Ballet Joy for the Season
Join Aurora Dance Arts for the magic of “The Nutcracker Ballet.” Twirl along with Clara at her special holiday party and then into her dreamland, as she finds Prince Charming and his toy soldier army battling wicked mice, the Snow Queen and her dancing snowflakes and, of course, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her many dancing sweets! With a cast of 88 dancers and pure ballet joy of the season, this year’s production will surely dazzle and delight.

Aurora Dance Arts is celebrating their 50th anniversary season in 2023, and since “The Nutcracker” is this year’s fall production, some special celebrations are planned in honor of this milestone. Included will be commemorative ornaments, a photo booth in the lobby to capture memories, cast meet and greets and maybe even a visit from the big man himself from the North Pole.

The Aurora Dance Arts program is also thrilled about fun, new ideas to creatively “freshen up” the classic tale and is inclusive to allow for many ages and levels of dancers. This year’s show incorporates the traditional Tchaikovsky Nutcracker musical score and select contemporary musical selections. You might even catch some new characters popping into the party scene! Many traditional costumes are also receiving beautiful updates to make the dancers shine even more brightly under the stage lights.

Aurora Dance Arts is also excited to be partnering with the talented team at the Aurora Fox Arts Center to bring this show to life in 2023. With the help of The Fox, “Nutcracker” has many more show options this year. In fact, there are six public performances available to choose from. With the busy holiday season, everyone can find a show that works for them!

“The Nutcracker Ballet” is timeless, family-friendly and an absolute must-see during the holiday season, so let Aurora Dance Arts be part of your family’s festive traditions.

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**Gateway to the Rockies Art Show**

Aurora Central Library will be the host place of the 28th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show, running from Nov. 9 to Dec. 16. Enjoy over 150 pieces of art displayed through the library, available for purchase. More information at AuroraArtistsGuild.com

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**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1, 2 | 2 p.m., Dec. 2, 3  
**WHERE:** The Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave.  
**COST:** $23  
**TICKETS:** AuroraGov.org/Dance

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**ON THE COVER:** All photography provided by Aurora Dance Arts
INDESCRIBABLE
Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Opening Night
Nov. 4, 2 p.m. – Masked Performance
Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. – Access Performance
Nov. 5, 2 p.m. – Closing
Join your favorite self-identified disability theatre company as they collaborate with The Silhouettes, America’s Got Talent Season six runners-up, to produce the first-ever epic dance production in the company’s history. Two children, Destiny and Amor, traverse the narrow seas on a pirate ship when a sudden storm destroys their vessel, separating the two friends. Determined to reach each other, the children go on a magical journey through enchanted islands and oceans as they long to reconnect. Appropriate for all ages, this show will feature The Silhouettes’ exceptional brand of shadow-dance combined with Phamaly’s unique disability-affirming storytelling. You’ll never see another show like this; it will be truly… indescribable.

PRAKRITI
Nov. 11, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
For the fifth year in a row, the Prakriti (Nature) Festival, presented by the Colorado Fine Arts Association, highlights the impact of climate change on humanity through performing arts.
Tickets: $2 | Ticket fees will be refunded for CFAA Patron Donors

The Denver Dolls
“A Salute to Veterans”
Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12, 2 p.m.
The Aurora Fox Cabaret Series provides a wonderful chance to enjoy and support your favorite local talents. Celebrate Veterans Day with *Salute to Veterans* by The Denver Dolls.

Moods & Melodies
Nov. 18, 6 p.m. and Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
An evening of soulful Hindi film music that will delight you, enthrall you and wrap you like a warm fuzzy blanket in the middle of November!
VIP Tickets $55 | Orchestra Level, sides and back $35 | Balcony $25

A Soulful Christmas with Robert Johnson and the CJRO
Nov. 26, 3 p.m.
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

