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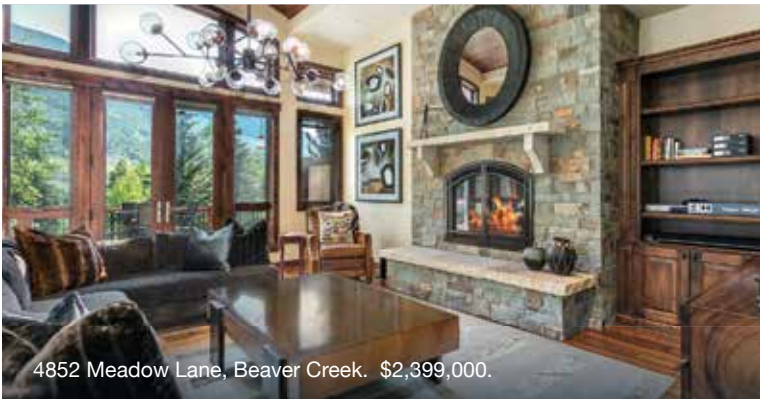
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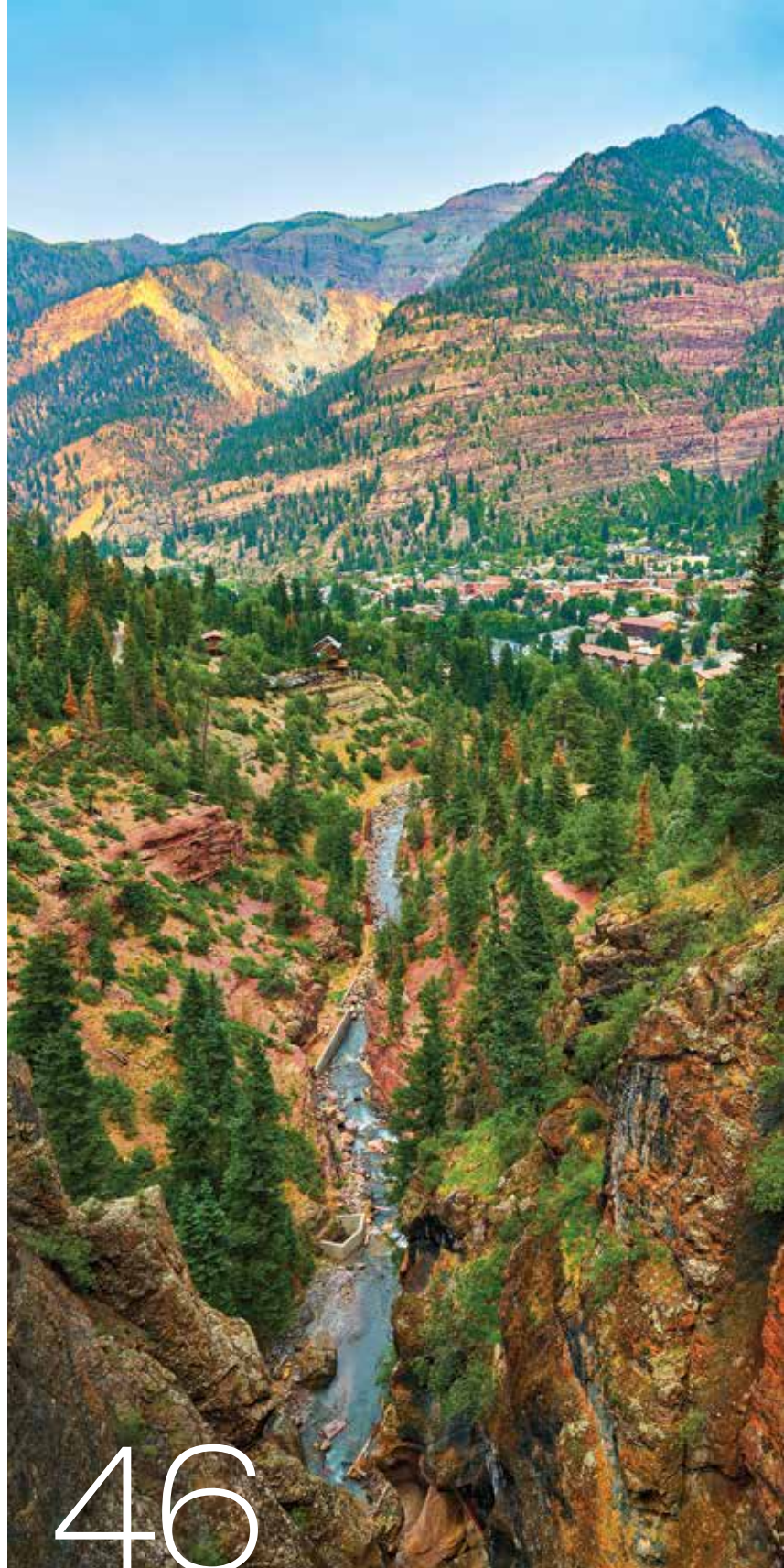
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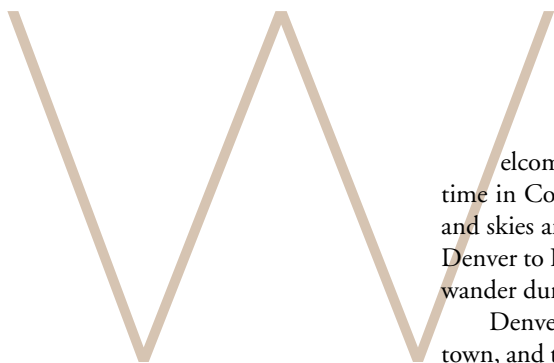
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Welcome to Colorado. Welcome to Spring. Best of all, welcome to spring-time in Colorado. Whether the snow is falling heavily, or the sun is shining and skies are blue, there is always an abundance of fun to be had here. From Denver to Boulder to the glorious mountains (and pretty much wherever you wander during your visit), we bring you the best of the best.

Denver in particular has gained a well-deserved reputation as a foodie town, and there is no lack of incredibly talented chefs who have helped secure this honor. Whether the chefs have been around for several years or innovative new up-and-comers are making things sizzle, the mile-high culinary scene rivals any of the major cities.

In this issue, writer Monica Stockbridge introduces you to some of the women behind the scenes, highly talented chefs who are stirring up an impressive array of delectable dishes throughout the city. You'll come to know and appreciate their style, but more important you'll realize that while the personalities gracing the cover of this issue are all women, they are highly talented chefs first and foremost.

Craving a unique, upscale and memorable meal while visiting Colorado? Eric Elkins, who knows his way around a fantastic food experience, presents elite dining options guaranteed to satisfy your desire for something special, something wonderful, and something oh so fabulous. Take a look at what's out there, and be sure to plan ahead to reserve your spot at the most special tables in town.

In the mood for a more low-key (aka inexpensive) meal to top off a perfect day of adventure? Eric Elkins is at the ready, with a mouthwatering lineup of great dining spots that won't put a dent in your wallet but *will* put a smile on your face.

Of course, there's more to Colorado than food (although with so many incredible options it's sometimes hard to move beyond the dining scene). Colorado also has a year-round, out-of-the-ordinary festival lineup. In addition to great music and culinary festivals, there are many events that appeal to one's yearning for something just a little unusual. Jamie Siebrase introduces you to some of the fun and highly original goings on, and we guarantee there truly is something for everyone. Of course, this is but a sampling of all the great events taking place this Spring. For even more festivals, music and leisure-time activities, take a look at The Scene (page XX), where you'll find a great lineup of events.

For even more information on what to do, where to go and how to get there, visit our website at coloradotravelermagazine.com.

Welcome to Colorado and enjoy the Spring!

Ellen Gray
Publisher, *Colorado Traveler Magazine*

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A Perfect Pair: Technology & the In-Person Experience

How Tech and Face-to-Face Connections Provide the Best of Both Worlds

By Kelli Williams, LIV Sotheby's International Realty

While online accessibility at our fingertips makes today's world a breeze, there is still a need for personal connections and relationships. Technology helps us every day with information such as directions, cost comparisons, and staying close with friends and family. However, when it comes to true negotiation or making a purchase that can last a lifetime, having a qualified advisor by your side has never been more important.

In the world of real estate, consulting with an expert prior to making a home buying decision can help from having extreme buyer's remorse. A REAL Trends 2018 Consumer Study reported that 90 percent of buyers and sellers used a real estate agent during the first half of 2018. This study consisted of home buyers of all ages including millennials (91 percent used agents), Gen X-ers (94 percent used agents), and 55 and over (81 percent used agents).

Over the years, a number of technology brokerages have claimed that they can replace real estate agents, yet consumers still trend towards using an agent. Not all answers can be found through online research, and purchasing or selling a home is an extremely important financial decision. Utilizing the experience of an agent is critically important to understanding the local market, having help with negotiations, and providing assistance with the overall detailed process.

With a similar evolution happening in retail, we talked with local expert and retail mogul Nick

LeMasters, General Manager of the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, to see how technology has impacted the retail space. "At the end of the day when you make a purchase, you want to buy from people you trust. It's hard to trust a machine," LeMasters says.

LeMasters has been in the retail industry for over 30 years, and has led the Cherry Creek Shopping Center since 1996. The shopping center has consistently remained a tourist attraction and well-known shopping destination for locals. The secret to continued success? LeMasters states that the willingness to evolve is what keeps the shopping center successful long-term, along with paying attention to what customers are asking for. LeMasters also believes that technology is important, when it makes sense.

"Anyone who doesn't embrace technology is going to be left behind. We should see it as an amenity, an add-on – not be threatened by it."

LeMasters does believe that some interactions will be replaced by technology, with an example being some of Amazon's offerings for online commodities. As another example, grocery stores may implement some further automatic options – King Soopers is currently offering a "Scan, Bag, Go" option in some of the locations where you can scan your groceries while you shop and check out without having to wait in line. The difference? Buying groceries is not the same as buying a great dress, suit, shoes, jewelry, etc.

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- Nick LeMasters, General Manager,
Cherry Creek Shopping Center

Pictured:
Cherry Creek Shopping Center then and now.

"But at the core, our success is all about great retail and the experience," LeMasters shares. In addition to that, there have been significant investments into the mall including a renovation and introducing a mix of exhibits and entertainment.

Today, the Cherry Creek Shopping Center stands stronger than ever with over 160 shops and the newest shift, stores that started as online only. Examples of these include an Amazon kiosk, Fabletics, Casper, Peloton, and the newest addition – Warby Parker. While the availability of shopping online may seem like a reason for caution in expansion, LeMasters says he views technology as no competition whatsoever.

"There's a place for both of us. I would argue that we are in the golden age of retail, think of all the options that consumers have now. Technology allows customers to research, but the in-person interaction is the key to walking away with confidence. I want to know someone is guiding me through the process. I don't think the internet can do that," LeMasters adds.

"Whether someone is shopping for an engagement ring, a Louis Vuitton bag they've been saving for, or a pair of shoes – these are emotional purchases that you want to get right. People trust our brand and they know what the outcome will be when they shop at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center."

Real estate is trending in the same direction as retail, that technology offers a multitude of options for consumers, but the preference is still to have a personal interaction during the purchasing process. The 90 percent consumer rate of using agents reported from the REAL Trends 2018 Consumer Study impressively is the highest since the study was first produced 17 years ago. This 17-year high means that consumers are more than ever utilizing the advantages of human expertise, even with the recent advances of real estate technology.

LIV Sotheby's International Realty shares the same mindset regarding the importance of embracing technology in combination with personal connections when selling your home or making a purchasing decision – especially one that lasts a lifetime. Providing innovative technology solutions such as augmented reality and virtual staging allows for LIV Sotheby's International Realty agents to add enhanced solutions to their clients. In addition, consulting with a qualified, local real estate advisor provides confidence and trust.

Navigating through purchasing or selling a home can be extremely complicated with the variety of possible complications including the mortgage lending process, finding school districts, uncovering environmental issues, staging opportunities, relocation – the list goes on. Online research grants answers to some of this information, but consulting with an expert in addition to online research yields a complete, efficient and transparent interaction.

All in all, technology and in-person experiences should complement each other and provide the best of both worlds regarding any type of purchase. A distinct advantage we have at our fingertips, combined with the sincerity, assurance and interaction of an advisor, is a recipe for 100% satisfaction.

LIV Sotheby's International Realty is the leader in Colorado real estate. For more information, contact Kelli Williams, director of public relations, at 303.486.3738 or visit LIVSothebysRealty.com.



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10 Essential Colorado Festivals

Get ready for some fun this Spring, as a host of don't-miss festivals kick off the season. Here is a rundown of some tried-and-true events that will guarantee a great time!

by **Jamie Siebrase**

Taste of Vail

Set against dramatic high-country vistas -- with ample offerings from Vail Valley's world-class restaurants and libations from 50 of the country's top wineries -- Taste of Vail is *the* food and wine event of the year — period. Ticket prices vary by event.

tasteofvail.com.

When: Wednesday, April 3, through Saturday, April 6

Where: Vail Village, Vail

Durango Bluegrass Meltdown

The 25th Annual Durango Bluegrass Meltdown is how music aficionados celebrate spring on the western slope, with bluegrass galore from artists nationwide, including Junior Sisk and Friends, The Larry Keel Experience, Richie and Rosie, FY5, Steam Machine and more. Fans are encouraged to bring their instruments for impromptu jam sessions around town. One- and two-day passes range from \$50 to \$110.

durangomeltdown.com.

When: Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April 14

Where: Henry Strater Theater, 699 Main Avenue, Durango

Taste of Pearl

Gearing up for its 10th anniversary, Taste of Pearl pairs 15 Boulder restaurants with 15 Colorado wineries and distilleries for a can't-miss foodie event on the Front Range. Tickets start at \$65 for general admission.

tasteofpearl.com

When: Sunday, April 28

Where: Pearl Street Mall, Boulder

Cinco de Mayo

A yearly celebration of freedom and culture, Cinco de Mayo Denver is one of the largest Cinco de Mayo festivals in Colorado, with a dynamic lineup of offerings ranging from traditional music and dance to mouthwatering green chili and a community parade. Admission is free.

cincodemayodenver.com.

When: Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5

Where: Civic Center Park, 101 West 14th Avenue, Denver



Bacon and Beer Classic

Guests experience bacon and beer like never before when local chefs serve up bacon-inspired dishes to accompany more than 100 creative craft beers from regional breweries. Need we say more? Tickets range from \$69 to \$125 for the VIP treatment.

baconandbeerclassic.com.

