A Celebration of Bravery at the Aurora Fox
Two stunning shows end The Aurora Fox’s

SEASON OF BRAVERY

Season 38 at the Aurora Fox Art Center has been filled with joyous, adventurous, heart-changing and fulfilling moments, and the last two shows, “Toni Stone” and “Treasure Island” are set to close the season leaving a mark.

The shows presented in the 38th season have been a celebration of bravery. They vary greatly in style, geography, perspective, time period and story. But at their core, they all celebrate the human spirit through nostalgic and, at times, challenging looks into the history that has made us what we are today.

Toni Stone was the first woman to play baseball in the Negro Leagues, and the first woman to play professionally in any men’s league, anywhere in the United States. Against all odds, Toni blazed a trail through the male-dominated world of sports, shattering limitations others placed on her, and creating her own set of rules. Follow Toni’s journey as she fights for love, equality, and a chance to do what she wants most—to play baseball! Experience this unique story from March 10 to April 2.

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, “Treasure Island.” 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 seadog, Long John Silver? Join The Aurora Fox for a swashbuckling good time that is perfect for the entire family from April 28 to May 21.

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“I remember my first drive from Denver to pick up my wife at the University of Colorado Hospital. GPS pointed me down a street called Colfax. As I approached Aurora, with the sun’s final light setting below the horizon, the area’s motel neon began to glow. Just a bit further into Aurora, I encountered a vintage marquee. Approaching the sign, I could make out the block letter sign of The Fox Theatre. The uniqueness of the theatre hinted at the surrounding area, like a neighborhood city center. Perhaps a one-time stop on a trolley heading to Denver? The neon here created its own illumination. With a couple of minutes to spare, I stopped to frame up an angle of this iconic sign - the Aurora Fox Theatre marquee amidst the bouncing glow of neon lights from Colfax Avenue, art in the midst of a mundane drive.” - Chris Beedy, @howdywild

Find information on show times and tickets at AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org
New public art has arrived at the Iliff Light Rail Station! “Mountains,” by Gordon Huether, was installed in late September 2022 at the Iliff Station, replacing an earlier piece, “On the Move 1,” which was removed due to structural concerns. The new work is a clear reference to the dramatic landscape that forms a backdrop for this hilltop light rail station. The sculpture is composed of three abstract triangular mountain forms fabricated from stainless steel, stainless-steel mesh and dichroic glass, and stands 20 feet tall at the highest peak.

The highly reflective qualities of the colored dichroic glass capture the surrounding environment and activities, such as the blue sky, clouds, trees, people walking by, and even the person standing in front of them. The images are ever-changing depending on the weather, season and time of day, adding a dynamic quality for regular travelers through Aurora’s Iliff Station.

This new installation is worth a visit, and with the days growing warmer, a leisurely self-guided walking tour will reveal this neighborhood as a thriving hub of public art.

“On the Move 2,” also by Gordon Huether, sits at the north entrance to the Iliff Station Parking Garage. Dichroic glass discs generate a changing light show of colorful reflections on the sidewalk.

Located on the train platform are hand-painted glass windscreen benches by George Bates. “Omnes Aurora, Omnes Mundi, Omnia Movens,” which translates as “All Aurora, All World, All Moving,” is a series of benches that are unique to each R Line light rail station, inspired by the people and environment of each location. The benches and the two previous pieces represent a partnership between the city of Aurora and RTD, providing significant artwork at each R Line station.

On the roundabout south of the parking garage, Tim Upham’s “Once Around” uses stone, steel and brightly colored polycarbonate to celebrate the rising sun and earth’s daily journey around it (note that the art in the roundabout is intended to be experienced as you walk or drive by).

The west side of the Marq Iliff Station apartments is adorned with a large amusing ceramic tile mural of two cows, one standing on the back of the other. Entitled “Double Dip,” by Elsa Sroka, the artwork often brings a chuckle to those passing by. This piece was funded as part of Aurora’s requirement for private development projects within Transit Oriented Development Districts (TOD).

To learn more about the Art in Public Places program, visit AuroraGov.org/PublicArt.
MARCH

4 and 5
Luck of the Irish $ Saturday, 7 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m.
South Middle School
12310 E. Parkview Dr.
Tickets: AuroraSingers.org

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Toni Stone Opening Night $ Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Aurora Fox Arts Center
Tickets: AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

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Lowry Exhibit Opening Reception Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Aurora History Museum
AuroraMuseum.org

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Tick, Tick, BOOM! Opening Night $ Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St.
Tickets: VintageTheatre.org

APRIL

1 and 2
2023 Spring Masterworks: French Connection $ Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday 3 to 5 p.m.
Cherokee Trail High School Auditorium, 25901 E. Arapahoe Road
Cost: Adults $20, Seniors $15, free for students and children (18 and under)
Tickets: AuroraSymphony.org

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The Inheritance Opening Night $ Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St.
Tickets: VintageTheatre.org

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Closing Event for Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora’s Mexican Community Exhibit Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m.
Aurora History Museum
AuroraMuseum.org

24
Wheels Up! How Wings Over the Rockies Took Flight Monday, noon to 1:00 p.m.
Aurora History Museum
AuroraMuseum.org

ONLINE EVENTS

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM

Morning at the Museum (Ages 3 to 6)
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Stories, crafts and hands-on activities with a new drop-in program every week.
Aurora History Museum, children must be supervised by an adult.
AuroraMuseum.org

Homeschool Days at Aurora History Museum $
Elementary and middle school students - $7 per student
Facilitated by museum professionals to expand on homeschool curriculum. Adult must be present for program.

