

AURORA CREATES

Arts & History | March–April 2024



A world of
creativity
and
harmony



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CULTURAL
SERVICES

Discover a world of **CREATIVITY** and **HARMONY** with Aurora Cultural Arts



Unlock your artistic potential and embark on a journey of learning and expression at Aurora Cultural Arts, which offers a dynamic range of fun and educational art classes for children and adults. Dive into the colorful world of painting, where the imagination knows no bounds, or explore the versatile realm of polymer clay to sculpt wild creations.

Learn techniques to bring your visions to life in vivid detail and style with creative drawing sessions, or immerse yourself in the melodious universe of music with our choir, piano and keyboard classes. Let your voice soar in harmony, fingers dance across the keys and soul be moved by the enchanting melodies you create.

Exciting news for 2024! Aurora Cultural Arts is thrilled to introduce engaging music classes tailored specifically for preschoolers, igniting their passion for music from an early age and nurturing their budding talents.

Enroll now and embark on a journey of creativity, learning and fun. Register today at AuroraGov.org/Arts.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES

Explore the world of acrylic painting with certified Ross instructor Hope Blakely during her evening workshops. Since earning certification in 2017, Hope has refined her one-painting, one-workshop approach. Her modern, vividly colored, up-close and personal painting style beautifully allows the subject to dominate the canvas. Join these exciting classes for an inspiring artistic experience!

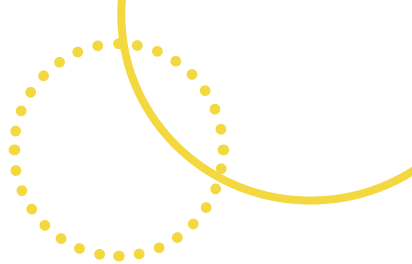
Visit AuroraGov.org/Arts to register for an acrylic class in March, April or May.

THEATRE CLASSES

Students create characters, dialogue, monologues, scenes and perform pieces with guidance from experienced theatre professionals. Students also develop lifelong skills such as listening, self-confidence, reading, memorization and concentration. Characters often have different perspectives or come from different circumstances than the actor/student who portrays them, making this a great opportunity to practice empathy.

Theatre is a cooperative, interdependent art form, with members of the ensemble supporting and relying on each other. Theatre classes also teach spatial relationships through staging and stage movement. Memorization helps in all areas of academic development. Additionally, theatre helps children and youth gain confidence in public speaking situations.

Students also have the opportunity to perform for family and friends on the final day of class. Consistent attendance to theatre classes is strongly encouraged. All Cultural Arts classes require pre-registration at CityofAurora.PerfectMind.com.



IT'S GREEK TO ME (AGES 8-14)

Rehearse and perform a play based on several Greek Myths, including Atalanta, Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Perseus and Pandora. Dress in togas and share a performance during the last class. Requires consistent attendance, outside classwork and memorization. Instructor: Joi Hiatt.

March 30-May 4, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$110 (\$88 Resident), code: 79909

Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road

STORYBOOK, ALIVE! AESOP'S FABLES (AGES 4-8)

Act out a different fable each week, sharing your favorite story on the final day of class. Students should have prior experience working in a classroom setting. Instructor: Joi Hiatt

April 1-May 6, Monday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$75 (\$60 Resident), code: 79896

Southeast Recreation Center, 25400 E. Alexander Drive

STORYBOOK, ALIVE! GREEK MYTHOLOGY (AGES 4-8)

Bring the magic of Greek mythology to life! Act out a different story each week and share your favorite story the last day of class. Students should have prior experience working in a classroom setting. Instructor: Hugo Jon Sayles

April 2-May 7, Tuesday, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$80 (\$64 Resident), code: 79897

Mission Viejo Library, Community Room, 15324 E. Hampden Circle

PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF (AGES 9-15)

Rehearse and perform a play based on the popular book series. Share a performance during the last class. Requires consistent attendance, outside classwork and memorization. Instructor: Hugo Jon Sayles or Ron Vigil

April 6-May 11, Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$130 (\$104 Resident), code: 79913

Aurora Fox Art Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave.