When: Saturday, May 11

Where: Broncos Stadium at Mile High, 1701 Bryant Street, Denver

Five Points Jazz Festival

For nearly two decades, The Five Points Jazz Festival has celebrated the history of Denver's Five Points neighborhood, once considered the best place to hear live jazz between St. Louis and San Francisco. Enjoy live music and unparalleled food while honoring the area's rich culture. Admission is free.

artsandvenuesdenver.com/events-programs/five-points-jazz-festival.

When: Saturday, May 18

Where: Five Points, 2762 Welton Street, Denver



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WAVE

Art lovers delight in WAVE, the one-of-a-kind festival transforming Breckenridge's river, bridges and waterfront areas into canvases and exhibition spaces packed with interactive artwork curated around the themes of light, water and sound. Keep an eye out for pop-up performances, artist talks, workshops and more.

breckcreate.org/wave.

When: Thursday, May 30, through Sunday, June 2

Where: Blue River Plaza, 137 South Main Street, Breckenridge

Mountainfilm

Founded in 1979, Mountainfilm is Telluride's annual documentary film festival, showcasing the best nonfiction stories about environmental, cultural, climbing, political and social justice issues. The four-day experience includes interactive talks, free community events, a gallery walk and outdoor programming. All-access passes are \$385, with discounted student and teacher pricing available.

mountainfilm.org.

When: Friday, May 24, through Monday, May 27

Where: Telluride, Colorado

Chalk Art Festival

Every June, more than 200 professional and amateur artists spend dozens of hours on their hands and knees, turning Denver's oldest, most historic block into a massive outdoor museum at the Denver Chalk Art Festival. Easily one of the city's most beloved events, this two-day street painting party is one of those things you just have to see with your own eyes! Admission is free.

larimerarts.org.

When: Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2

Where: Larimer Square, 1430 Larimer Street, Denver

Denver Pridefest

Packed with live entertainment on three stages, more than 250 exhibitors and an array of food and beverage vendors – as well as the Coors Light Denver Pride Parade and the Pride 5K race – Denver PrideFest is the largest celebration of LGBTQ community, heritage and culture in the Rockies. Don't miss 2019's annual art installation from Denver-based artist Lonnie Hanzon. Admission is free.

denverpride.org.

When: Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16

Where: Civic Center Park, 101 West 14th Avenue, Denver

RenaissanceMan

The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci on Display
at Denver Museum of Nature & Science





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The brilliance of Leonardo da Vinci is revealed in a stunning exhibit, *Leonardo da Vinci: 500 Years of Genius*. The fascinating experience, housed at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, features nearly 70 of the great inventor's machines, built using detailed concepts from his famous codices, including a helicopter, airplane, automobile, submarine and military tank.

On display is the exclusive "The Secrets of Mona Lisa," an analysis of the iconic painting conducted at the Louvre by scientific engineer and photographer Pascal Cotte.

A particular highlight is the Grande Exhibitions' SENSORY4 technology, a multisensory cinematic experience of Leonardo's work.

The exhibit represents a collaboration between Grande Exhibitions of Australia and the Museo Leonardo da Vinci in Rome, as well as experts from Italy and France, who used Leonardo's detailed drawings and notes to build his machine inventions. Some are scaled down, some are life-sized, and others are oversized.

To construct parts of the exhibit, artisans "had to learn an old Florentine dialect, interpret Leonardo's shorthand and mirror writing, and analyze his intricate drawings, sometimes laboring through page upon page of drawings of the same invention as Leonardo strove for perfection," according to Grande Exhibitions. "They have scoured 6,000 pages of notes to decipher the 'patents' Leonardo put in his work – deliberate mistakes, misleading information, and scattered ideas." The result is nearly 70 machine inventions that were brought to life using the materials and techniques of 15th Century Italy, some with mechanisms that visitors can actually try out.

The exhibit runs through August 25, 2019. For tickets call 303.370.6000 or go to dmns.org/leonardo-da-vinci-500-years-of-genius
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Start Making Sense!

Also opening this month at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science is a playful new exhibition, "Our Senses: Creating Your Reality."

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The exhibit runs April 12-August 4. For more information visit dmns.org/senses

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Jamie Siebrase, writer

I always love **Vital Root** for a healthy happy hour! Creative cocktails, and pretty good food deals.

Vital Root, Highlands

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Monica Stockbridge, writer

I love the \$6 negroni at **Tavernetta**, \$1 oysters at **Angelo's Taverna** and discounted draft beers at **Esters Neighborhood Pub**.

Tavernetta, Downtown

Low Down:

Daily, 3–6 p.m.

\$7 select wine, \$6 Negroni

Small plates, salty snacks, specialty meats & cheese

Eric Elkins, writer

I love the “shift change” happy hour on weekend afternoons at **Bar Dough**. Nothing like spending a gorgeous spring Sunday funday on their patio drinking Aperol spritzes and eating Margherita pizzas.

Bar Dough, Highlands

Low Down:

Daily, 3–5:30 p.m.

Bar Dough lager \$4, house wine \$6, Spritzes \$7

Bar Dough punch \$7, Bellini \$7 or bottomless \$14

Kitchen specials happy hour menu including margherita pizza \$6

Tamara Boyd, advertising director

Narrative for their irresistible, happy hour menu, so yummy you'll want to order it all. Favorites are Caesar salad deviled eggs, carne asada steak tacos and sriracha lime popcorn. The cocktail menu is great and the wine offerings are top notch.

Narrative, Cherry Creek

Low Down:

Mon–Fri, 2–6 p.m.

Craft cocktails \$8, half price wine by the glass, draft beer \$4

Small plates, snack and dips

Ellen Gray, editor

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By **Monica Parpal Stockbridge**

It can be tough to fit health and wellness into each day, let alone when you're traveling. Whether you travel for a living or work from a traditional office, there's a reason they call it "the daily grind." Sitting at a desk, in a car or on an airplane for long hours can be tough on the body and mind, and that mental and physical stress can build up over time.

Wellness means different things to different people. For some, it's a week of guided yoga in a secluded cabin. Others need a full-body massage to fully unwind. Still others find that simple deep-breathing exercises and a walk around the block can do wonders for wellness in body and mind.

Yet, if you have the opportunity to go all out on your own well-being, we fully encourage it. That's why we've rounded up five top-of-the-line wellness experiences, from CBD-infused massage in Boulder to a horse-and-yoga retreat near Steamboat Springs. So relax, take a breath, and prepare for ultimate wellness.





Colorado Bliss CBD Treatments

St Julien Hotel and Spa (900 Walnut Street, Boulder)

There's something about St Julien's location right off Boulder Creek that automatically feels like a step back from the daily grind. While the hotel will be launching a full wellness package later this year, guests can take advantage of their new line of CBD spa treatments any time for high-altitude healing. Choose a classic or deep tissue Colorado Bliss CBD massage to ease tension with CBD-infused oils and lotions, or spring for the Ultimate Colorado Bliss Experience with full-body exfoliation, scalp massage, CBD-infused massage oil and complimentary CBD tea. Stay for dinner at Jill's, where culinary director Laurent Mechin prepares French classics and plenty of vegetarian and vegan dishes from local, seasonal ingredients. CBD treatments start at \$160. www.stjulien.com



Mindfulness Retreats

Strata Integrated Wellness Spa (3314 Mesa Road, Colorado Springs)

The gods will be smiling on you during your experience at Strata Integrated Wellness Spa at Garden of the Gods Resort and Club. This recently reimagined spa destination incorporates medical treatments, holistic healing, body assessments, massages, facials and more. There's an entire staff of physicians, therapists and nutritionists to guide you on your journey to wellness, whether that includes acupuncture, cooking classes or mindfulness coaching. Consider booking a luxury getaway in one of the brand-new cottages or casitas, which offer privacy and quietude overlooking Pikes Peak and the red stone monuments of Garden of the Gods. For one-day opportunities, keep an eye out for three-hour, indepth Day of Mindfulness retreats focused on guided meditation techniques at \$75 per participant. <https://Strataiws.com>



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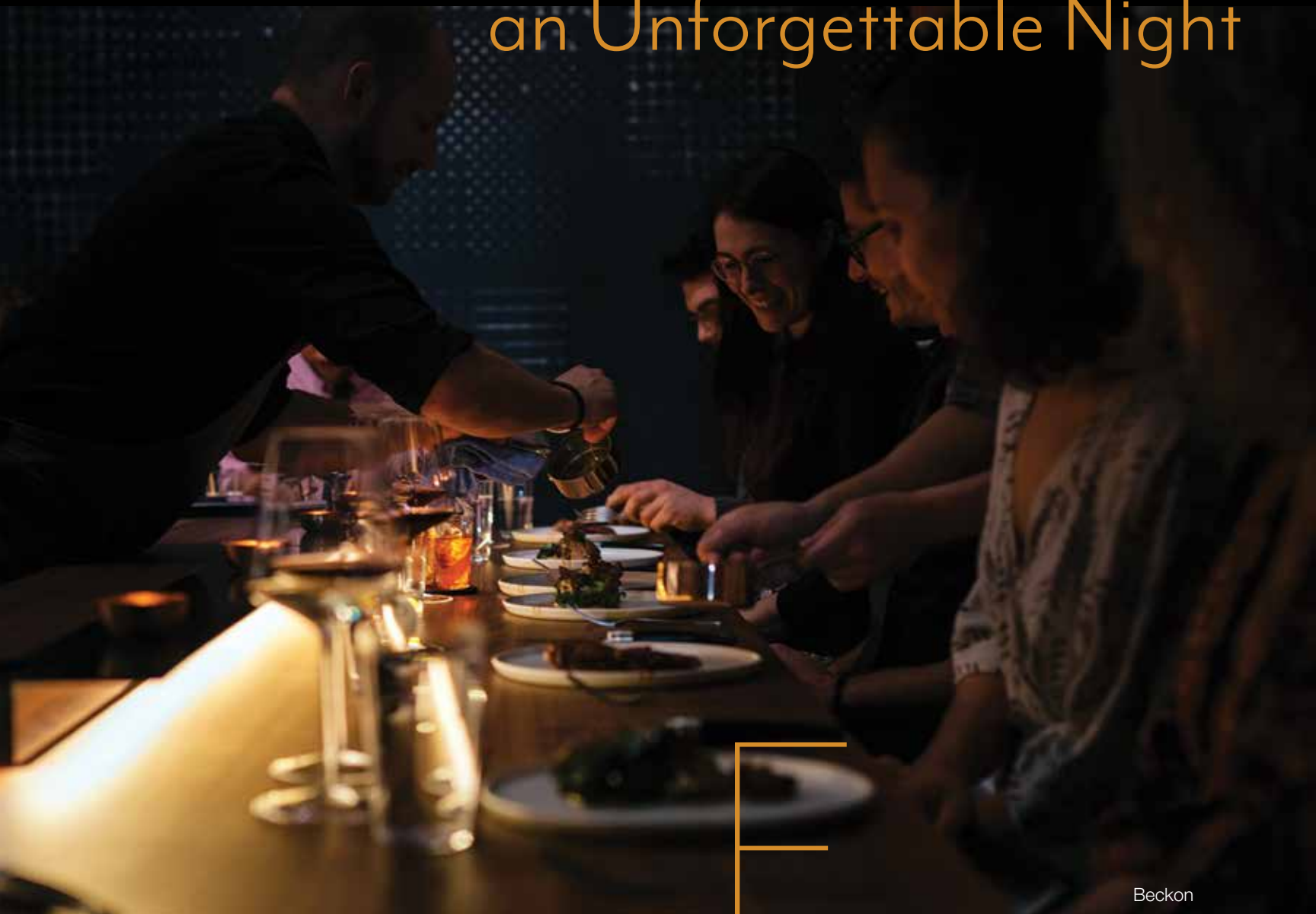
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Chef-driven Delights for an Unforgettable Night



Beckon

A look at elite dining experiences in Colorado

By **Eric Elkins**

Eating in Colorado is a traveler's treat, with a wide range of restaurants, pop-ups, bars serving tasty bites, food halls, and even quick-service spots focusing on locally sourced menu items and creative concoctions. You can spend \$10 on a bowl of pho that you'll still be thinking about weeks later, less than \$50 on a delicious array of small plates and a cocktail, or a hundred bucks on a full-on dinner for two, wine included.

But sometimes you just want to splurge. Whether it's a special occasion, the rare date night, a vacation in a new city, or just a creative way to spend your tax refund, many Colorado restaurants offer the kind of dining that costs a little (or a lot) more and is worth every penny in quality and full-on experience.



Beckon

Courtside Seating

Spending an evening at the chef's table in a fine restaurant can be so much more than just watching someone hustle to make your food. It can be an intimate look into the inner workings of a kitchen, the chance to see how much effort and care goes into every dish, and a rare opportunity to chat with the passionate people behind the scenes.

The chef's table at **Frasca Food and Wine** is plunked down right inside the famous Boulder kitchen, tucked just out of the way of the servers zipping in and out, close enough to hear the orders called and received and to watch as the team seems to effortlessly serve up some of the best food in the nation. You might chat with co-owner and James Beard award-winning Master Sommelier Bobby Stuckey about your choice of wines, or maybe one of the executive chefs will stop by to share the inspiration for the pasta dish he or she just put in front of you. Frasca's "Quattro Piatti" menu is a four-course prix-fixe wonder, but you'll want to add in an appetizer or two and pair it all from the vast Italian wine list. The chef's table experience is intimate, exclusive, and unforgettable.

The entire restaurant is a chef's counter at **Beckon** in the RiNo Art District of Denver. With only 18 seats in the whole place, formed in a U-shape around the open preparation area, you'll want to purchase your tickets the moment they're released at the beginning of each month. The multi-course tasting menu, largely influenced by Scandinavian flavors, changes based on seasonal ingredients available. You'll never have the exact same meal twice. Opt for the wine pairing, but be sure to try one of their inventive and well-balanced cocktails before the first dish arrives. Each small plate builds on the previous one, meticulously formulated for a magical mix of flavors.

For super-intimate dining, visit **The Bindery's** website to enter the lottery for a spot at their chef's table, which has a mere four seats available, right in the middle of the open kitchen, one night per week. The all-inclusive, seven-course tasting menu with wine pairings is curated specifically for the evening, with award-winning chef Linda Hampsten Fox (see page 43 for more) and her team each presenting a unique dish. Each chef brings a different approach to the table, including the uber-talented pastry crew. Entries are selected at random, and winners are notified two weeks before the dinner for confirmation.



