, carefully curated to make your holiday gift-giving truly special. From exquisite paintings and captivating photographs to intricate sculptures and mixed-media masterpieces, you'll find the perfect piece to delight your loved ones.

By attending the "Holiday Art Affair," you're not just purchasing art; you're investing in the creative endeavors of our local artists. Your support provides them with a platform to share their talents and continue pursuing their passion.

With a 50/50 commission split and an emphasis on affordability, all artwork is priced under \$1000, making it accessible to art enthusiasts of all backgrounds. This event is designed to ensure that every visitor can take home a piece of art that resonates with them.

The "Holiday Art Affair" is more than just an exhibition; it's a celebration of the vibrant cultural tapestry that makes our community unique. Engage with fellow

art lovers, meet the talented artists behind the creations, and immerse yourself in an atmosphere of artistic camaraderie.



**The Peoples Building, November-December 2023 events;**

51 PRODUCTIONS  
**The Beauty Queen of Leenane**  
A STAGED READING

**SUNDAY & MONDAY . NOVEMBER 19 & 20 . 7PM**  
**THE PEOPLE'S BUILDING, 9995 E COLFAX, AURORA**

**\$20 AT THE DOOR**  
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DENVER ACTORS FUND

To purchase <https://51-productions.ticketleap.com/the-beauty-queen-of-leenan-benefit-for-daf/>  
TICKETS IN ADVANCE

## [The Queen of Leenane](#)

**Sunday & Monday Nove 19th & 20th**

Martin McDonagh's first play (In Bruges, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, and The Banshees of Inisherin), *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* is a 1996 dramatic play by Martin McDonagh which was premiered by the Druid Theatre Company in Galway, Ireland. It also enjoyed successful runs at London's West End, Broadway and Off-Broadway.

It was nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award as Best Play for the London production, and the 1998 Broadway production was nominated for six Tony Awards, winning four, for Best Leading Actress in a Play, Best Featured Actor in a Play, Best Featured Actress in a Play (Anna Manahan), and Best Direction of a Play.

This production is a reading from one of the area's best actors. Proceeds with benefit the local charity, Denver Actor's Fund.



TURN IT UP 2023

The People's Building, Aurora

Saturday November 25th at 4pm +  
Sunday November 26th at 11am

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## Turn It Up 2023

November 25th & 26th

We are getting closer and closer to Turn it Up 2023, we had so much love and support last year, and this year is now 2 days... The two lineups are action-packed and will be completely different from each other! There are 38+ groups/soloists signed up and getting ready for the showcase this is By far the biggest event of the year and you don't want to miss it.





## [Santa's Big Red Sack](#)

**November 30th- Dec 23rd**

SKEWERING THE HOLIDAYS SINCE 2002

Get ready to let go of everything you hold dear about the holidays—and have it all come back twisted, hilarious, and glittering with lights.

Santa's Big Red Sack is a non-stop sketch comedy, music, and technology bursting at the seams with irreverent wit and unforgettable characters. Your belly will turn to jelly. Your heart will dance. You'll never experience the holidays the same way again. Denver audiences have flocked to the show for over two decades to see what's new in the Sack.

It may be cold outside, baby, but Santa's Big Red Sack gets hotter every year

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