IMPROVISATION (AGES 9-16)

Think and react quickly, within the given circumstances, eventually learning to make more and more interesting choices as your technique and confidence develop. Share these skills in a performance with your family on the last day of class. Requires consistent attendance. Instructor: Ron Vigil

April 6-May 11, Saturday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$110 (\$88 Resident), code: 79921

Aurora Central Library, Cultural Services Division Studio,
14949 E. Alameda Parkway

Questions? Email lmumpton@auroragov.org or call **303.739.6520**



ON THE COVER:

Photos of art created by students of Cultural Arts. To learn more about classes for all ages, visit AuroraGov.org/Arts.

MARCH

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Samba Colorado \$

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The People's Building

ThePeoplesBuilding.com/Events

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Love Changes Everything

Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m.

Aurora Fox Arts Center

AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

8, 9 and 10

Neen Fox Collective \$

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m.

The People's Building

ThePeoplesBuilding.com/Events

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All Ages Jazz Jam

Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

The People's Building

AuroraCulture.org

APRIL

6 and 7

Aurora Symphony Orchestra: Into the Beautiful Blue \$

Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m.

Overland High School Auditorium, 12400 E. Jewell Ave.

Tickets: AuroraSymphony.org

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All Ages Jazz Jam

Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

The People's BuildingAuroraCulture.org

Hitmakers of the 60s and 70s \$

Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m.

Aurora Fox Arts Center

AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

ONGOING EVENTS

The Legend of Georgia McBride \$

Through March 24

Vintage Theater

VintageTheatre.org

80 Years Later: Aurora Remembers D-Day

March 5–July 7

Aurora History Museum

AuroraMuseum.org

Mean Girls High School Version

March 15–17

The People's Building

ThePeoplesBuilding.com/Events

Gem of the Ocean \$

March 23–April 14

Aurora Fox Arts Center

AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org



EXHIBITS

NEW PUBLIC ART CELEBRATES VETERANS

The Art in Public Places Program is pleased to announce that “Ticker Tape” by Aurora artist David Farquharson was dedicated last December. Located at the Aurora Housing Authority’s Liberty View Apartments for veterans (1959 Quentin St.), the artwork is situated in a green space between the new apartments and the Colorado State Veterans Home and is visible from Peoria Street. The colorful sculpture refers to the historic ticker tape parades that greeted returning soldiers after World War II. At night, the interactive LED lighting feature will briefly flicker a responsive greeting to those who walk close by. This artwork represents a partnership between the Aurora Housing Authority and the Art in Public Places Program.

ART 2C on Havana Street Applications: Deadline March 31, 2024

Sculptors interested in having their work included in the 2024-26 ART 2C on Havana Street temporary sculpture exhibition must submit their applications by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 29. Applications must be made through CaFE. Questions? Email publicart@auroragov.org.

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

The Great Outdoors of Aurora

Through April 21

Between 99 developed parks, 103 miles of trails and 8,000+ acres of open space, there’s plenty to explore in Aurora’s outdoors. Discover the history behind our reservoirs, city parks, nature centers, the High Line Canal, swimming pools and more, all within the city of Aurora.