Frasca Food and Wine



Urban Farmer



Put a Steak In It

When it comes to beef, Colorado's steakhouses are unparalleled. Our meat mavens know their craft, and you can find a perfectly prepared steak on just about every menu in Denver, in the mountains, and even on the plains. But if you're looking for the true carnivore's experience, several restaurants offer tastings that show off the differences between aging, cuts, feed, and more.

At **Urban Farmer** in downtown Denver, the menu developed by Chef Chris Starkus is so local, some of the ingredients come from right there in the restaurant. Urban Farmer grows their own mushrooms (be sure to order the tableside sauté), sources honey from the hives on the roof of the building, and uses produce from the chef's own farm south of Denver. You won't want to miss out on the dry-aged foie gras torchon, but the star of the menu is the New York Steak Tasting, which features 6-oz. slabs of sliced beef — grass-fed, grain-finished, 21-day dry aged, and 7x Colorado wagyu — to try side by side. Really want to elevate the experience? The sommelier will pair each type of steak with a different red wine for you to sip between bites. If all the meat and mushrooms aren't decadent enough, Urban Farmer's desserts (including honeycomb from upstairs brought down to scoop out in front of you) are absurdly delicious.



Frasca Food and Wine

Citizen Rail's location on the first floor of Kimpton's Hotel Born at Union Station allows for a different kind of steak-centered celebration. Their "Taste of the Born" experience includes a night at the hotel, where the plush rooms offer views of Denver in all directions and an introduction to the restaurant's dry aging room from Chef Christian Graves himself. You'll want to sit at the chef's counter so you can watch the line at work in front of the wood-fired grill while you eat your three-course meal, which includes a side-by-side tasting of dry-aged vs. unaged New York steak. Be sure to order the Plunder Road cocktail, with the perfect balance of mezcal, clarified milk, chartreuse, and cantaloupe. It's an unexpected delight. After dinner, cozy up in your room upstairs, or hop across the way to **Tavernetta** or the **Cooper Lounge** for a nightcap.

Eating beef at **Corrida** is a totally different situation. This Spanish steakhouse in Boulder is all about variety. From Colorado wagyu to a 45-day dry-aged angus tomahawk to Miyazaki eye of ribeye, you'll get the meat sweats just looking at the menu. But don't forget to go beyond the beef and try Basque-inspired dishes like a salt cod brandade or the oysters with gazpacho gelée. Maybe start with their cured meats and Spanish cheeses while you await the gin-and-tonic cart, and ask the tender to make recommendations on which tonic water will go best with the gin of your choice. If the weather is lovely, sit on the balcony and enjoy one of the most dramatic rooftop views in the city.



Citizen Rail's



Jack Atfield

Game Creek Restaurant



Flagstaff House

Dinner and a Show

Sure, sure, a fancy dinner is special, but sometimes you want the whole evening to be a study in spectacle.

At **Nocturne**, a jazz restaurant and club in Denver, you can dine while enjoying the stylings of whichever brilliant band is playing on the stage. Order dish by dish, or surrender to the “Renditions” tasting menu, a five-course journey inspired by an iconic jazz album.

As co-owner Nicole Mattson puts it, “The chef and culinary team listen to the album and research the importance of each song for inspiration to create a dish. Sometimes the rhythms of the drums remind the chef of the sound of the whisk in a bowl or sometimes the location of where the song was written inspires a regional flavor to be incorporated into the dish.”

If you’re fortunate enough to get a reservation on the evening of the new menu launch (which happens every two to three months), a band plays each song from the album while the dishes are delivered to the tables. The sommelier explains the wine pairings and the chef shares his inspiration for each plate.

“It’s an exclusive one-night event that is part Ted-Talk, part Chef’s table, part concert,” says Mattson. The tasting menu is available for a few weeks after the launch.

If you’re up in the mountains, you may be interested in another kind of show. Getting up to **Game Creek Restaurant** in the back bowls of Vail Mountain is a special experience in its own right. Start off on the Lionshead Eagle Bahn Gondola (cozy blankets provided for the chilly trip up), and then, depending on the season, ride a snowcat or a four-wheel drive shuttle to the lodge. The place has a classic Tyrolean feel, but the food is anything but stuffy. Choose between the four-course menu or five-course sequenced chef’s table experience. And then ride back down full of food and smiles.

Beano’s Cabin up at the top of Beaver Creek is the more rustic sister restaurant, and you get there via an open-air sleigh ride in the winter. The five-course menu is full of Colorado favorites, like striped bass and roasted venison.

If food with a view is your kind of thing, make your way up to the world-famous **Flagstaff House**, founded back in 1971. The epic indoor and outdoor dining area overlooking the city of Boulder has breathtaking views that deepen and change as the sun goes down behind the mountains. But the Flagstaff House is more than a pretty spot — the menu, wine pairings, and service are as elevated as the restaurant. The multicourse chef’s tasting offers plate after plate of balanced perfection, from an oyster amuse bouche to venison tenderloin. The restaurant earned its *Forbes Travel Guide* Four Star status for the 41st year in a row, and it shows. Be sure to order the flaming s’mores decadence for dessert. You won’t be disappointed.

Chef's Choice

Speaking of letting the chef do the curating, you may be surprised to find out that Colorado is home to fresh and delicious sushi and other Japanese dishes. And when you really want to enjoy the best a sushi restaurant has to offer, omakase (chef's choice), is always the way to go.

Nobu **Matsuhisa's** namesake restaurants in Denver, Vail, and Aspen offer an omakase that includes way more than a few bites of fresh fish. You'll start off with the raw goodness of three signature delights — maybe it'll be fatty tuna tartare with white sturgeon caviar on top, followed by lightly seasoned slices of sashimi, and then a three-nigiri sampler, with a cold, fresh salad variation after that. From there, you'll dive into two main dishes, like their umami-cured seabass and a perfectly cooked lamb lollipop (a personal favorite). A soup course (emulsified foie miso soup, anyone?) and a delicate dessert dish finish you off for real.

For an exclusive chef's choice experience over in LoHi, look into the "Segretto Room" at **Bar Dough**. This secret space fits up to 10 guests and includes a "chef-curated" dining experience, with wine or cocktail pairings to match the meal. If you're a fan of Chef Carrie Baird, who was in the final four on Top Chef and a fan favorite (see page 40 for more about Carrie), you'll want to reserve this space so she and her team can put together an unforgettable meal for you and your closest friends.

For one of the most fresh and mind-blowing chef's tasting menus you find anywhere, visit **Black Cat** in Boulder. With the majority of its ingredients sourced from Chef Eric Skokan's own certified organic and biodynamic 130-acre Black Cat Farm just outside the city, the menu changes constantly. This isn't one of those tasting menus where you'll still be hungry for a cheeseburger at the end of the evening. Each wholesome and hearty dish builds on the one before it, with seasonal flavors masterfully layered one on top of the other. Choose the premium wine pairing if you're up for tasting a range of unique and whimsical varietals the sommelier selects specifically for each dish, working closely with the kitchen team for the perfect match or counterpoint. Black Cat's cozy and intimate space, with its sofa booths and homey throw pillows is warm and inviting. Be sure to check their website for special farm dinners in the spring and summer!

Whether you're looking for the finest steak dinner, an intimate or private dining experience, or just an all-around special evening out, Colorado's chefs are ready to treat you to something truly memorable and delicious.



Matsuhisa



Black Cat

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Masterpiece Deli

Big Bites on a Budget

Eating well
doesn't have to
break the bank

By **Eric Elkins**

Sometimes the best dish you'll have when traveling is the one for which you paid the least amount of cash. It might come from a street food vendor who just happens to be open at the moment you pass by, or a tiny local restaurant right next to your hotel. Or it's 2 a.m. and you've just left your third bar, and you're looking for something delicious to soak up that last cocktail before you head back to the hotel. These spots might be inexpensive, but the ingredients are fresh, probably locally sourced, and you won't be hungry when you're done.

The Go-To

From quick-serve to a seated dinner, Colorado's Mexican restaurants are where you can fill up on hearty comfort food for just a few bucks. One quick rundown couldn't do justice to the number of spots where you can indulge in the perfect carne asada (ask any local and you'll get a different answer), but these are a few local faves:

El Corazon — This downtown stalwart has served many a famished family over the years. Their mole is particularly special.

El Taco de Mexico — Family-owned like many on this list, and an essential stop when visiting the galleries of the Santa Fe Arts District.

Little Anita's — A regional chain, arguably best-known for their breakfast burrito.

Los Carboncito's — People will drive out of their way for the lengua.

Mexico City Lounge — Tacos, tacos, tacos!

Torta Grill — The fresh bread and hot and melty insides make these tortas unforgettable.

Quick and Messy

Sometimes, you just need a slab o' meat between slices of bread to get you through. These spots have that and more.

Ballpark Vienna Beef — The perfect stop on your way to or from a Colorado Rockies game at Coors Field. Grab the Chicago Dog + Italian Beef special for heart-stopping goodness.

Biker Jim's Gourmet Dogs — Surprise yourself with a rattlesnake & pheasant dog or Alaskan reindeer, or just go for the Angus all-beef. Whatever you do, order crispy onions on top.

Crown Burger — Believe it or not, you can get four BLTs or perfectly greasy burgers for just \$10.

Illegal Pete's — Legendary, enormous burritos nearly bursting with fresh ingredients, open all day and late into the night.

Masterpiece Deli — A LoHi sandwich staple from master chef Justin Brunson. Sure, you could go with the healthy and delicious seared tuna on an English muffin, but the Reuben special is the real winner.

Fast and Healthy

Sometimes you crave a nutritious, still-delicious, and inexpensive meal, but need more than a salad to get you through.

Biju's Little Curry Shop — Inspired by southern Indian cuisine, with scratch-made dishes that'll warm your soul. Order some chili lime tots to go with your curry bowl.

Kokoro — Japanese fast food couldn't be more delicious. Try the beef curry, opt for "sobaghetti" or tempura udon, or just fill up on tasty gyoza. This family-friendly restaurant has been serving up healthy bowls of happiness in Denver for more than 30 years.

Ohana Kitchen — The OG of poke spots in Denver, this little oasis of Hawaiian delight is not to be missed.

Maria Empanada — When owner Lorena Cantarovici started baking out of her garage, she probably had no idea her pockets of Argentinian goodness would become a Denver institution. Now she has five locations and more on the way.

Sit, Stay

A sit-down meal doesn't have to max out your credit card. But it might just fill your belly.

20th Street Café — The classic downtown fixture isn't fancy in the least, but that doesn't mean you should skip out on their breakfast fried rice.

Bonnie Brae Tavern — Founded in 1934, this neighborhood spot is probably best-known for Mike's Cheeseburger Pizza, with ground beef, mozzarella (or American cheese), pickles, and onions.

Dead Battery Club — Enjoy affordable cocktails and a range of fresh baked buns while you kick back in this stylish little spot.

Interstate Kitchen and Bar — Settle in for one of the best burgers (Angus or vegan!), or their eight-hour roast beef sandwich with horseradish cream. Don't miss the best French fries in Denver.

Right to your Door

Sometimes, you just want to eat in the comfort of your pjs, and have hot food other than pizza delivered when you want it, pants optional.

Boney's BBQ — Get extra saucy, knowing you can jump right in the shower once you've put away all the brisket and burnt ends!

Daikon — Order yourself a fresh and fabulous banh mi sandwich on a fresh baguette.

Melita's Greek Café — Old school charm and gyros for all!

Peter's Chinese — Small and mighty, this place has the best scallion pancakes and perfect sesame chicken. Peter himself may be the one to answer the phone when you call and order.

Shish Kabob Grill — Located just on the edge of downtown, with big platters of Middle Eastern comfort food. Don't forget to order extra hummus.

Hot Noods

Just need an inexpensive bowl of carb comfort? They're easy to find all over Denver.

Menya — Whether you visit the noodle bar on the 16th Street Mall or their ramen and poke spot a quick walk over the Millennium Bridge, you'll be quite sated by the outcome.

Sakura House — A classic Japanese noodle house in Sakura Square, which is our own mini Japantown.

What the Pho — Easy downtown access to hot bowls with lots of broth and noodles.

Zoe Ma Ma — Union Station's quick-serve Chinese spot serves up a duck noodle wonton soup on Fridays and Saturdays, and their noodle soups are everything.



Biju's Little Curry Shop



Dead Battery Club



Zoe Ma Ma



Brass Tacks



My Brother's Bar

Bar Food and Late Night

Just finished a fun night at the theatre or live music downtown? Get fed until the wee hours so you don't wake up hungry *and* hungover.

Brass Tacks — Not only does this friendly bar serve Vietnamese-inspired family-style grub (Viet-Cajun Shrimp Boil, anyone?), but their baba ganoush and burgers are quality.

Denver Ted's — Nothing like a late-night cheesesteak to set you up for a good sleep.

Famous Original J's Pizza — Josh Pollack, the genie behind Rosenberg's Bagels & Delicatessen opened this New York-style haven at the back of the 715 Club in Five Points. Slices so fresh, thin, and hot, you can fold them in half.

My Brother's Bar — The oldest bar in Denver was a regular hangout for Neal Cassady and the Beat Generation. Get yourself a Jalapeño Cream Cheese Burger (JCB) and a fries and rings combo to share until way late.

Pony Up — If you're downtown and all you crave is a French dip sandwich, stop here and select from a menu full of variations, and order a cocktail from some of the sweetest bartenders in the city.

Sputnik — An old-school bar with unexpected dishes and a killer vegan menu. This is where you go after a night of live music along South Broadway, or when you want a PBR and something tasty for lunch.

There — The kitchen is open late and the steamed buns are delicious.

Mountain Moneysavers

A stop for food on the way to the resorts (or a break from the fancy) doesn't have to empty your wallet if you know where to look.

Moe's Original Bar B Que — Delicious and affordable at any of their locations, but the one in Vail is right near the gondola at Lionshead, which means a beer and brisket are close at hand.

Local Joe's Pizza — Another Vail go-to. Nothing too fancy here, just kick-ass pies served late (and even delivered!).

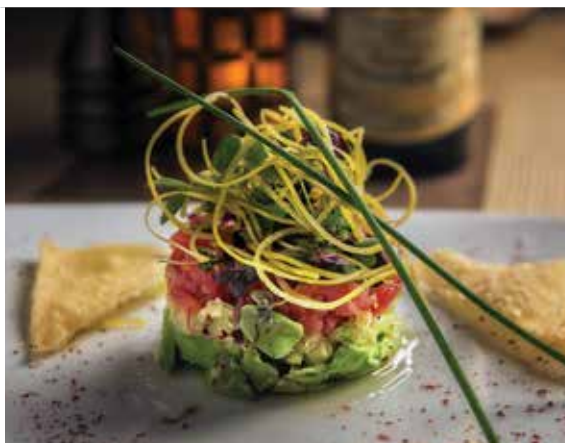
Loaded Joe's — Avon's secret weapon just down the way from Beaver Creek serves up lamb and eggs for breakfast and live music for dinner.