Motones & Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi
Conceived by Kenny Moten and Chris Starkey
Directed by Kenny Moten
Choreography by Jessica Hindsley, Kenny Moten and Chris Starkey
Dec. 7 – 17
Just in time for the holidays, the boys are back for six performances to celebrate with their new show, “Motones & Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi.” This isn’t your typical theatrical experience, Motones and Jerseys features a stellar lineup of nine singers, backed by a five-piece band, singing and dancing their way through the greatest songs of the 20th century. Drawing inspiration from the iconic holiday albums of the mid-century, this upbeat holiday presentation features Motown and “Jersey” renditions of such songs as “Blue Christmas,” “O’ Holy Night,” “The Christmas Song,” “Santa Baby” and a show-stopping “Run, Run, Rudolph” that you need to see to believe. You’ll be glad you got a seat, but you don’t have to stay in it!
Tickets: $28-$40 | FOREVER FOX FLEXPASS ELIGIBLE

Shelvis and the Roustabouts
Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.
Voted “Denver’s Best Band” by the readers of 5280 magazine, Lori “Shelvis” Muha and her band of Roustabouts are an entertainment powerhouse! Shelvis 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!
Tickets: $28-$40
NOVEMBER

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Friends of Chamber Music: Lírios Quartet
Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Stanley Marketplace, 2501 Dallas St.
StanleyMarketplace.com

Catrina Ball $
Saturday, 6:30 to 10 p.m.
Aurora Central Library
CatrinaBallAurora.org

10
28th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show Reception
Friday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraArtistsGuild.com

10 AND 11
Aurora Potter Guild Fall Sale
Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Community College of Aurora, Student Center Rotunda
16000 E. CentreTech Parkway

14
Gonzalo Teppa and Friends
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraGov.org/Concerts

15
AHM Festival of Wreaths
Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m.
Opening event and live auction
Aurora History Museum
AMFCO.org/Wreaths

17 AND 18
Alegria Dance-Theatre $
Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.
The Peoples Building, 9995 E. Colfax Ave.
EventBrite.com

26
All Ages Jazz Jam
Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.
The Peoples Building, 9995 E. Colfax Ave.
AuroraCulture.org/Events

DECEMBER

2 AND 3
'Tis the Season $
AuroraSingers.org

8
Miracle on 34th Street $
Friday, 1 p.m.
Aurora Center for Active Adults
Registration: Call 303.739.7950 or CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com
Code: 76695

12
Miracle on 34th Street Live Radio Play
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.
AuroraGov.org/Concerts

16 AND 17
Christmas Time Around the World | Aurora Symphony Orchestra $
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, 3 p.m.
Overland High School Auditorium, 12400 E. Jewell Ave.
AuroraSymphony.org/Event

ONGOING EVENTS

Wa Shonaji Quilt Guild
MLK and Tallyn's Reach | Through December
Phamaly Theatre Company Presents: INDESCRIBABLE
Nov. 3 to 5
9800 E. Colfax Ave. | AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org
Veteran's Arts Council Exhibit
Aurora Municipal Center, Mezzanine Gallery
Nov. 6 to Dec. 31
28th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show
Nov. 9 to Dec. 16
Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraArtistsGuild.com
Camp Christmas $
Nov. 16 to Dec. 24
Stanley Marketplace, 2501 Dallas St.
StanleyMarketplace.com
Cadillac Crew $
Through Nov. 26
Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St.
Dates and tickets: VintageTheater.org
Black Nativity $
Nov. 24 to Dec. 30
Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton St.
Dates and tickets: VintageTheater.org
Motones & Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi $
Dec. 8 to 17
9800 E. Colfax Ave. | AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org
Historic Sites

History Hike at Coal Creek Arena
Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Learn how topography, plants and animals influence history, folklore and culture during an enjoyable guided hike with a museum educator and city of Aurora naturalist. November’s hike will focus on the flu pandemic of 1918. Age: Adult, kids under 13 are welcome but not encouraged.
Coal Creek Arena, 20255 E. 6th Ave.

