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SEASON 39

FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2024



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9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80015
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Ticket Prices*

Price Range: \$29-\$42

Valid For:

- 'ART'
- Gem of the Ocean
- The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical
- Around the World in 80 Days
- Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG AURORA FOX CHRISTMAS SHOW!

Season FlexPass

Opening Weekend (Saturday/Sunday ONLY)

- 5 shows: \$100
- 4 shows: \$80

*Prorated at \$20/show. \$10 fee per ticket for non-opening weekend exchanges.

Good for Any Performance (including opening weekend)

- 5 shows: \$130
- 4 shows: \$104

*Prorated at \$26/show. No exchange fees.

Performance Schedule

Friday and Saturday: 7:30 p.m. | Sunday: 2 p.m.

Industry Night: 2nd Monday of every production | 7:30 p.m. | \$15

**All purchases include a \$2 fee per order*



THE AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER STAFF

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TICKETS AND MORE!

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The historic Aurora Arts Center is located in the center of Aurora's Cultural Arts District, at 9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora CO, 80010

SEASON FLEXPASS ORDER FORM

Season FlexPass

- Redeemable Opening Weekend, Saturday/Sunday Only

Five-SHOW FLEXPASS **Quantity:** _____ x \$100 = \$ _____
Four-SHOW FLEXPASS **Quantity:** _____ x \$80 = \$ _____

Season FlexPass

- Good for any performance, including Opening Weekend

Five-SHOW FLEXPASS **Quantity:** _____ x \$130 = \$ _____
Four-SHOW FLEXPASS **Quantity:** _____ x \$104 = \$ _____

Add a donation = \$ _____

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If you prefer to select your dates and seats in advance, please do so, below. If you'd prefer to wait and select your dates and seats as the season progresses, your options will be subject to availability.

_____ **I'll call for reservations, later.**

_____ **I'd like to make reservations, now.**

Instead of a credit card purchase, I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____.

For individual tickets, please visit us online at AuroraFox.org or call the box office at 303.739.1970

SHOW	DAY	DATE	# OF SEATS
"ART" Aurora Fox Studio Theater			
Gem of the Ocean Aurora Fox Mainstage			
The Lightening Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical Aurora Fox Mainstage			
Around the World in 80 Days Aurora Fox Mainstage			
Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG AURORA FOX CHRISTMAS SHOW Aurora Fox Mainstage			

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MEET THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Richard R. Cowden comes to the Aurora Fox Arts Center from his most recent role as General Manager & Executive Director of Denver's Mizel Arts and Culture Center, where he oversaw all the Center's cultural activities including the Wolf Theatre Academy, Denver Children's Theatre, the Neustadt JAAMM series, and other programming. He is also the former Director of the Arts at Vermont's Castleton University, where he led the departments of art, music, and theatre, while also serving as director of the campus's fine arts center; he also served as the Head of the Department of Theatre Arts at Colorado Mesa University from 2006-2010. He is the creator of the **CICERO** public speaking system, which he used to provide high level presentation coaching to celebrities, political leaders, and Fortune 500 executives from his base in New York City.

As a director with over 50 productions to his credit, Richard was the Associate Artistic Director of Denver's Edge Theatre Company, where he directed the world premiere of Jonson Kuhn's **NEWARK VIOLENTA** and received a Broadway World award as Best Director for his direction of the regional premiere

of **BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO**. Other professional credits as an actor, singer, and director include sharing the Carnegie Hall stage with Stephen Sondheim as a member of Essential Voices USA, starring in Iceland's top-rated comedy series **SPAUGSTOFAN**, and appearing as a featured soloist for the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field. Richard holds an MFA in directing from the Ohio University School of Theater and a BA in Music Theatre from Colorado Mesa. A sought-after presenter and teacher, he has taught acting, directing, playwriting, improvisation, script analysis, and theatre history for over 25 years.