Blue Coyote — You'll want to "Gnar to the 'yote" for margs and tacos after a day on the mountain. Right in Beaver Creek.

Fatbelly Burgers — Stop by this Carbondale gem on the way to Aspen for grass-fed goodness that's locally sourced and always on point.



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Chefs to watch

The Colorado chefs
you need to know right now

by **Monica Parpal Stockbridge**

Many chefs and diners agree that Denver is experiencing something of a renaissance. More and more, our locally owned and operated restaurants are scooping up critical acclaim and national accolades. The scene is hot right now, and we all want a bite.

Of course, there are many humble hands behind the food we enjoy. While some of these chefs have earned household name recognition over the years, others are just starting to bring their presence to the table in Colorado.

For this story, we considered the chefs in Denver who are currently making the biggest impact on the culinary scene. The names that came to us first — Caroline, Dana, Carrie, Linda — all happened to belong to chefs who were female. We decided to make that the theme for this piece. And since we're going to press during Women's History Month, it just feels right.

It's important to note, though, that these chefs are *chefs* first — not just *women chefs*, but trained, talented and tenacious professionals whose presence in the Colorado dining scene is not only qualified but compelling. These chefs are leading Colorado's culinary evolution. In short, they're the ones to watch.



Rachel Adams

Jennifer Jasinski



Carrie Baird

Perhaps the best-known name in the context of Colorado cuisine is **Jennifer Jasinski**, proprietor of five restaurants, a James Beard Foundation award recipient and bearer of the well-deserved reputation as “the god-mother” of Denver dining. Her first restaurant, Rioja, has been a pillar of Larimer Square since 2005, and the precursor to sister restaurants Bistro Vendôme, Euclid Hall, Stoic & Genuine and Ulteira. Her restaurants attract tourists and locals alike to Denver’s most iconic downtown destinations for high-quality Mediterranean food, French bistro fare, hearty poutine, impossibly fresh seafood and award-winning burgers.

As Jasinski built her career, aspiring young chefs also found their way into her kitchens. In addition to her own accolades, Jasinski finds immense reward in helping others achieve success. “I love teaching people and I love surrounding myself with smart people,” Jasinski says. “Smart people eventually move on, so this seems natural. I will feel honored to have helped people find and achieve their dream in the culinary world.”

Another chef whose achievements have been top of mind lately is **Carrie Baird**, executive chef and partner at Bar Dough, and much-adored contestant on “Top Chef” season 15. Working alongside her restaurant group partners — including celebrated Denver chef, Max Mackissock — Baird oversees a menu of elevated Italian eats, including wood-fired pizzas and creative fresh pasta plus a brunch menu that includes five different fan-favorite Fancy Toasts. At Bar Dough, Baird works closely with senior sous chef Stefy DeVita and pastry chef Natalia Spampinato — two up-and-comers whose names you’ll want to remember. Baird’s top-notch team, affable nature and, of course, Fancy Toast, have helped land Bar Dough among Denver’s best restaurants ever since it opened.

Baird, who was born in Idaho and once had hopes of becoming a professional skier, came to Colorado to chase the powder in Summit County. She lived in Breckenridge for 12 years before earning her degree at Le Cordon Bleu in Portland, Oregon. She returned to Colorado and eventually found herself working under Jasinski, whom she considers a mentor and a friend, and who inspired her to mentor others. “That’s what I want my legacy to be,” Baird says, “that I turned out some amazing chefs.”

Jasinski had a similar influence on **Dana Rodriguez**, executive chef and owner of restaurants Work & Class and Super Mega Bien. Also a James Beard Award winner, Rodriguez never anticipated a career as a chef. “I had been a butcher with my dad since I grew up on a farm,” she says. “I never thought I’d be cooking at all.” While visiting Denver in 1988, Rodriguez applied for a role at the Hotel Monaco. She didn’t speak English at the time, but she was hired at Panzano, where she later worked with Jasinski. “Jen pushed me to do everything,” Rodriguez says. “Prepping, pizza, banquets, pastry department, everything.” Rodriguez eventually left Panzano to join Jasinski as the chef de cuisine at Rioja.

Today, Rodriguez owns and operates Work & Class and Super Mega Bien with partners Tony Maciag and Tabatha Knop, where the most important thing is taking care of their employees. More restaurants may be in the works, she says, and we can bet they’ll be serving plenty of quality meals, stiff drinks and heartfelt hospitality.

These are all familiar terms for **Elise Wiggins**. “Hospitality comes naturally to me because I’m a southern gal,” she says, although she’s lived in Denver long enough to feel like family. And that’s just how she treats her guests at Cattivella, which opened in 2017 in Stapleton. The lively Italian restaurant personifies Wiggins’ 30 years of collective front- and back-of-house restaurant experience — including 12 years as executive chef at Panzano — with a genuinely warm welcome and commitment to making a lasting connection with guests.

Wiggins shares her deep love of cooking through hand-made pasta, wood-fired pizzas and popular twice-monthly cooking classes. “I know how to break it down where it’s not intimidating,” she says, connecting with and nurturing new and repeat guests. “At the end of the class, these people are now part of my Cattivella family.”



Dana Rodriguez



Elise Wiggins





Caroline Glover

Not far from Cattivella, another chef makes a point to connect with guests from her open kitchen vantage point. “I talk to most guests who dine with us, and I love that,” says founder and chef **Caroline Glover** of Annette, an intimate yet airy restaurant tucked within Aurora’s Stanley Marketplace. In just two and a half years, Annette has been named one of the “50 Best New Restaurants in the Country” by *Bon Appetit* Magazine and was a 2018 James Beard Foundation award finalist. At press time, Glover had just been nominated again for Best Chef: Southwest.

Annette’s menu, while featuring popular staples like octopus patatas bravas and roasted whole fish, is “always evolving, changing with the seasons, changing to reflect the produce that local farmers are giving us, or changing to make sure the kitchen and the bar are cross-utilizing ingredients,” Glover explains. This type of approach is especially important to Glover, who went from working as a sous chef in New York to working on farms around the country before opening Annette just outside Denver. “Farming has made me much more aware of what it took to grow the food we cook with,” she says. “and much more determined to honor that effort as best I can.”

This spring, Annette will serve ramp and radish toast, asparagus and burrata salad, and milk-braised pork cheeks, among other seasonal dishes. But save room, Glover says, for the chamomile pot de creme with spring strawberries.

Sheila Lucero, the executive chef of Jax Fish House, harbors a similar dedication to food sourcing — only her supply comes from the ocean.

During her 21 years with Big Red F restaurant group, Lucero has been instrumental in designating Jax Fish House as the first restaurant in Colorado to be certified by the Monterey Bay Seafood Watch — the authority on respecting and maintaining sustainable fisheries. “It’s a lot of work to do that homework,” Lucero says, “But we’ve always been doing it, and it feels good to be aligned with them in our sustainability goals.”

Lucero graduated from the Art Institute of Colorado and started her career as a line cook while still in school. Today, she oversees four Jax Fish Houses in Colorado and one in Kansas City, as well as Denver's longstanding Lola Coastal Mexican. "I try to lead by example," she says. "I feel so fortunate that I'm doing what I love. All the crazy shifts and long hours glide by because I love what I'm doing." This fall, another Jax will splash into Denver International Airport. And as you order your fresh oysters and hamachi crudo, you'll be doing your part to contribute to oceanic sustainability.

Another chef on our list, **Linda Hampsten Fox**, is so devoted to sustainable living that she lists her water-efficient dishwasher on the back of her menu at The Bindery. "It became a high priority for me to go into the space with eyes on sustainability," she says. From the energy-efficient radiant floor heating system to the Moroccan tadilakt wall tiles, to the wall insulation made from recycled denim jeans, Hampsten Fox is walking the walk. She's even planning to start a pilot composting program which she hopes will eventually reach other Denver restaurants.

Hampsten Fox first visited Colorado at age 16 while on a road trip from her family home in New Jersey, and immediately felt at home in Colorado. Following deep interests in art and food, she spent years learning and teaching cooking in Europe and Mexico before coming back to Colorado, knowing it would be where she opened her first restaurant as soon as the time was right.

The timing, as it turned out, was perfect. The Bindery has earned readers' choice awards for restaurant of the year in *Eater* and *5280* magazine. The enormous space and open kitchen grant guests a chance to witness her spellbinding craft in motion at just about any time of day. Guests swoon over her handmade pastries and breakfast menu each morning, seasonal and thoughtfully prepared shared plates at happy hour, and exquisite dinners worth lingering over. "We're doing everything from scratch," she says. "We're making everything the way that I learned and love from my family, to my time abroad, to the places I've traveled."



Sheila Lucero



Linda Hampsten Fox



Mike Thirk

Kelly Jeun



Jeff Hunt



Kodi Simkins

Like Hampsten Fox, **Kelly Jeun** lived and worked in Italy until just recently when she and her partner Eduardo Valle Lobo were hired to run the kitchen as co-executive chefs at Frasca Food and Wine in Boulder. Consistently ranked among Colorado's finest restaurants, Frasca is one of the country's best expressions of Northern Italian food — specifically that of a region known as Friuli-Venezia Giulia.

Jeun dreamed of cooking professionally ever since watching Lidia Bastianich on PBS. "She has such natural ease when cooking, and she always showcased simplicity and authenticity about Italian food," Jeun recalls. Her dream came true when she had the opportunity to work as a culinary assistant on Bastianich's Emmy-award winning cooking program, and again when she was invited to open Bastianich's restaurant, Orsone, in Cividale del Friuli.

"Colorado is similar in some aspects to Friuli," she says. "There are some great restaurants in the area, and we have certainly met a lot of transplants from big cities, so I believe the appetite and appreciation for great food is out there." Truly, chefs like Jeun are raising the standard in Colorado.

Frasca has cultivated several noteworthy chefs over the years. Among them, **Kodi Simkins**, Frasca's former chef de cuisine. But her kitchen skills took hold at a young age. "I come from a family with great cooks," she says. "Our family gathers as much as possible and we always use food as the centerpiece."

Simkins attended culinary school and started her career at Fruition, where she worked her way up to a sous chef within three years. She credits Alex Seidel, Matt Vater and Franco Ruiz for "teaching [her] how to cook, push, love, learn and succeed." She later earned her role at Frasca Food and Wine. "My years at Frasca helped me fine tune everything," she says.

Today, Simkins is part of the culinary team at The Wolf's Tailor, a 50-seat restaurant pushing boundaries of food and flavor. Simkins suggests ordering a few items from each section — or better yet, putting your fate in her hands with the "Entrust" chefs tasting experience, which curates the best expression of that day's Italian- and Asian-influenced menu. "Restaurants get categorized but it's hard for us to be grouped with others," Simkins says. "I would rather make great food that I enjoy than to fit in a specific category."

Indeed, ambitious chefs like Simkins are hard to put in a box — not unlike pastry chef **Liliana Myers**, who sees her work as a combination of art and science. “We used to call it the Da Vinci effect in college,” she says. “A harmony of both science and art.”

Myers’ experience cooking in Michelin-starred restaurants in France and New York taught her resilience and empathy in the kitchen, as well as how to trust herself. “It was such a great experience to know that the only limits to what you can do are in your mind.”

Now at Safta (by James Beard award-winner Alon Shaya), Myers is excited to explore her own cultural heritage through Israeli recipes. For her, this involves less French butter and more olive, “which is a bit cleaner on the palate as well as more locally sustainable,” she explains. “Israel is such a diverse melting pot culture and at six months [at Safta] I think I am only beginning to scratch the surface.”

When you visit Safta — no doubt for the famous hummus and pita — be sure to try the *malabi*, an Israeli milk pudding which Myers will make with local rhubarb and orchid root this spring. She’s also working on a version of *krembo* — an Israeli cookie with marshmallow topping, and her favorite childhood treat — which will feature the flavors of pistachio, rose and Meyer lemon.

According to Carrie Baird, Jasinski once told her that when it comes to being a chef, “food is the easy part.” The rest — the long hours, the razor-thin margins, the challenge to build menus that will delight guests again and again — is what makes the industry so utterly demanding. But if we know anything about these chefs, they’re up for it. They’re made for it. Because wrapped tightly within that life is incredible growth, profound reward.

And as for us? You can bet that we’ll keep coming back for more.

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Liliana Myers



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Beautiful Waterfall Hikes of Colorado

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Bridal Veil Falls

There is nothing more wondrous than a springtime hike in Colorado. Unless of course, that lush and woody hike leads to one of Colorado's glorious waterfalls, which spill over a mountainside and cascade into a beautiful stream or lake. Here are some don't-miss trails that will lead you to one of these beautiful sites. Don't forget the camera!

South Mineral Creek Falls

Location: Near Durango and Silverton

Departing from the South Mineral Creek Campground, hikers will trace South Fork Mineral Creek on the way to these falls, which flow into an ethereal turquoise pool, with red and grey peaks standing sentinel in the distance.

Seven Falls

Location: Near Colorado Springs

Trek up 224 steps alongside the Seven Falls (or take the in-mountain elevator), which tumble 181 feet down the canyon in seven distinct segments. Nature trails and views of Colorado Springs and the sprawling Great Plains to the east add to the drama.

Bridal Veil Falls

Location: Near Telluride

Located 365 feet above the picturesque town of Telluride, which is nestled at the foot of a box canyon, the white spray of Colorado's tallest waterfall plummets to the canyon's depths, adding the final touch to a breathtaking scene.