DeLaney Holiday Open Days
Dec. 9 and 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Visit our DeLaney historic site to learn more about early Aurora history, see the beautiful Round Barn and the Gully Homestead House decorated for the holidays, and join us for crafts, warm beverages and holiday cheer. Visit on Saturday, Dec. 9, to tour the one-room Coal Creek Schoolhouse, built in 1927.
DeLaney Farm Historic District, 170 S. Chambers Road

Centennial Open House
Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Centennial House is a Queen Anne Victorian home built in the township of Fletcher. It was named for the beautiful restoration 100 years after its original construction. This stately home in Original Aurora will be decorated for Christmas by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Come take a tour and learn about the origins of Aurora.
Centennial House, 1671 Galena St.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND LECTURES

Paról Lantern Workshop at Central Library
Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Join the Philippine American Society of Colorado (PASCO) and the Aurora History Museum to create a traditional star-shaped Filipino paper lantern. These lanterns have become symbolic of the Philippines and Filipino Christmas. Supplies will be provided, and experienced Paról makers will guide you through the process. PASCO will also provide traditional Filipino Christmas Merienda (snacks).
Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
$12 per lantern kit – RSVP, supplies are limited.

Festival of Wreaths Opening and Fundraiser
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4 to 7 p.m.
See this year’s wreaths created by our community and bid in live and silent auctions that help fund the exhibits, programs and outreach you love at Aurora History Museum. This event will include food, drink, entertainment, speeches by important museum supporters and more.
Join the Aurora Museum Foundation for their biggest fundraiser of the year.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5 to 7 p.m.
The museum will be open until 7 p.m. Dec. 5 to celebrate the holiday season. Come to the Municipal Center to tell Santa what you want, watch the official tree lighting and visit the museum.

 Miracle on 34th Street
Saturday, Dec. 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
A department store Santa claims to be the real Santa Claus and people are beginning to believe him. This story about finding faith in the unbelievable is adapted from the 1948 live radio broadcast by professional actors playing all the roles and providing all the sound effects. Get into the holiday spirit with a fun performance, hot chocolate and festive snacks. Tickets: $5
Festival of Wreaths

The Aurora History Museum is excited to host the 24th Annual Festival of Wreaths. This festive annual fundraiser features wreaths decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. Wreaths are displayed and recognized online and at the museum and sold to the highest bidder through an online auction. The Aurora Museum Foundation selects a few wreaths for a live auction at the Opening Event Wednesday, Nov. 15. This year’s proceeds will help restore and install Aurora’s iconic Cactus Motel Sign that once graced Colfax Avenue. The sign’s new permanent home will be in the Ruth Fountain Gallery. In addition, a portion of the funding will support the museum and historic site’s education programs and community events. The Aurora Museum Foundation advocates for funding and community support to ensure the continued viability of the Aurora History Museum. The exhibition will be on display from Nov. 7 through Dec. 10.

Nature’s Beauty Captured: W.F. Gallagher Photography

Through Jan. 7, 2024

Local Aurora photographer Wayne Gallagher will showcase his portfolio of outdoor photography at the Aurora History Museum. Gallagher has been a photographer for over 50 years. Starting as a childhood passion, Wayne now photographs wildlife and landscapes throughout Colorado. Wayne serves on the city of Aurora Open Space Board and leads bird walks in the city. Originally from Boston, he was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Gallagher came to Aurora in 1986, serving at Buckley Air Force Base.

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Enjoy museum programs for the kids

The Aurora History Museum is always a great place to bring the family. Children can play with old toys, color pages of historic buildings, read in our reading corner or do one of our scavenger hunts. Right now, children can take a selfie golfing or catching a wooden fish in The Great Outdoors of Aurora exhibit. Don’t forget to “ride” our restored 1913 trolley, a favorite of young and old alike. And because visiting is free, you won’t break the bank. Here are a few of our youth programs.

Mornings at the Museum

A weekly preschool program designed for kids ages three to six with their parents. Each week, we read a book and do a craft aligned to a monthly theme. Our goal is to provide a high-quality educational program while building children’s pride in their community – every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Homeschool Days

This monthly program allows kids to dive deeper into specific topics than they would get from a regular museum visit. Monthly topics are aligned with our exhibits and often allow homeschoolers to visit historic sites or speak to museum staff familiar with the topic. This specialized program is $7 per participating student.