Trolley Trailer #610 Exhibit

Through Sept. 2024

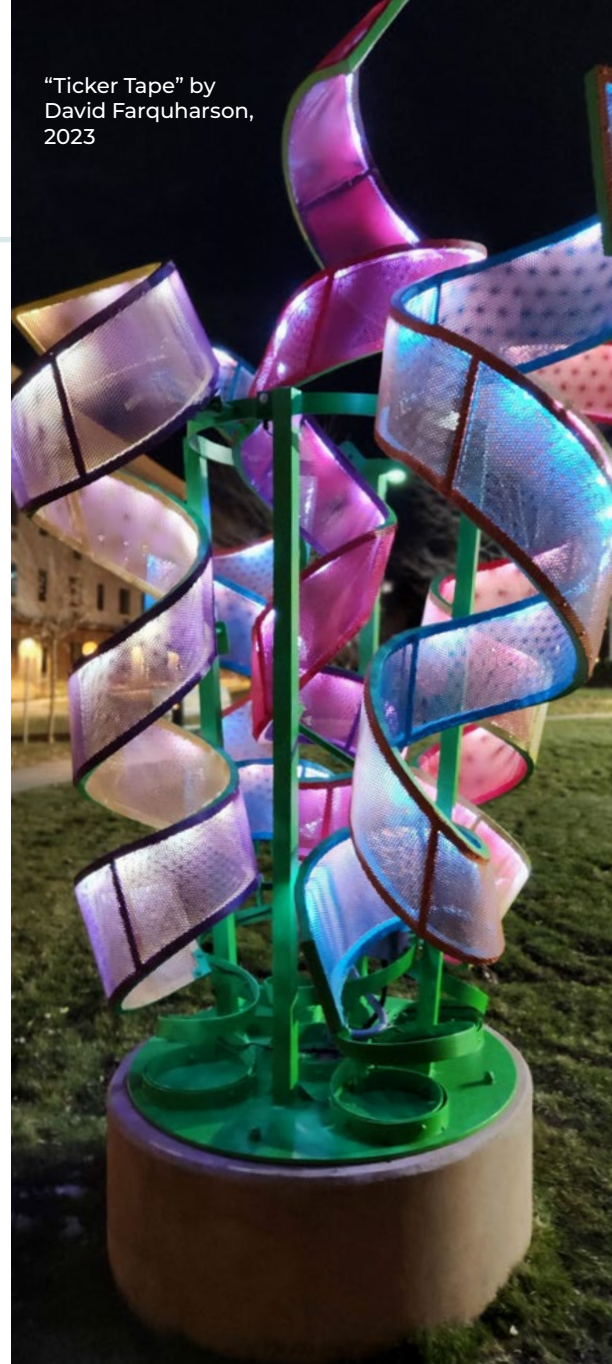
Learn about Denver and Aurora’s streetcar system and follow the unexpected journey of Aurora Landmark, Trolley Trailer #610, which celebrates the 10-year anniversary of its dedication, from public transportation to museum fixture.

Wild Life in Focus: A Journey of Conservation from Global to Local

Through March 31

The photos of Aurora resident and volunteer Open Space trail steward Victoria “Vicky” Samuel highlight the beauty of wildlife. See images she has collected around the world and in our community.

“Ticker Tape” by David Farquharson, 2023



80 YEARS LATER:



AURORA REMEMBERS D-DAY



June 6, will mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II. This event, which ultimately led to the liberation of Europe, will be remembered at the Aurora History Museum in a new exhibit, “80 Years Later: Aurora Remembers D-Day.” The exhibition will open March 5 and close July 7.

D-Day marked the beginning of the end of Nazi Germany’s control over Western Europe. The successful invasion of Normandy by Allied forces on June 6, 1944, created a significant turning point in World War II. It allowed the Allies to establish a foothold in France, leading to the liberation of Europe from German occupation.

Back home in Aurora, several military installations supported the war effort. Many airmen who participated in the D-Day operation were trained at Lowry Air Force Base and Buckley Field, while Fitzsimons Army Hospital treated servicemembers wounded overseas. The military presence in Aurora during World War II contributed to the city’s growth and development, and its legacy can still be seen today.

“80 Years Later: Aurora Remembers D-Day” will explore the history of D-Day, the impact of the war on our community, and highlight Colorado’s contributions to the war effort. Experience “the longest day” through archival photos, videos and interviews as the Aurora History Museum remembers D-Day. Learn more about this exhibit at AuroraMuseum.org.

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM



Education Programs

KIDS EDUCATION

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. Enjoy a new drop-in program every week.

Free, no registration required. An adult must be present.

March Homeschool Day: Figures from Aurora History, Part 2

Monday, March 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Did you know Aurora was the first U.S. city of over 60,000 residents to elect a woman as mayor? Norma Walker was Aurora's mayor from 1965 to 1967. Learn about her and other women in Aurora's history who made major changes in our community.

Participating student: \$7. Parents and siblings are free but must register.

April Homeschool Day: The Gold Rush

Thursday, April 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

In 1859, thousands of people moved to Colorado in hopes of striking it rich. Learn about Colorado's gold rush and how it shaped our region.

Participating student: \$7. Parents and siblings are free but must register.

Celebrate Aurora's Birthday!

Saturday, April 27, noon to 3 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Aurora! Join us to celebrate the city of Aurora's 133rd birthday with cake, fun crafts and party games.