Helen Hunt Falls

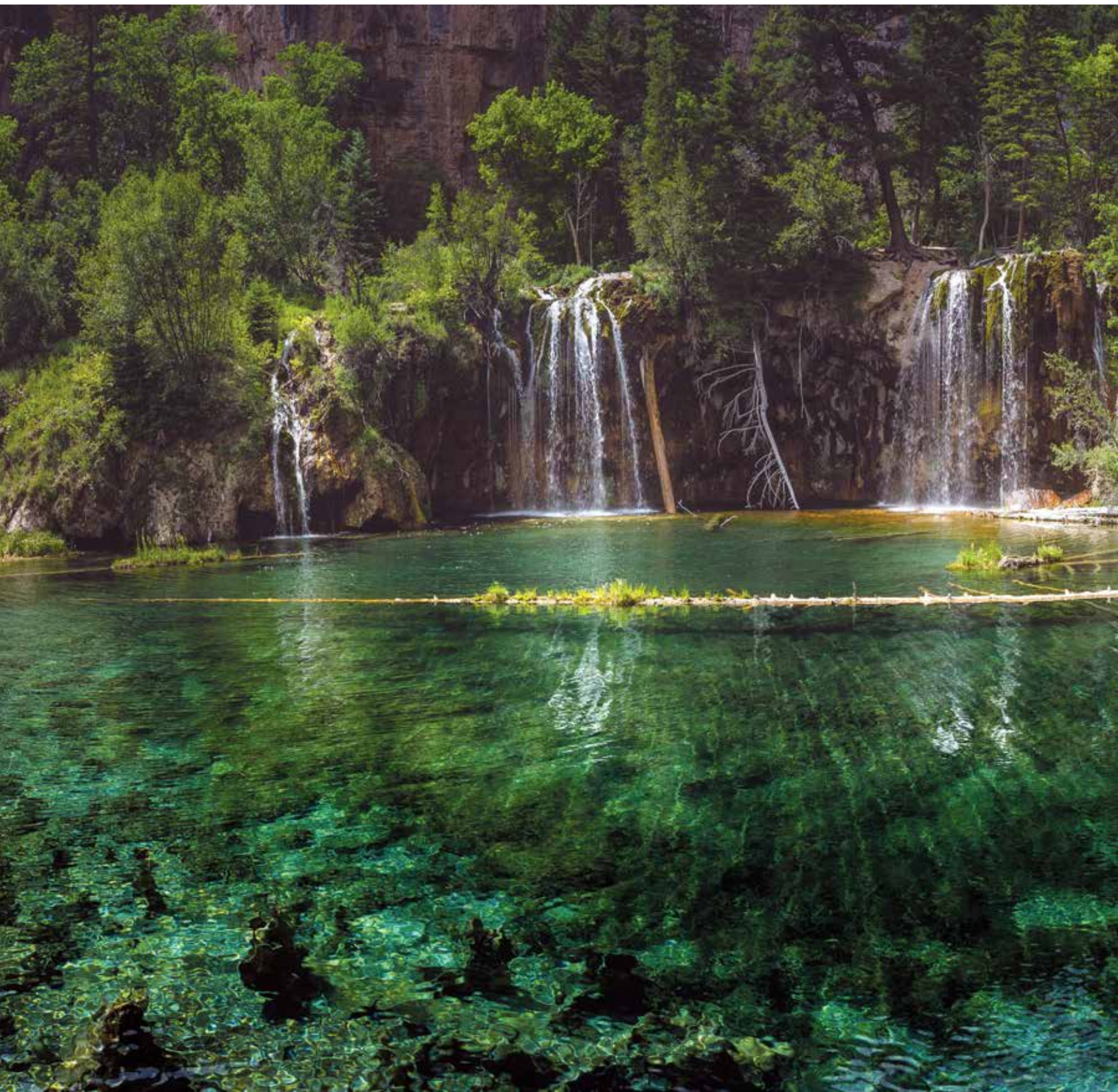
Location: Near Colorado Springs

These photo-worthy falls are situated in North Cheyenne Cañon Park, and are accessible by a steep but manageable hike amid spectacular views. The visitor center provides information on the area and the falls' geology.

Fish Creek Falls

Location: Near Steamboat Springs

Gorgeous any time of year, these falls are portrayed best in the spring. When temperatures rise and the snowmelt reaches its peak and winds its way downhill, water whooshes over Fish Creek's cliff, emitting a thunderous sound and a gentle spray that lightly cools hikers who have made the trek.





Hanging Lake

North Clear Creek Falls

Location: Near Lake City

For a hidden treasure along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway, look carefully for Forest Road 510 on your left, just past Spring Creek Pass. A short distance down the road you will be rewarded with views of gushing North Clear Creek Falls as it plummets from a willow-covered bench into a box canyon.

Zapata Falls

Location: Near Alamosa

As hikers approach the Zapata Falls along a windy trail at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains on the way to Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, it feels almost as if they're chasing the falls – they hear the roar of the 40-foot-tall gusher and feel its cooling effect long before they can actually see it.

Box Canyon Falls

Location: Near Ouray

Tucked in a narrow Ouray box canyon, the falls' 280-foot cascade can be experienced top to bottom via a staircase, hiking trail and suspension bridge. As thousands of gallons of water rush and roar its way down, take a moment to look up – the National Audubon Society has named the area an important bird site.

Ouzel Falls

Location: Near Estes Park

On the path to Ouzel Falls inside Rocky Mountain National Park, in one of the most green and lush spots in Colorado, hikers encounter several smaller falls and cascades that encourage them to continue toward the mother lode. Breathtaking Ouzel drops more than 40 feet through a sliver in the dark rock wall surrounding it and flows into a chilly pool filled with boulders and fallen trees. Also check out the park's Columbine Falls near Chasm Lake, with a great view of Longs Peak in the distance.


Rifle Falls State Park

Location: Near Rifle

On a warm summer day, the mist that drifts from the exhilarating gush of water over the 70-foot limestone cliffs and the dark caves below them in Rifle Falls State Park are a sight to behold.

Hanging Lake

Location: Glenwood Springs

Appearing to cling to the edge of a mountainside, the almost supernaturally teal-green Hanging Lake is surrounded by moss-covered rocks and a meandering trail. Waterfalls cascade quietly off a cliff into the lake's still depths, adding to an already surreal atmosphere. 



No eyes on the prize for Mikaela Shiffrin

The prizes – and records – are building fast for the reigning ski champion, but she's focused only on the gate ahead ... and maybe her next dance move

By Shauna Farnell

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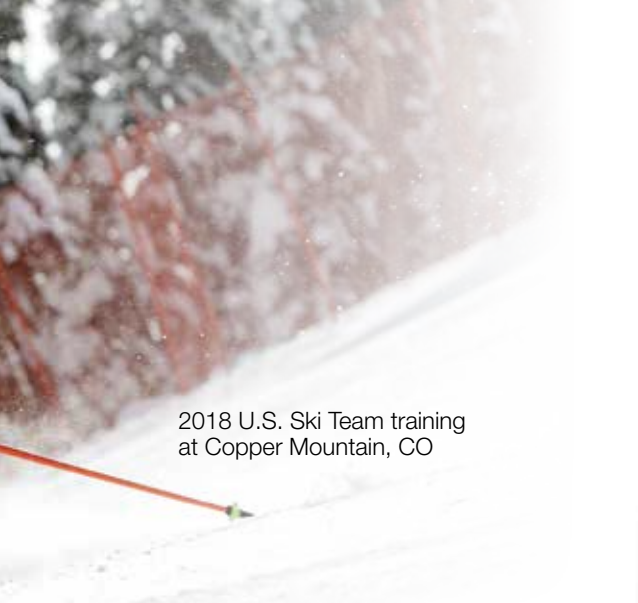
ikaela Shiffrin considers herself an introvert. No matter how many races she wins, season titles she sweeps, Olympic or World Championship medals she collects, the 24-year-old Vail native never assumes any victory is in the bag.

This season was her most successful to date. She left the rest of the world's top skiers far, far behind in clinching her third straight World Cup overall title. She also landed her fourth straight World Championship slalom gold and – newly added to her repertoire – proved herself a paramount force in the super G.

Basically, every slope she took a shot at, she set ablaze. But she is not one to blow on her smoking gun.

"I could not have envisioned it, to be honest," she said of her unflinching reign of domination. "Confidence isn't something I'm able to boast about. I have confidence in my skiing, but I'm actually a pretty shy person. I'm an introvert at heart. So this level of success ... it's incredible, but it's also really hard to process what's happened this season."

By all appearances, Shiffrin is a stone-cold racecourse killer. She is methodical and calculated in every knife cut she makes. She almost never crashes or misses a gate. She's somehow able to lie down and take power naps between runs ... sometimes right on the snow with her helmet still on. When she crosses the finish line, she rarely screams or waves to the crowd, not even when she looks at the clock to see that she's left everyone else in the dust. After she collapsed in tears in the finish area upon notching her fourth straight World Championship slalom title – the only skier in history to accomplish such a feat – she later attributed this unique display of emotion to the severe respiratory illness she was suffering from at the time and subsequent physical exhaustion.



2018 U.S. Ski Team training
at Copper Mountain, CO

The reality is that victory and dominance don't register with Shiffrin the way they do with those of us watching. And she never enters any start house with intentions of slaying the field.

"I go into every race and expect nothing other than to do the best I can with the task at hand," she says. "If it works out, that's great. It's been the mentality that has driven me through the season."

She swears that if she thinks about winning, she "almost never" wins.

"The truth is, when I think about results on race day, I rarely get the results. I bring the intensity too hard, I make a mistake or mis-time my turns and I'm disappointed," she says. "I let the result get in the way of the process of skiing. I just focus on the skiing, on the turns. People talk about my celebration or lack thereof in the finish, but it's because I'm always processing. When I'm racing or training, I love the feeling of doing it, of making turns."

Shiffrin's imagination does, however, occasionally shift into high-drama technicolor ... just not on the racecourse.

"Going through a workout, it is very cinematic in my mind," she says. "When I'm in the gym and have a hard set of intervals, that's when I start thinking about winning races like that heroic, sporting moment that leaves you in tears when you're watching a movie. But the reflection [after a win] is always different than the image of what it will feel like. For me, that's good. If I felt all the drama, the cinematic, inspirational feeling, the thing that makes you cry ... if I felt that every single race, I don't think I could do that well."

Skiing is not the only subject that occupies the young athlete's imagination. Anyone who follows Shiffrin on social media knows she has a solid sense of rhythm off the race hill, too. The girl has some serious shuffle dance moves and isn't afraid to do them in her ski boots.



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U.S. Ski & Snowboard

U.S. Alpine Ski Team autograph signing
at Copper Mountain, CO

"I love dancing, I love learning new things," she says. "I like simple things like watching TV shows. One of my pre-race routines is watching a 'Friends' video or Jenna Marbles on YouTube. It's super light-hearted and makes me laugh. That's another thing I've been doing more of this season is shutting down my brain and lightening things up."

It turns out that levity is a key ingredient in Shiffrin's recipe for success.

"In a world where we're in Europe traveling for six months and in the summer, in the gym preparing for those six months, you have to keep things focused, that's the job," she says. "Those little things that make me happy are a break from the job. They're small things ... small things that keep me going."

Shiffrin has also found a way to shake off the pressure ... and that's no small thing.

"One of my big focuses over the last two seasons was to not worry about everyone else's expectations – to accept that people have them, because my track record is good, but not let that get to me," she says. "When you don't have expectations, it's really easy to exceed them." CT

Super G
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A Heartfelt Farewell

Lindsey Vonn's final performance fit perfectly into her pattern of heroic, comeback-laden career

By **Shauna Farnell**

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America's greatest skier of all time will be remembered for many great things.

With 82 World Cup victories stretching over 14 years, as well as three Olympic and eight World Championship medals, Lindsey Vonn will go down in history as the most-winning female ski racer of all time. She is also personally responsible for putting alpine skiing on the map in the United States. She became not only the face of the sport, but also a household name throughout the country, even in places where ski slopes are as common as sharks in the desert.

She will be remembered for her fearlessness, her absolute indomitable ability to point her skis downhill, build speeds exceeding 80 mph, rattle around gates and soar over massive jumps — all while teetering on the threshold of control.

She will be regarded as one of the most resilient athletes of all time, stomping back into the start house after hideous, high-speed crashes resulting in one injury after another. There was the time she was airlifted off of a racecourse by helicopter, screaming in pain with a season-ending knee injury, only to return and re-injure the same knee the following season. She has shaken off multiple concussions, broken bones, torn tendons and severe nerve damage, bouncing back after being sidelined for entire winters. While many athletes never return to form after even one serious injury, Vonn got back in the saddle every time. She did not just ride it out, she whipped herself back to a fierce gallop with guns blazing every single time.

Holding the torch high

More than anything, Lindsey Vonn will be remembered for her heart.

After weeks of painful deliberation and foiled attempts to surpass Swedish racer Ingemar Stenmark's record of 86 World Cup wins, Vonn concluded it was time to retire, that all those crashes had in fact, taken their toll.

"It was clear my body wasn't going to continue doing what I wanted it to," she said, announcing she would race for the last time at February's 2019 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Are, Sweden.

Of course, she did not go quietly.



All of Vonn's most memorable qualities were on dramatic display leading up to her final event — the World Championship downhill. Six days before the race, in her final super G, she hooked a ski and flew right through a gate panel, headfirst onto the rock-solid slope, then into the fence. Despite feeling like she'd "been hit by an 18-wheeler," bruised, battered and sporting a black eye, Vonn stepped back into the start gate. She was not going to miss her final downhill. But it was her heart alone that got her through it.

"I fought with my heart the whole way down," she said after the race. "I just charged. I gave it everything I have like always."

Fittingly, the effort amounted to yet another medal. The 34-year-old Vail resident walked away with bronze, the oldest female to medal in World Championship history and the only woman to medal in six World Championships.

"To end on this note with another World Championship medal means everything to me," she said.

The next chapter

As for the future, many people would like to see Vonn remain in the world of professional skiing as a coach or commentator. Forget that idea ... at least for now.

"It would make me too sad," Vonn said. "I want to be still here. I still want to be racing. I accept that I can't, but I still want to be here, so if I were to be involved in skiing [outside of racing], that would make me even more sad. I need a break."

Vonn hopes to start a family at some point and is plotting various business ventures. She has mentioned involvement in film production, a

possible line of beauty products and continued partnership with long-time sponsors Red Bull, Head and Under Armour. She also plans to dedicate more time to the Lindsey Vonn Foundation, the organization she launched in 2015 with a mission to empower and inspire young girls through camps, speaker series and scholarships to help each child pursue her personal dream. Vonn has attended every Foundation event since its inception.

Heart of gold

In spite of soaring at the top of a sport that is highly individual, where every friend and peer is also a competitor, Vonn has always dedicated time and energy to supporting others. This has meant maneuvering through feisty mobs, sometimes even jumping fences to autograph helmets or take selfies with admiring children, sticking around the finish area long after her own race is over to watch and support her teammates. Take for instance her emotional moment when she learned of a young fan fighting brain cancer, 14-year-old Hedda Sivertsen. Vonn recorded a video that encouraged her to "stay strong and never give up."