Old Fashioned Crafts
March 7, Tuesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Students will explore different crafts such as weaving, quilting, and candle making.

Civics
April 11, Tuesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Learn how government works and how you can be involved!

Registration: AuroraMuseum.org

ONLINE PROGRAMS

THEATRE CLASSES

Storybook, Alive! Bernstein Bears (Ages 4 to 7) $ March 6 to 27, Monday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Code: 60802 | Tallyn’s Reach Library

Storybook, Alive! Animal Stories (Ages 4 to 7) $ March 7 to 28, Tuesday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Code: 60836 | Mission Viejo Library

Storybook, Alive! Seuss on the Loose (Ages 4 to 7) $ April 3 to 24, Monday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Code: 60803 | Tallyn’s Reach Library

Storybook, Alive! Nature Stories (Ages 4 to 7) $ April 4 to 25, Tuesday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Code: 60837 | Mission Viejo Library

The Inheritance $ April 7 to May 14
Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St.
Tickets: VintageTheatre.org

Treasure Island: A New Musical $ April 28 to May 21
The Aurora Fox Arts Center
Tickets: AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

Register at: CityOfAurora.PerfectMind.com
Lowry Exhibit Opening Reception
Thursday, March 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Be among the first to visit our new exhibit about Lowry, mingle and enjoy refreshments at the Exhibit Opening Reception. You’ll also learn more about the history of Lowry and the exhibit itself in short presentations from museum staff, city officials, and Lowry veterans. Free admission, no reservations required.

Aurora’s 132nd Birthday Party
Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Did you know Aurora was founded on April 30, 1891? That means Aurora will be turning 132 years old. Bring the kids on Sunday, April 30 to celebrate with cake, snacks, party hats, silly games and activities for the whole family in our exhibit about the city’s first fifty years. What a way to say, “Happy Birthday Aurora!” Free, no reservation required.

Wheels Up! How Wings Over the Rockies Took Flight
Monday, April 24, noon to 1 p.m.
Denver has not always had one of the nation’s premier aviation museums. Veterans, volunteers and museum professionals created a museum from Lowry’s leftovers on a shoestring budget and turned it into the museum we know today. Geoff Hunt, founding director of Wings Over the Rockies will discuss the time between the Base Realignment, Closure Commission and the opening of Wings. Free, register at AuroraMuseum.org.

Closing Event for Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora’s Mexican Community Exhibit
Saturday, April 15, 1 to 3 p.m.
The Aurora History Museum “Mosaic of Cultures” exhibitions promote understanding cultural diversity in the city and incorporate community voices into Aurora’s History Museum, highlighting individuals, businesses, cultural traditions and history. This closing exhibit celebrates the contributions of our partners to the exhibit and the overall history of the city. Celebrate Aurora’s Mexican community and the success of this exhibit with food, performances, dancing and more. Free admission. Details at AuroraMuseum.org.

Graphic Art: Storytelling through Fine Art
Thursdays, March 16 to April 6, 1 to 3 p.m.
In the new Graphic Art: Storytelling through Fine Art class, the instructor will guide students through telling their stories by combining fine art with graphic storytelling and comic-making techniques. The class will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, from March 16 to April 6, at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 W. Del Mar Circle. To learn more and register, visit CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com.
ADULT DANCE:

**Adult Contemporary (Ages 18 and up)**
Movement qualities of ballet, jazz and modern dance along with expression through grounded, free-flowing and lyrical movement.
March 7 to April 18, Tuesday, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. (No class March 14)
Code 63892 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 25 to May 23, Tuesday, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.
Code 63893 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Adult Intermediate/Advanced Tap (Ages 18 and up)**
Focus on challenging tap steps and complex rhythms/musicality. Prior tap-dancing experience is required.
March 7 to April 18, Tuesday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (No class March 14)
Code 63895 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 20 to May 25, Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Code 63898 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Adult Beginning Tap (Ages 18 and up)**
Introduction to beginning tap steps and rhythms including center work, across the floor and dance combos.
March 2 to April 13, Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (No class March 16)
Code 63897 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 25 to May 23, Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Code 63898 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Adult Jazz (Ages 18 and up)**
Focus on isolations, grounded technique, stretching/conditioning, jumping/turning across the floor and sassy, energetic dance combinations.
March 2 to April 13, Thursday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (No class March 16)
Code 63899 | Central Recreation Center
April 20 to May 25, Thursday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Code 63900 | Central Recreation Center