He wrote and directed the Wolf Theatre Academy's post-pandemic "comeback" production, **EMERGENCE**, in 2021 and has also directed 2022's **MATILDA** and **THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)**, and **PUFFS** for WTA, as well as recently helming the Denver Children's Theatre production of **THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE**. He also serves on the executive committee of the Collaborative of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

‘ART’

By Yasmina Reza
Directed by Kate Gleason

FEB. 3-25, 2024
STUDIO THEATER

Three friends. Two hundred thousand francs. One white canvas. In this fast-paced, biting comedy, long-time friendships are put to the test when an expensive white painting upends everyone's prior assumptions. Life choices are thrust to the forefront when criticism of the prize possession devolves into personal attacks and the airing of grievances. 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).

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

‘ART’ is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc., New York

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
Sundays, 2 p.m.



WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Join us at the Aurora Fox for other programming, including:

Community Events | Cabarets, Comedy and Special Events
| Monthly Cultural Concerts for Young Audiences | Sunday
Afternoon | Jazz Series with the Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra
| Performances by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and Davis
Contemporary Dance





Ebenezer Scrooge's
**BIG AURORA FOX
 CHRISTMAS SHOW**

By Gordon Greenberg
 and Steve Rosen
 Directed by Steven J. Burge

**NOV. 30 - DEC. 22, 2024
 MAINSTAGE**

Five nimble actors play dozens of roles in this hilariously fast-paced and highly imaginative staging of the world's most famous holiday tale! No, not the one with the kid and the BB gun... the other one... that's not the green fuzzy guy... or the one with Will Ferrell. We're talking about the one with the three ghosts and the dead guy wearing chains. Ebenezer Scrooge and friends terrorize the good citizens of the Aurora Fox in search of redemption and the true spirit of the holiday season. This riotous Dickens mashup is wacky fun for the entire family!

Content Advisory: Appropriate for all ages

"Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG AURORA FOX CHRISTMAS SHOW!" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc., New York.

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Sundays, 2 p.m.



GEM OF THE OCEAN

By August Wilson
 Directed by donnie l. betts

**MARCH 23 - APRIL 14, 2024
 MAINSTAGE**

Pittsburgh, 1904: Seeking redemption, a young southerner, Citizen Barlow, arrives at the doorstep of the legendary Aunt Ester, a 285-year-old spiritual guide. There he meets Solly Two Kings, a former slave turned Underground Railroad conductor. Through a series of intertwining events, their lives become forever altered, as Citizen Barlow is taken on a mythical journey of awakening to the City of Bones, realizing the value of community and the power of belief.

A 2005 Tony Award Nominee for Best Play, "Gem of the Ocean" is the first in the Aurora Fox's commitment to produce 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.

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

"August Wilson's Gem of the Ocean" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

ConcordTheatricals.com

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
 Sundays, 2 p.m.



THE LIGHTNING THIEF:

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

Directed by Nick Sugar
Music Direction by Andrew Fischer

JUNE 1-23, 2024
MAINSTAGE

Percy Jackson has ten days to find Zeus's stolen lightning bolt and bring peace to the warring gods of modern-day Mount Olympus. To succeed in his quest, Percy and his Camp Half-Blood sidekicks will have to do more than seize the true thief. He must come to terms with the father who abandoned him, solve the riddle of the Oracle and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves.

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. "The Lightning Thief" will capture your inner-child and push your imagination to the limits.

Content Advisory: Appropriate for all ages

THE LIGHTNING THIEF is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

ConcordTheatricals.com

Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.
Sundays, 2 p.m.



Around the World IN 80 DAYS

Based on the novel by Jules Verne | Adapted by Mark Brown
Directed by Kenny Moten

OCT. 5-27, 2024
MAINSTAGE

Embark on a fast-paced journey with wealthy Englishman Phileas Fogg and his loyal French valet, Passepartout, who have wagered they can circumnavigate the globe in just 80 days! Doggedly pursued by Detective Fix, they set the timer on a riotous and suspenseful race-against-the-clock romp. Traveling by boat and train, they visit exotic locales and meet a wide array of quirky characters...and an elephant!

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Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois.

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Sundays, 2 p.m.