During her final press conference as a ski racer this winter, Vonn revealed her future plans also include yet another knee surgery — her eighth. It turns out she had completely torn the fibular collateral ligament (LCL) in a training crash back in November.

Like the others, she said she will put this quickly behind her ... and she truly hopes it will be her last.

Then she was asked how she wants to be remembered.

"I would like to be remembered as someone who was more than a ski racer," Vonn said. "Hopefully to my teammates, I was a good leader. Hopefully to the next generation, I showed them that nothing is impossible." CT

The Insider's Guide to Colorado's Most Intriguing Spring Festivals



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Festival season is upon us, and here's the best part: Coloradans celebrate everything from American Indian heritage and tulip fairies to gluten-free grub, honeybees and whitewater. So open your iCal, and block off the following dates for artisanal food, local beer, live music — and a whole lot of fun.

by **Jamie Siebrase**

Palisade International Honeybee Festival

The Basics: This free, community-driven celebration will have the town of Palisade buzzing on Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Palisade Town Plaza, 175 East Third Street, Palisade. For all the details visit palisadehoneybeefest.org.

Palisade might be known nationwide for its mouthwatering peaches, but this month it's all about honeybees, which are threatened by everything from mites and viruses to climate change. "The bee decline is a serious subject, but we think a spoonful of honey helps the message go down," says Jean Tally, a volunteer coordinator for the Palisade International Honeybee Festival.

Approaching its 11th year, this delightfully sweet street fair has doubled in size since its inception in 2008, when community activists from Colorado's agricultural core rallied to bring awareness to the honeybee crisis through education and the arts. This month, 500-plus guests are expected to turn out for a daylong gala centered around speakers from area organizations such as Bookcliff Gardens, expounding on topics surrounding pollinator-friendly gardening.

Beekeepers bring their hives to Main Street, joining an array of informational booths manned by experts discussing commercial and back-

yard beekeeping. Nearby, local chefs will demonstrate innovative ways to cook with products derived from bees, including, of course, honey. The whole thing is set to the tune of bluegrass from the Pollinators, a local band Tally describes as, "A group of pickers roaming the festival."

Aimed at educating the next generation of beekeepers, the International Honeybee Festival is a kid-friendly spectacle incorporating craft tents, face painters and a mid-morning story hour at the Mesa County Library, at 119 West 3rd Street. Young festivalgoers also are invited to participate in an annual spelling bee, along with an adorable bee costume contest that entices pet owners and a few grownups, too.

You won't go hungry while perusing the fair. Onsite vendors serve everything from gumbo to ice cream, says Tally, and can't-miss restaurants include 13 Brix Cider Bistro and the Palisade Café. Festivities kick off Friday, April 12, with a welcoming reception at Blue Pig Gallery, 101 West 3rd Street, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. After sampling honey wines from Meadery of the Rockies, guests are invited to peruse bee art and learn about beekeeping practices, high-altitude farming and bee-friendly insects. Making a weekend of it? Consider bunking at the Wine Country Inn, offering special festival rates.



CKS Paddlefest

The Basics: Kick off summer at Colorado's premier (and free) white-water event, held Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 24, through Monday, May 27, in Buena Vista. For all the details visit ckspaddlefest.com.

Situated smack-dab on the Arkansas River, it's no wonder the scenic little town of Buena Vista gets giddy over the start of summer paddling season. Since 2005, thousands of whitewater aficionados have converged in central Colorado to rub elbows with big-name paddling manufacturers, top professional athletes and other industry leaders during a weekend chock full of education, entertainment, demonstrations and steeply discounted gear, the latter available at the annual CKS Gear Swap and Storewide Sale on Main Street.

If you're new to paddling – or Paddlefest – start with a flatwater demonstration at the Town Pond at McPhelemy Park, behind the intersection of Highway 24 and Main Street, where festivalgoers can test a variety of gear from participating brands. Along Main Street, gurus from Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center put on more than a dozen clinics and workshops, covering a range of topics designed to appeal to paddlers of all ages and ability levels.

Whitewater courses are available on the Arkansas River, too, home to the Kayak Rodeo, a multiday freestyle paddling competition. [This is] “one of our most popular spectator events,” says Megan Kingman, owner of CKS Main Street, the retailer hosting Paddlefest. Amateur and professional SUP competitions follow the Kayak Rodeo, and – new this year – Paddlefest will be the official host for the 2019 U.S. National Freestyle Championships, the official team trials for Team USA's freestyle kayaking team.

Informal group paddles offer an opportunity for visitors to explore sections of the river with fellow paddlers. Beyond paddle sports, CKS Paddlefest is a celebration of Colorado's coveted outdoor lifestyle. So look for fitness and yoga workshops throughout the event, as well as the Yucca Classic disc golf tournament, Saturday at 9 a.m., Peak Fitness's bouldering competition, Sunday at noon, and a Badfish River Surf Competition on Sunday at 2 p.m. — and consider registering for the 5th Annual Paddlefest Spirit Half Marathon, a trail run beginning Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

After you've sought sustenance from local food trucks and vendors – including the Buena Viking – wind down with live music, offered afternoons and evenings at the Beach at South Main, 701 Front Loop. Cocktails on the patio at Deerhammer Distillery are always a good idea. Did we mention Elevation Beer Co. is stocking its beer garden with local libations?

Nourished Festival

The Basics: Focused on topics in specialty diets, this unique festival runs Saturday, May 18, through Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street, Denver. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids, with a 20-percent discount offered for online purchases through May 17. For all the details visit nourishedfestival.com/expos/denver.

Presented by Enjoy Life Foods, Nourished Festival (previously the Gluten-Free Allergen-Friendly Expo) is a multicity extravaganza created for gluten-intolerant festivalgoers, designed to “nourish the needs of the entire food community, whether it is those with celiac disease, autism, autoimmune or inflammatory conditions — or anyone committed to living a healthy lifestyle,” says Nourished Festival founder and CEO Jen Cafferty.

Cafferty launched her homegrown festival 11 years ago in Chicago, where the first few gatherings were modest affairs with small cooking classes and a few retailers. This year's Denver exhibition is expected to draw 2,500 attendees to the National Western Complex for one-on-one moments with more than 100 allergy-friendly brands exhibiting their best products for food sensitivities and modified diets.

It's a good idea to show up hungry. In addition to sampling the latest gluten-free, nut-free, Paleo, Keto and plant-based products, treats also are available for purchase at Nourished Festival. Don't even think about skimping on baked goods, pizza and grain-free chocolate protein bars.

Guests supplement their cravings with a slew of educational presentations hosted by industry veterans, restaurateurs, authors and bloggers. Highlights include a workshop on healing autoimmune disorders with Dr. Peter Kan, Saturday, and a lecture on the gut-brain connection from Desiree Nielsen, a registered dietician with an integrative approach to health. Cooking-related classes range from gluten-free meal prepping with Cassy Joy Garcia to the Sauce Goddess lecture on infusing flavor into gluten-free meals. (Yes you can!)

If you're visiting with your children, check out the “Kid Zone,” where families gather for crafts, toys, books, games and more. There's a lot to absorb in a few short hours. As Cafferty puts it, “An event of this scale being accessible to the general public offers a rare and exciting way to explore new food options.”



Indian Market and Powwow

The Basics: Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2, Tesoro Cultural Center brings its annual Indian Market and Powwow to The Fort Restaurant, 19192 Highway 8, Morrison, where \$10 gets ticketholders access to a bustling marketplace and artsy gathering on the grounds of one of Colorado's most iconic restaurants. Parking is free, as are kids 12 and under. For all the details visit tesoroculturalcenter.org/19th-annual-powwow-2019.

Entering its 19th season, the Indian Market and Powwow is a two-day celebration of American Indian art and culture created by Holly Arnold Kinney, proprietor of The Fort Restaurant and Tesoro Cultural Center's executive director. After relocating to Denver from Santa Fe in the late 1950s, Kinney's parents – amateur historians with a penchant for southwestern lore – set out to build an exact replica of Bent's Old Fort, a fur trading post that operated along the famous Santa Fe Trail in the 1830s.

After procuring property near Red Rocks, the Arnolds began fabricating their one-of-a-kind home with 80,000 handmade adobe bricks. But when they ran out of money mid-construction, lenders urged the Arnolds to turn their residence into a profitable business — so they opened a ground-level restaurant paying homage to area history with regional dishes made from bison, elk, quail and plenty of heirloom grains.

Kinney grew up in The Fort, and she learned the restaurant biz while inheriting from her parents a deep interest in local history. "It was always Holly's dream to open a living history experience," explains Chelsea Coe,

spokesperson for Tesoro Cultural Center, the nonprofit organization Kinney founded in 1999 to protect and celebrate the history and shared experiences of Colorado's early settlers.

Kinney unveiled the Indian Market and Powwow a year later, to highlight award-winning American Indian artists – Jesse Hummingbird, Pahponee and Eddie Morrison, among others – who demonstrate and sell their authentic artwork in a juried show alongside a Powwow honoring, for 2019, Sergeant First Class Cindy Littlefeather.

"The powwow is like a juried dance competition," explains Coe. Performers from over a dozen tribes compete in individual and team categories, presenting an array of native dances including fancy, grass and jingle. "Dances are performed traditionally, in a big circle with live music," Coe continues. Guests will also hear original songs from award-winning singer and songwriter Rose Red Elk, also known as Red Feather Woman.

"Many of the musical performances, and some of the dancing, will be interactive for guests," Coe says, noting that children usually jump at the chance to participate in the show. Denver Museum of Nature and Science sponsors a kid-friendly booth with hands-on activities, and HawkQuest will be onsite, too, with live hawk and eagle demonstrations. Don't forget to sample Indian fry bread from the Tocabe food truck, and stick around for dinner at The Fort, offering a special festival menu on Saturday and Sunday.



Glenn Asakawa

Denver Cherry Blossom Festival

The Basics: If you're into sake, teriyaki chicken and taiko drumming, head to Sakura Square, on Lawrence Street, between 19th and 20th streets, on Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23, for a free festival opening at 11 a.m. both days. For all the details visit cherryblossomdenver.org.

In late June, Denver's modest Japanese-American district is packed – and we mean packed – with kimono-clad shoppers, and a handful of anime cosplayers, delighting in Sakura Matsuri, Denver's yearly Cherry Blossom Festival, drawing upward of 35,000 festivalgoers from across the nation.

Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple's primary fundraiser – and the only outdoor Japanese festival in the region – the Cherry Blossom Festival stretches back to the 1970s, when the inaugural gathering marked the grand opening of Sakura Square, the last remaining section of Denver's onetime Japantown, originally a nine-block concentration of Japanese-American homes and businesses that cropped up in the late 1940s, post-internment, when approximately 120,000 Japanese-Americans relocated to downtown Denver.

Deemed blighted, the Japanese-American district was leveled in the 1960s — except for one square block bordered by 19th and 20th and Lawrence and Larimer streets. Members of the temple purchased that space in 1971, and built Sakura Square in an effort to preserve their local heritage.

Taiko drumming is one of the most-popular offerings at the Cherry Blossom Festival, and it is accompanied by a range of authentic entertainment including Japanese singing and dancing on a main stage at the temple.

Meanwhile, Lawrence Street is transformed into a marketplace where vendors sell t-shirts, handmade soaps, posters and plenty of Japanese artwork. "All vendors are required to have items that are Japanese or reflect Japanese-American heritage," explains Stacey Shigaya, program director for the Sakura Foundation, an organization created to help sustain the temple and further its mission.

In a designated art area below the temple, Japanese artists exhibit work rooted in culture, and many are happy to teach curious guests about their technique. But sometimes the best way to learn about another culture is through food — and there's plenty of that at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

"Look for Japanese food throughout the street fair," Shigaya suggests, pointing to teriyaki chicken, sushi, cold somen noodles and a dessert called manju (pounded rice filled with sweet bean paste). Inside the temple gymnasium, visitors will find craft beer and sake for sale, along with a few mouthwatering snacks. Nearby, a Buddhist minister will give dharma talks throughout the day.

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Just for Kids! The Tulip Fairy and Elf Festival

The Basics: Boulder's free, family-friendly springtime festival lands on the Pearl Street Mall, 1301 Pearl Street, on Sunday, April 7, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, April 14.

"It's like springtime Halloween," says Terri Takata-Smith, Downtown Boulder Partnership's vice president of marketing and communications, referring to a seriously charming festival surrounding a vibrant spring parade led by the town's beloved Tulip Fairy.

"Our Tulip Fairy has been with us for a decade, and she's very serious about her job," Takata-Smith explains, noting that pint-sized festivalgoers dressed up as fairies, elves and superheroes love helping the Tulip Fairy "wake up" the tulips along Pearl Street Mall as she waves her magic wand across 15,000 budding flowers imported annually from Holland.

Drawing up to 3,000 guests, this local tradition includes tons of free activities, from face painting and crafts to live stage performances by a local theater company and Jeff & Paige, playing ecologically focused tunes for kids. There's always plenty to eat on Pearl Street Mall, but the new grilled cheese restaurant, Ruthies Boardwalk Social, is a must for hungry families.

DINING



Acorn

American - RiNo

Chef/owner Steven Redzikowski serves up contemporary American cuisine in this innovative epicurean marketplace located in the River North (RiNo) district. Housed in a reclaimed 1880's foundry, the atmosphere is as innovative as the food. Co-owner Bryan Dayton delivers fabulous cocktails, artisan wines & beers.

3350 Brighton Blvd. | 720.542.3721

Annette

Gastropub - Aurora

A wonderful restaurant inside the vibrant and eclectic Stanley Marketplace, this delicious eatery was included in *Bon Appetit's* list of 50 best new restaurants in the country. Chef/owner Caroline Glover serves farm-to-table and wood-fired fare that will leave you anticipating your next culinary adventure at this charming venue.

2501 Dallas St. | 720.710.9975

Ash'Kara

Israeli and Middle Eastern - Denver

Ash'Kara, explores the continuous evolution of Israeli cuisine, with ingredients and flavors from across Europe and North Africa, including Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey and Spain, into a menu of shareable items from the restaurant's wood-fired oven.

2005 W 33rd Ave | 303.537.4407

Atelier by Radex

French - Downtown

Acclaimed chef Radek Cerny's French-influenced restaurant in Denver's City Park neighborhood. Cerny's creations have been dubbed "edible works of art" that are "as stunning as they are delicious."

2011 E. 17th Ave. | 720.379.5556

Avanti Food Hall

Eclectic - LoHi

Bi-level shipping container with a variety of vendors (pizza, sushi & more), plus a rooftop bar.