**Adult Ballet (Ages 18 and up)**
Technique and terminology for beginning to intermediate levels. Barre work and combinations in the center and across the floor.
March 4 to April 15, Saturday, 8:30 to 10 a.m. (No class March 18)
Code 63901 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 22 to May 27, Saturday, 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Code 63902 | Meadowood Recreation Center

YOUTH DANCE:

**Beginning Ballet (Ages 7 to 12)**
An introduction to ballet technique and terminology, including barre work, center and across the floor.
March 20 to April 17, Monday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.
Code 64054 | Central Recreation Center
April 24 to May 22, Monday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.
Code 64055 | Central Recreation Center

**Creative Dance and Stories (Ages 3 to 4)**
Creative dance and stories for play and movement.
March 21 to May 9, Tuesday, 3:40 to 4:25 p.m.
Code 64056 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Tippy Toes (Age 3)**
Introduction to ballet, creative movement and play specifically for 3-year-old learning.
March 4 to April 15, Saturday, 9 to 9:45 a.m. (No class March 18)
Code 64058 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 22 to May 20, Saturday, 9 to 9:45 a.m.
Code 64060 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Pre-Ballet (Ages 4 to 6)**
Introduction to ballet technique and terminology and creative ways of moving.
March 3 to April 14, Friday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Code 64063 | Central Recreation Center
April 21 to May 26, Friday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Code 64064 | Central Recreation Center
March 4 to April 15, Saturday, 10 to 10:45 a.m. (No class March 18)
Code 64066 | Meadowood Recreation Center
April 22 to May 20, Saturday, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Code 64067 | Meadowood Recreation Center

**Pre Hip-Hop (Ages 4 to 6)**
Introduction to hip-hop skills and choreography.
March 19 to May 7, Sunday, 9 to 9:45 a.m. (No class April 9)
Code 64069 | Central Recreation Center

**Beginning Hip-Hop (Ages 7 to 12)**
Beginner learning of popping/locking, tutting, breaking and choreography.
March 19 to May 7, Sunday, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. (No class April 9)
Code 64070 | Central Recreation Center

Register for spring recreational dance classes by visiting CityOfAurora.PerfectMind.com or calling the Dance Office at 303.326.8308. More information about all Aurora Dance Arts class offerings is available at AuroraGov.org/Dance.
The Aurora History Museum offers educational programs for all ages, but one of its most important responsibilities is engaging Aurora’s youth. The museum works with teachers and administrators from Aurora Public Schools, Cherry Creek Schools and other school districts to bring students into the museum and Delaney Farm Historic District for field trips focused on age-appropriate learning and state standards. Additionally, field trips are an outreach opportunity to connect with educators.

The mission of the museum’s education team is to “engage our entire community, to interpret and foster pride in Aurora’s story.” As such, this team has worked tirelessly to expand youth offerings in the past year, recognizing that not all of Aurora’s youth are in traditional school settings. These programs offer a variety of learning opportunities with new themes every month. For example, the Mornings at the Museum program for preschoolers is held every Wednesday morning, offering stories, hands-on activities and crafts for kids ages 3 to 6. In November, a program to support children in home school environments and their families was introduced, and it is held monthly on rotating days to accommodate as many families as possible. The upcoming March program will focus on old-fashioned crafts; civics and local government will be the topic in April.

The education team also works with community groups, scouting groups and after-school clubs to further engage young people. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the YMCA and summer camps from around the metro area can use the museum’s facilities to enhance their own programs. Members, instructors or administrators of youth programs may contact the education curator at koutcelt@auroragov.org or 303.739.6663 to explore ways to support your program and bring Aurora’s story to your students.

To learn more about the Aurora History Museum and its education programs, visit AuroraMuseum.org.
Lowry opened in 1938 along the far-western border of Aurora. The base focused on technical training, including aerial photography in its early days, and for a time, was home to the United States Air Force Academy. At its peak, 20,000 people were living on base, contributing to a vibrant military heritage in Aurora. With three military installations, Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Buckley Air Base and Lowry Air Force Base, Aurora experienced rapid growth in the 20th century and had a local economy dependent on the soldiers and airmen living and working in the city.

The Aurora History Museum is proud to present a new exhibition that celebrates the rich history of Lowry Air Force Base. “A History of Lowry,” which will run from March 14 through July 9, will chronicle the story of Lowry, the people who served there and the importance of the base to Aurora and the surrounding areas.

“The museum is really excited to open ‘A History of Lowry’ because the base was such an important part of Aurora’s growth,” said T. Scott Williams, Aurora History Museum Director. “Many of the men and women who served at Lowry stayed and raised their families here, and this exhibit will tell their stories and honor their military service; most of the original area is now residential so sharing this history with the current generation lets folks see their neighborhoods in a new light and broadens the understanding of our city’s past.”

“A History of Lowry” immediately follows another military exhibit at the Aurora History Museum, “Fitzsimons to Anschutz: The History of Army General Hospital No. 21,” which is open through March 12.

For more information on these and other unique exhibits, visit AuroraMusuem.org.