School Fieldtrips

Hey, teachers! Check out our field trips aligned with Colorado’s academic standards or contact the education team about a field trip tailored to your needs. No buses? No problem! Many of our programs can be done at your school.

Community Groups

Are you in Scouts, 4-H or another community group? The Aurora History Museum offers group tours and can provide special programming based on your group’s needs.

Pages of the Past: Aurora’s Library System

Dec. 12, 2023 to March 3, 2024

Libraries serve as learning and education centers, fostering community engagement and social connections. The city of Aurora’s library system has a storied past that mirrors the city’s growth, changing demographics and rich history. Learn how the Aurora Public Library has developed from one room in Sarah Wood’s home in north Aurora to a thriving system serving the third largest city in Colorado.

To learn more, check out our website, AuroraMuseum.org and follow us on social media for updates and upcoming child-friendly events such as Aurora’s birthday party, Summer Camp, and the Coal Creek School Days. To schedule a group event or for information on programs, call 303.739.6660 or email museuem@auroragov.org.

Education Programs

Morning at the Museum

Every Wednesday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Spend the morning with your preschooler at the Aurora History Museum for stories, crafts and hands-on activities. New drop-in program every week.

Free, no registration required. Adult must be present.

AHM Homeschool Days

Homeschool Days offer homeschooled students in elementary and middle grades an opportunity to meet as a group along with their parents for field-trip-style learning opportunities. Join us for a new topic every month. $7 per student. Adults and non-participating students are free but must be registered.

- **November’s Topic – Old Aurora at Centennial House**
  Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
  Built in 1891, Centennial House was one of the original houses built in the neighborhood that became Aurora. Students and parents will tour the house during this field trip and learn about Aurora’s origins. We will also take a short walking tour of this historic neighborhood (weather-dependent). Don’t miss this rare opportunity to see inside one of Aurora’s historic treasures! Centennial House, 1671 Galena St.

- **December’s Topic – A World of Celebrations in Aurora**
  Tuesday, Dec. 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
  Learn about holidays and traditions from around the world that are celebrated right here in Aurora, and celebrate the cultural diversity that makes our city great. During this event, we will invite our friends and neighbors from different communities in Aurora to share their traditional holidays and celebrations.
Art in Public Places
Multiple locations
303.739.6747 | AuroraGov.org/PublicArt

Aurora Dance Arts
Multiple locations
303.326.8308 | AuroraGov.org/Dance

Aurora Fox Arts Center
9900 E. Colfax Ave.
303.739.1970 | AuroraFox.org

Aurora History Museum
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
303.739.6660
AuroraMuseum.org

Art in Public Places
Multiple locations
303.739.6747 | AuroraGov.org/PublicArt

GONZALO TEPPA AND FRIENDS
Tue. | Nov. 14 | 6:30 p.m.
Central Library,
14949 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora Rhythms Events presents Gonzalo Teppa and Friends. Gonzalo is a two-time Latin Grammy Nominee. He was nominated for “Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album” and “Best Latin Jazz Album” for work on the recordings “Tiempo” by Linda Briceño; and “3rd Element” by Luisito Quintero.

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET
LIVE RADIO PLAY
Tue. | Dec. 12 | 6:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.

Adapted from the 1948 live radio broadcast by professional actors playing all the roles and providing all the sound effects. A department store Santa claims to be the real Santa Claus and people are beginning to believe him. A story about finding faith in the unbelievable, the tale has become a timeless classic during the holidays for multiple generations.

CITY OF AURORA LIBRARY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Aurora Rhythms
303.739.6520 | AuroraGov.org/Concerts

Bicentennial Art Center – Pottery
13655 E. Alameda Ave
303.344.1776 | AuroraGov.org/Pottery

Cultural Arts and Outreach
Music and visual arts classes at multiple locations
303.739.6591 | AuroraGov.org/Arts

Theatre classes at multiple locations
303.739.6550 | AuroraGov.org/Arts

Historic Sites and Preservation Office
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraGov.org/HistoricSites

OTHER ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES

5280 Artist CoOp
303.492.9622 | 5280ArtistCoOp.com

Aurora Artists’ Guild
AuroraArtistsGuild.com

Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD)
303.913.7508 | AuroraCulture.org