3200 N Pecos St. | 720.269.4778

Avelina

American - Downtown

A sophisticated stunner in the heart of Lower Downtown (LoDo), Avelina turns out captivating New American cooking from an open kitchen that peers over a beautifully designed dining room.

1550 17th St. | 720.904.6711

Bamboo Sushi

Sushi - LoHi

Part of the Sustainable Restaurant Group out of Portland, Ore., Bamboo Sushi is the world's first certified sustainable sushi restaurant. With a focus on reducing the carbon footprint, the restaurant is dedicated to serving high-quality, sustainable fish in a presentation owner Kristofor Lofgren calls "deconstructed sushi in a bowl."

215 17th St. | 303.284.6600

Bar Dough

Italian - Highlands

Bar Dough is an Italian kitchen that has an elevated take on traditional cuisine in a cozy neighborhood setting. Acclaimed chefs Max Mackissock and Carrie Baird's menu of inventive small plates, traditionally prepared meats and fish, handmade pasta and wood fired pizza has drawn rave reviews locally and nationally.

2227 W 32nd Ave | 720.668.8506

Barolo Grill

Italian - Cherry Creek

This Denver favorite features a seasonal menu showcasing authentic northern Italian dishes with locally sourced ingredients. The spectacular wine cellar at this award-winning eatery includes a large collection of Barolo wines.

3030 E. 6th Ave. | 303.393.1040

Beast & Bottle

Contemporary - Uptown

Blocks from Denver's city center, Beast + Bottle has raised the bar on the "farm-to-fork" genre of cuisine. They work with ranchers, farmers and other purveyors, offering unique cuts of meat prepared in their in-house butchery, and organic ingredients. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Beast + Bottle offers a delicious adventure in dining in a friendly, comfortable setting.

719 E. 17th St. | 303.623.3223

Beatrice & Woodsley

American - Baker

The tastes of the Old World and new cuisine blend wonderfully to create a memorable dining experience. Beatrice & Woodsley is as original as the name implies, and has garnered great attention and kudos from foodies around town. The dinner menu is a delight, and the brunch is sure to put a smile on your face.

38 S. Broadway | 303.777.3505

Beckon

European - RiNo

Chef Duncan Holmes, who served as culinary director of Boulder's Frasca Food and Wine, is serving up a creative menu in this bustling European-style café. From breakfast to dinner, the food is wonderful, and the setting – with a pop-art influence – makes it a fun experience.

2845 Larimer St. | 303.954.0230

The Bindery

Contemporary - Highlands

A fresh and wonderful addition to the LoHi scene, Bindery pays tribute to culinary artisans and foodmakers around the world, including European bakeries, corner neighborhood markets and lively eateries.

1817 Central St. | 303.993.2364

Bistro Vendôme

French - Downtown

This utterly charming bistro right in the heart of Larimer Square, is a favorite of Parisians and pretty much anyone with an affinity for delicious and authentic French fare. A unique experience and an unforgettable meal.

1420 Larimer Street | 303.825.3232



From the Hip Photo

Annette

Blackbelly Market

Contemporary - Boulder

Award-winning chef Hosea Rosenberg opened this beloved Boulder favorite in 2014, and it quickly earned accolades for "best new restaurant." He expanded with Blackbelly Butcher, Boulder's only whole animal, artisanal butcher shop and sole independent retailer licensed to make and sell its own cured and fermented meats. This inventive chef achieved national culinary fame as winner of TV's *Top Chef, Season 5*.

1606 Conestoga St., #3, Boulder | 303.247.1000

Block & Larder

Bar & Grill - Highlands

Housed in the cool Berkeley neighborhood of Denver, Block & Larder sources the highest-quality meats and has an inhouse finish butchery. Add to the great fare fresh salads, delicious desserts and an extensive craft beer, wine and cocktail list and you have a winner.

4000 Tennyson St. | 303.433.4063

Blue Island Oyster Bar

Seafood - Cherry Creek

Chef DJ Nagle has crafted a wonderful menu that brings the coast to the mile-high city. As the name implies, the oysters are simply divine shipped from blue island shellfish farms in New England. This hip bar serves up a wonderful assortment of wines, beer and cocktails that complement every seafood serving, from steamed mussels, lobster rolls, clam chowder or succulent crab cakes.

2625 E. Second Ave. | 303.333.2462

Bones

Asian - Capitol Hill

An Asian-inspired noodle house with a twist that's uniquely Frank Bonanno's, the chef/owner of top-notch local eateries. Situated between two other popular Bonanno restaurants, Luca d'Italia and Mizuna, Bones offers a unique, casual dining experience that nevertheless has a gourmet feel. The space is small; the flavors are anything but. And the noodle bowls are all the rage.

701 Grant St. | 303.860.2929

Broadway Market

Food Hall - Downtown

Inspired by village food halls where people have been gathering to eat and mingle for centuries, Broadway Market offers a mile-high spin on cuisine from all over the world in a comfortable and classic environment.

950 Broadway | 720.390.7132

Bubu Asian

Fusion - Downtown, Lowry

Chef Troy Guard delivers a healthy twist on the Asian-fusion concept, featuring build-your-own-bowls using freshest ingredients. Protein selections are rounded out with a choice of locally sourced vegetable toppings, and the Lowry location offers full dinner service including share plates, ramen bowls and raw favorites.

7559 E. Academy Blvd., Lowry 1423 Larimer St., Downtown | 303.36.2025



Death & Co.

Elliott Clark

Cart + Driver

Italian - RiNo

Chef Kelly Whitaker spins creative, offering up everything from authentic briny oysters to delicious salads and house-made pastries. Pizza is a staple at this unique establishment, which has developed a loyal and enthusiastic local fan club since opening in a 640-sq.-ft. shipping container space in Denver's RiNo arts district. Experience the great fare of southern Italian farms at this fun and friendly venue.

2500 Larimer St. | 303.292.3553

Cattivella

Italian - Stapleton

Acclaimed chef Elise Wiggins introduces her latest sensation in the Eastbridge project in Denver's lively Stapleton neighborhood. Cattivella, which means "naughty girl," lives up to its moniker with a fun take on wood-fired Italian fare served in a hip, fun setting. From the entertaining exhibition kitchen, watch as meals are prepared before your eyes.

10195 E. 29th Dr. | 303.645.3779

Cholon Modern Asian Bistro

Asian - Downtown

Named after the largest market in Saigon, this historic LoDo restaurant offers a creative spin on traditional Asian dishes, along with handcrafted cocktails that enhance the vibrant flavors. The large projection screen in the lounge makes Cholon a suitable location for business meetings and presentations.

1555 Blake St., Ste. 101 | 303.353.5223

Chook Charcoal Kitchen

Contemporary - Platt Park

Chook, in Aussie lingo, means chicken. Chook aspires for delicious, responsible food, easy to take home, equally enjoyed in a relaxing and thoughtful environment. Food that's clean, sourced from those who care and respect our land, cooked to the highest ideals.

1300 S Pearl St. | 303.282.8399

Citizen Rail

American - Downtown

Located next to Hotel Born, this restaurant is all about the grill, which serves as the focal point for diners. Executive Chef Christian Graves presents a smorgasbord of wood-fired dishes, from smoking to searing to grilling. A heated patio lets the happy hour crowd enjoy the sites of the lively Union Station neighborhood.

1899 16th St. | 303.323.0017

Colt & Gray

Contemporary - Downtown

Enjoy everything from juicy burgers and beer to delectable lobster dishes complemented by vintage wines at this cozy local pub. The classic setting is augmented by the affordability of a neighborhood restaurant that prides itself on superior food and service.

1553 Platte St., No. 120 | 303.477.1447

CooHills

French - Downtown

With a focus on local, regional, and farm-fresh ingredients, this LoDo hotspot invites you to relax in its uniquely modern, European setting. Enjoy crudo salads, cheese or salumi selections or warm cassoulets served before, during or even after plates of pasta, fresh seafood, grilled or smoked meats, and locally grown vegetables. You can pull up to the community table, tuck in at your own intimate table or enjoy the outdoor terrace for a spirited drink.

1400 Wewatta St. | 303.623.5700

Coperta

Italian - Downtown

Coperta is run by brother and sister duo Paul and Aileen Reilly. This quaint Italian restaurant offers up delicious classic Italian dishes as well as some off-menu selections and a mozzarella bar. Not to mention a fabulous wine selection.

400 E. 20th | 303.393.6917

Dead Battery Club

Cocktails - Downtown

Aromatic food is created for you to unplug and recharge, a battery of racy gastronomic delights, inspired by healthful Mediterranean living. Talented chef Scott Parker leads the way with tapas, buns from around the world, and other fare for morning through late night.

2420 17th St. #103, Denver | 303.477.2444

Death & Co.

American - RiNo

An ultra-hip eatery inside the even hipper Ramble Hotel, this Manhattan restaurant/speakeasy opened its second location in Denver. Known for excellent and original craft cocktails, you'll want to try 'em all while sampling some of the fun and eclectic menu items.

1280 25th St. | 720.330.2660

Del Frisco's Double Eagle

Steak House - DTC

Truly a classic American steakhouse, Del Frisco's specializes in aged USDA-prime beef, hand-cut steak, chops and fresh seafood. The atmosphere is everything you'd expect from a great steak place, and the hand-shaken martinis are an extra bonus.

8100 E. Orchard Rd. | 303.796.0100

Denver Central Market

Global - RiNo

Located in Denver's RiNo neighborhood, Denver Central Market brings a chic restaurant vibe to the area. It's a one-stop shop of specialty vendors offering up some delicious artisan bread, ice cream, coffee, meat and cheese and so much more.

2669 Larimer St.

duo Restaurant

Contemporary - Highlands

This farm-to-table treasure is tucked away in one of Denver's hippest neighborhoods and offers a relaxed and unassuming environment. A word of advice: save room for dessert. Yasmin Lozada-Hissom, duo's renowned pastry chef, presents magical treats to top off any meal.

2413 W. 32nd Ave. | 303.477.4141

El Five

Mediterranean - LoHi

Nestled high above LoHi on the fifth floor, El Five boasts spectacular, unobstructed city views of the downtown Denver skyline, and a large open-air patio. El Five is a melting pot of all the Mediterranean regions, creating dishes without a home country, that taste like favorites from each one.

2930 Umatilla St. | 303.524.9193

Elway's

Steakhouse - Downtown, Cherry Creek, Vail, DIA Denver

Broncos legend John Elway and longtime friend Tim Schmidt teamed up to open this wildly popular restaurant which since day one has attracted a fun, high-profile mix of movers and shakers. The food is topnotch and the bartenders know their craft.

303.399.5353

Euclid Hall Bar & Kitchen

Tavern - Downtown

Located in historic Euclid Hall, this American tavern specializes in fine cocktails, craft beers and innovative, high-quality pub food from around the world. The eatery is a convenient location for Pepsi Center attendees, LoDo club-goers and Denver Center for the Performing Arts patrons.

1317 14th St. | 303.595.4255

The Family Jones Spirit House

Distillery / Tapas - Highlands

One of Denver's hottest venues, this is the place to be for delicious fare and unique cocktails. The décor is both trendy and sophisticated, and the staff never fails to deliver. True to its moniker, you can also purchase the spirits that are distilled inhouse.

3245 Osage St. | 303.481.8185

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American - Highlands

Denver Chef Troy Guard has done it again, this time with an innovative neighborhood eatery where you'll discover an elevated level of comfort food. From sandwiches and burgers to steak and fish, the food is wonderful and stays true to the high expectations of one of the city's best-known restaurateurs.

3940 W. 32nd Ave. | 303.963.5931

Frasca Food and Wine

Northern Italian – Boulder

Frasca is the creation of Master Sommelier Bobby Stuckey and Chef Lachlan Mackinnon-Patterson. Their shared passion for Friulano cuisine and fine wine is reflected in the exquisitely prepared fare and a comprehensive wine list.

1738 Pearl St. | 303.442.6966

French 75

French - Downtown

Chef Frank Bonanno trained with the best, including the French Laundry in Napa, and Daniel in Manhattan. Now he adds to his repertoire of fabulous restaurants with French 75, offering fine French dishes in a relaxed setting.

717 17th St. | 303.405.7575

Fruition

Seasonal - Cherry Creek

Chef Alex Seidel, named one of Food & Wine's best new chefs of 2010, creates a seasonal menu of sophisticated comfort food using only the highest-quality, local ingredients. Fruition's symphony of mood, service and cuisine reflect a grace that elevates this dining experience to a new level.

1313 E. 6th Ave. | 303.831.1962

Gozo

Mediterranean - Baker

South Broadway is brimming with flavor, and the taste of Italy shines through in this unique, contemporary restaurant. There's everything from tapas-style smaller plates to larger entrees, but it's the wood-fired pizza that keeps 'em coming back for more.

30 S. Broadway | 720.638.1462

Guard and Grace

Steakhouse - Downtown

A refreshing take on the big, fancy, modern steakhouse, Guard and Grace offers the gamut — delicious cuts of beef, a 4,000-bottle glassed-in wine cellar, and a visually stunning space that provides a huge change from the dark wood ambience of many a steakhouse.

1801 California St. | 303.293.8500

Hearth & Dram

American - Downtown

Located in downtown Denver's Union Station neighborhood, this is a rustic American restaurant and modern saloon, featuring wood-fire cooking and more than 300 whiskeys from around the world.

1801 Wewatta St. | 303.623.0979

Hop Alley

RiNo – Chinese

Hip Chinese restaurant featuring modern shared plates, plus craft beer, cider & clever cocktails.

3500 Larimer St. | 720.379.8340

Humboldt Fish & Wine

New American – Uptown

Chef-inspired and reinterpreted classics, a fresh oyster menu, seasonal fresh salads, small plates for sharing, as well as entrees featuring sustainable seafood, all-natural steaks and a great burger or two.

1700 N Humboldt St. | 303.813.1700

Il Posto

Italian - RiNo

Milanese chef/owner Andrea Frizzi prepares excellent dishes inspired by northern Italy. Featuring locally grown organic farm ingredients, the sophisticated restaurant is always a local favorite.

2601 Larimer St. | 303.394.0100

Izakaya Ronin

Sushi - RiNo

A popular place for dinner or late night, with a menu that features extensive sushi and sake selections and ever-changing chef's menu. Enjoy a meal in the first floor dining room, then head downstairs to the repurposed boiler room to the late-night moguri Izakaya (a speakeasy), for pub-style Japanese small plates and creative cocktails.