LECTURES AND MORE

Women in Libraries

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the beginning of Women's History Month with an interesting discussion on the intersection of libraries and gender with librarians from Aurora Public Library.

Documentary Screening and Community Workshop: "Evalo"

Saturday, March 23, 5 to 7:15 p.m.

Join the Aurora History Museum for a screening of the new documentary film "Evalo" from Askkanwii Film Hub, followed by a community workshop facilitated by the producer of the film.

Sage Blessing and Stories by Doug Good Feather

March 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Doug Good Feather is from the Standing Rock Lakota Nation and a descendant of Grandpa Chief Sitting Bull. His work at the nonprofit, Spirit Horse Nation and Lakota Way Healing Center is focused on community-based solutions to addiction, trauma and PTSD. Doug will join us to bless indigenous artifacts on loan to the Aurora History Museum and tell traditional stories.

Great Outdoors of Aurora Closing Reception

Saturday April 13, 4 to 7 p.m.

After almost a year, it's time for the "Great Outdoors of Aurora" exhibit to close. See it one last time before it's gone and join the museum to thank everyone who made it possible.

Light food and refreshments will be served.

Antique Appraisal Fair

Saturday April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Could you have hidden treasures hiding away in your attic? Find out and get your heirlooms appraised at the 2024 Antique Appraisal Fair at Aurora Central Library. Proceeds will support museum programs and exhibits.

Tickets: AuroraMuseumFoundation.org

Aurora's Story Presentation

Tuesday, April 30, 6 p.m.

Did you know that Aurora hasn't always been called Aurora? When it was founded on April 30, 1891, the town straddling Colfax Avenue was named Fletcher. Learn what changed and why in this interesting presentation and celebrate Aurora's 133rd Birthday.



THE AURORA FOX PROUDLY PRESENTS

GEM OF THE OCEAN

By August Wilson

March 23 – April 14, 2024



**AURORA
FOX**



Gem of the Ocean By: August Wilson | Directed by donnie i. betts 💰

March 23–April 14

"Gem of the Ocean," a 2005 Tony Award Nominee for Best Play, marks the beginning of Aurora Fox's commitment to staging August Wilson's ten-play "The American Century Cycle." Set in Pittsburgh in 1904, the play follows Citizen Barlow, a young southerner seeking redemption, as he arrives at the doorstep of the legendary 285-year-old spiritual guide, Aunt Ester. Their lives become forever altered through a series of intertwining events, leading Citizen Barlow on a mythical journey to the City of Bones, where he discovers the value of community and the power of belief.

Content Advisory: Ages 16 and up. Contains mature themes and adult language.

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra Latin Jazz Ensemble presents: **Hitmakers of the 60s & 70s featuring the music of Carole King, James Taylor and Friends** 💰

Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m.

Tapestry stands as a seminal album for Carole King, filled with hits. Originally James Taylor's composer, King, was coaxed onto the stage by Taylor, and the rest is history. This performance features collaborations with James Taylor, Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell and others. Vocalist Marion Powers, along with the CJRO small band, will showcase famous hits in this delightful afternoon performance.

UP NEXT

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical | Book by Joe Tracz, Music and Lyrics by Rob Rokicki | Directed by Nick Sugar | Music Direction 💰

June 1–23

"The Lightning Thief," based on Rick Riordan's best-selling fantasy novels, comes to life with dazzling special effects and a riveting pop-rock score. This production promises to capture your inner-child and stretch your imagination to the limits.

Content Advisory: Appropriate for all ages.

For tickets and information, visit AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

ARTS AND CULTURE IN AURORA



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CITY OF AURORA LIBRARY & CULTURAL SERVICES

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

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

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
303.739.6520 | AuroraGov.org/Arts

Historic Sites and Preservation Office

15051 E. Alameda Parkway
AuroraGov.org/HistoricSites

OTHER ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES

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)

1405 Florence St.
303.367.5886 | DavArts.org

Grand Design Inc.

303.955.2724 | GrandByDesign.org

Inside the Orchestra

303.355.7855
info@insidetheorchestra.org

Kim Robards Dance Inc.

303.825.4847

KimRobardsDance.org

The People's Building (City Venue)

9995 E. Colfax Ave. | 720.819.6680
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