Aurora Singers
303.343.3377 | AuroraSingers.org

Aurora Symphony Orchestra
303.873.6622 | AuroraSymphony.org

Community College of Aurora
Arts and Communication Department
303.340.7335 | CCAurora.edu

Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)
1426 Florence St.
303.367.5886 | DavArts.org

Grand Design Inc.
303.965.2724 | GrandDesign.org

Inside the Orchestra
303.355.7855
info@insideorchestra.org

Kim Robards Dance Inc.
303.826.4847
KimRobardsDance.org

The People's Building (City Venue)
9905 E. Colfax Ave.
720.819.6850
ThePeoplesBuilding.com

Red Delicious Press
9901 E. 16th Ave. | 303.366.2922
RedDeliciousPress.com

Roshni, Voice of the Voiceless
Multiple locations | 720.427.0404
RoshniLight.org

Vintage Theatre Productions Inc.
1468 Dayton St. | 303.856.7830
VintageTheatre.com

Visions Performing Arts
720.620.2316
VisionsPerformingArtsCompany.org

Preschool and toddler MUSIC CLASSES ARE COMING IN JANUARY
Jerusalem Walsh of Walsh Music Academy will be teaching children ages 3 to 5 years starting in January. Early music education sets children up for all music learning success and enhances their learning aptitude across academic disciplines. Visit AuroraGov.org/Music for more information or call Heather at 303.739.6591.

All classes held in the Cultural Services Studio at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway.

ChoirCats - ages 3 to 5 years
PrePiano Pandas - ages 4 to 5 years
BoomBoom Bears - ages 3 years
BumbleBee Bells - ages 4 to 5 years

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303.739.6660
AuroraMuseum.org

Art in Public Places
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Aurora Public Library
• Central, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
• Chambers Plaza, 1551 Chambers Road
• Hoffman Heights, 1298 Peoria St.
• Iliff Square, 2253 S. Peoria St.
• Martin Luther King Jr., 9898 E. Colfax Ave.
• Mission Viejo, 15324 E. Hampden Circle
• Tallyn’s Reach, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road
AuroraLibrary.org

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Aurora - A Moment, A Meaning, A Marvel

for the Art in Public Places Division and the 30th anniversary celebration of its collection

2023

By Ahja Fox, Aurora Poet Laureate

The artist, the writer, the musician, the people still identified beyond their masks find themselves in a waking dream.

Spiraling muses into a metal star for them, the horizon flits and flutters the beginnings of inspiration.

Through glass stained windows comes the mission of color, the deep mood attitude of gratitude.

We are art in motion banging the drums and tipping the vase into season after any storm!

When birds fly they launch from community’s palms into skyscraping pillar, their wings a tangle of evanescent light.

Everything here is a snapped leg chair suspended by incredible magic: statues help elevate the ether, stories origami into lights, and the cosmos blare bright behind a building, furious.

The vehicles of previous years still ghost by— we wave to them, maybe even pray to them, the immortalized journey of the creator before.

Boozy in blue, we (the creators of before) always become Aurora akimbo, kinetic, cartwheeling a wavelength that defies the sky.

Our joy, our trauma is what generates the art in this city; the gemstones of our being came from dinosaurs, horses, and water early Aurora versus Aurora now is a tipping scale...

with a woman balancing a beam, a man inching towards it with a mallet, and a person sinking the trumpet towards their chest after blowing too hard.

Art is fight and flight and word and vision. Where nature will abound is where dawn rings. Perceptions manifest in technicolor, move like a delicate fan against the torch dying...

We are art, impossible—a moment, a meaning, a marvel wired alive by its many people.

In background, from top left to bottom right:
"Courthouse Panel" by Ayokunle Odeleye, “Dawn Ring” by Carl Reed, “Ascentiate” by Douwe Blumberg, “Gem Stone” by Tom and Jean Latka, “Unglued” by Christopher Weed, “Steel Stampede” by Douwe Blumberg, “Aspire” by David Griggs and Scott Parsons