3053 Brighton Blvd. | 303.953.1602

Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar

Seafood - Multiple Locations

This acclaimed seafood haven prides itself on serving sustainable seafood, and Jax brings sumptuous ocean fare to our landlocked state, with highly regarded executive chef Sheila Lucero at the helm. If you're an oyster aficionado, this is the place!

Locations in LoDo, Glendale & Fort Collins

Jovanina's Broken Italian

Italian – Downtown

Jovanina's offers a fresh, modern take on Italian cuisine sourcing the best local and regional ingredients of the season. Handmade pastas and rustic, wood-fired ovens are the heart of the menu. Vibrant, vegetable-forward dishes, seafood, steaks, and chops.

1520 Blake St. | 720.541.7721

JULEP

Southern - RiNo

This Southern-style restaurant stays true to the tradition of southern hospitality in a sophisticated setting. Husband-and-wife duo Kyle and Katy Foster grew up in the South and bring their wonderful "family-to-table" traditions to Denver.

3258 Larimer St. | 303.295.8977

The Kitchen

American - Downtown, Boulder

Enjoy the spirit of the family kitchen in this neighborhood restaurant. This spot serves exceptional contemporary American cuisine with local, organic ingredients and is deeply committed to eco-friendly practices and the community.

Boulder: 10390 Pearl St. | 303.544.5973

Denver: 15th St. | 303.623.3127

Leña

Latin - Baker

Nestled in an intimate cozy setting, Leña is a Latin American-inspired restaurant that emphasizes sharing and communal dining. The venue's focal point is the white oak, wood-fired grill that serves up a tempting assortment of grilled meats, seafood and vegetables. The tortillas and empanadas are homemade, and the traditional offerings represent South and Central America, Spain and Mexico.

14 Broadway | 720.550.7267

Lola Mexican Fish House

Coastal Mexican - LoHi

Just a scenic stroll or a few minutes cab ride from downtown, Lola Mexican Fish House offers everything from custom guacamole mixed tableside to a varied array of remarkable, fresh entrees reminiscent of coastal Mexico. Patio seating, terrific weekend brunch and tantalizing cocktails are also a part of what makes Lola Mexican Fish House the place to be.

1575 Boulder St. | 720.570.8686

LeRoux

Downtown – European

Chef Lon Symensma, the inspiration behind Cholon, opened this charming gem to showcase melt-in-your-mouth French cuisine complemented by old-world wines and innovative cocktails.

1555 Blake St., Ste. 102 | 720.845.1673

Los Chingones

Mexican - Multiple Locations

Restaurateur Troy Guard's foray into the world of Mexican food is really all about tacos, and his selections are drawing rave reviews. Locals are going gaga over the octopus tacos, the shrimp tacos, the butternut squash tacos. Pretty much everything you would ever dream of putting in a taco has made its way into one at Los Chingones. It's not a fancy place, it's just plain fun.

2461 Larimer St. | 303.295.0686,

4959 S. Newport St. | 303.567.4258

Matsuhisa

Sushi - Cherry Creek, Aspen, Vail

This unique sushi restaurant is owned by world-renowned Chef Nobu Matsuhisa. Located in Aspen, Vail and Denver, Matsuhisa offers up some delicious sushi and new-style Japanese cuisine for lunch and dinner as well as a great selection of cocktails, beer, sake and wine.

98 North Steele St. | 720.408.6656

Mercantile Dining & Provision

American - Downtown

Acclaimed chef Alex Seidel takes diners on a culinary journey featuring fresh Colorado ingredients, many farmed from Fruition farms' artisanal sheep dairy and creamery. Located in Union Station, the atmosphere is hip, friendly and urban. Alex Seidel gained a following as owner of the award-winning Fruition restaurant, and now takes diners to a new level of inspired eating.

1701 Wynkoop St. | 720.460.3733

Milk Market

Global - Downtown

A fantastic gourmet food hall right in the heart of downtown Denver, featuring all the favorite fare of Chef Frank Bonanno and his wife Jacqueline. It's all here and all delicious, from salads, fried chicken, burgers and bao buns to libations and sweets.

1800 Wazee St. | 303.792.8242

Mister Tuna

American - RiNo

This trendy restaurant in Denver's RiNo neighborhood is another culinary delight from well-known restaurateur Troy Guard. The space is as cool as the fare, featuring sleek furnishings, raw bar, large open kitchen and an enormous wall mural at one end. The menu is varied and delicious, featuring homemade pastas, and a rotisserie that lends a special flavor of seafood, meats and veggies.

3033 Brighton Blvd. | 303.831.8862

Mizuna

French - Capitol Hill

Hailed as one of North America's best restaurants, Mizuna delivers tantalizing French cooking through culinary artistry. The menu changes monthly to reflect the bounty of the season, and this charming little restaurant is the flagship of Frank Bonanno's stellar lineup.

255 E. 7th Ave. | 303.832.4778

Morin

French - LoDo

Morin is a free-spirited French restaurant that plays at the intersection of contemporary cuisine and traditional French technique. Born out of chef Max Mackissock's French heritage, Morin is a place where the senses come alive, and a shared plate of freshly shucked oysters conjures up memories of family vacations on France's Normandy coast. Morin offers refined, inventive French food in a fun, convivial setting.

1600 15th St. | 303.623.0534

Narrative

American - Cherry Creek

Award-winning executive chef Paul Nagan stars in this stunning new restaurant adjacent to the jawdropping Jacquard Hotel. Featuring modern American fare, globally inspired shareable plates, great happy hour options and wonderfully original wine library.

222 Milwaukee St. | 303.515.2000

The Nickel

American - Downtown

A unique setting inside the iconic Hotel Teatro, the Nickel offers up mouthwatering Rocky Mountain comfort food. Don't miss the great popular brunch, or inventive cocktails in the barrel bar, all in a great setting that pays tribute to the hotel's storied past.

1100 Fourteenth St. | 720.889.2128

Old Major

Contemporary - Downtown

When a restaurant prides itself on serving sustainable cuisine, that definition can be all over the board. Not so at Old Major, a venue that cures its farm-raised meats in-house, serves sustainable seafood and sources ingredients from local farms. An experience in contemporary farmhouse cuisine.

3316 Tejon St. | 720.420.0622

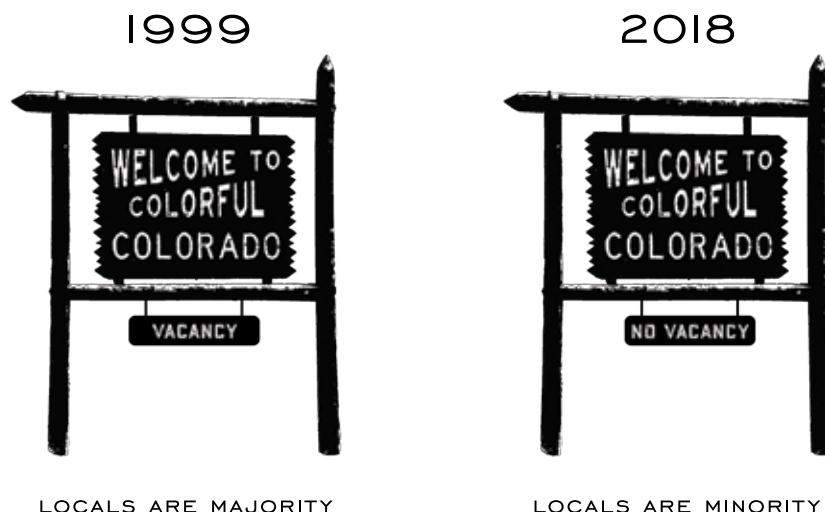
Olive & Finch

American - Uptown, Cherry Creek

For a delicious alternative to a heavy meal, Olive & Finch is inspired by European cafes that excel in locally handcrafted, fresh food. This charming marketplace and eatery serves sublime fresh-baked pastries, artisan sandwiches, soups and salads, made from scratch using organic and locally sourced produce.

1552 E. 17th Ave. | 303.832.8663

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Ototo

Japanese - Platt Park

Ototo offers diners an intimate setting to enjoy Japanese robata-style tapas, sashimi, grilled whole fish and noodles. A robata grill with bincho-tan charcoal infuses a distinct flavor into the food, and an extensive raw bar features catch of the day – fresh and on-point. Ototo is the creation of Toshi Kizaki, a well-known fixture of Denver's culinary scene for more than 30 years.

1501 S. Pearl St. | 303.733.2503

Panzano

Italian - Downtown

Decorated chef Elise Wiggins offers excellent contemporary northern Italian cuisine. Each handmade dish is unique and made with local, organic, sustainable ingredients. An award-winning wine list features hand-selected pairings that will please even the most discriminating palate.

909 17th St. | 303.296.3525

The Plimoth

American - North Central

The menus are constantly changing at The Plimoth, as the restaurant's team of talented, creative chefs continue creating food that is fun, fresh and flavorful. Whether your taste runs toward a smoked salmon salad, smoked pastrami tartine or creatively prepared steak, you won't be disappointed when you order items that taste as good as they sound.

2335 28th Ave. | 303.297.1215

Potager

New American - Capitol Hill

Potager means kitchen garden. Immensely satisfying, locally sourced and seasonally driven fare. Rustic dining room and the organic New American menu changes monthly to reflect what's market fresh.

1109 N Ogden St | 303.832.5788

Quality Italian Steakhouse

Italian - Cherry Creek

This unique Italian-American steakhouse brings together regional Italian cuisine with traditional steakhouse fare. Quality Italian presents a menu combining these two cuisines and also offers up a dynamic cocktail program and extensive wine list.

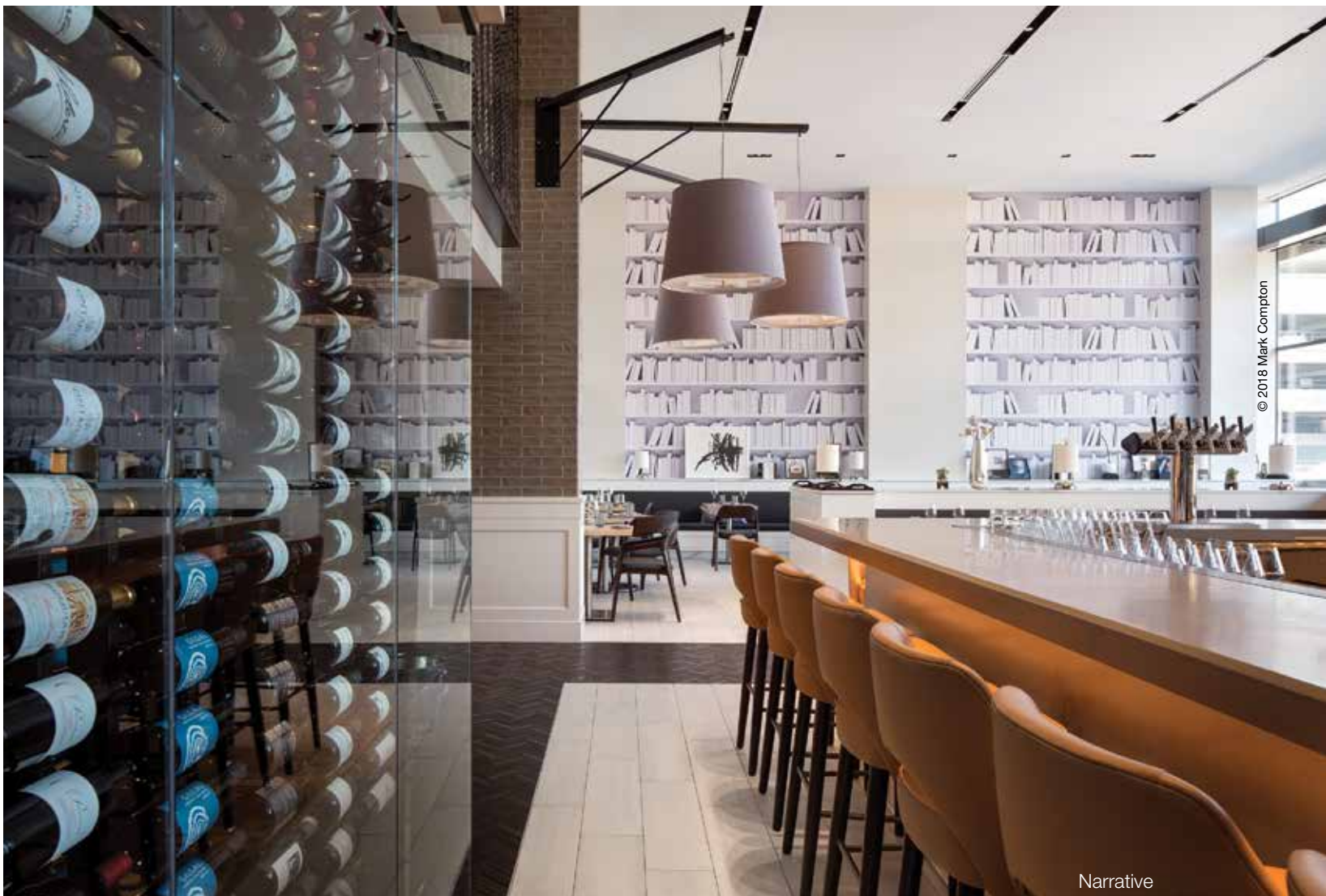
241 Columbine St. | 303.532.8888

Range

American - Downtown

A very cool Colorado-themed restaurant, housed in an even cooler setting: an historic bank-turned-hotel, right in the middle of Downtown Denver. The delicious food matches the incomparable setting; the bar scene is fun and the sea scallops are not to be missed! Oh, and desserts are awesome too.

918 17th St. | 720.726.4800



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Narrative

Rioja

Mediterranean - Downtown

Featuring a menu inspired by Mediterranean food and influenced by local ingredients, Rioja offers pure food and bright flavors. With a wine list that offers fun, interesting varietals and a menu that features plenty of vegetarian options, this spot is consistently rated among the top restaurants in Denver.

1431 Larimer St. | 303.820.2282 | riojadenver.com

Root Down

American - Highlands, DIA

The Root Down credo is that food should be sensational, igniting all the senses to create a full dining experience. Following a field-to-fork mentality, food is as organic, natural and local as possible, and menus are globally influenced and inspired.

1600 W. 33rd Ave. | 303.993.4200

Safta

Middle Eastern, Israeli – RiNo

A delightful sojourn into the wonderful flavors of modern Israel. James Beard Award-winning Chef Alon Shaya, whose New Orleans restaurant Saba is a huge hit, opened Safta in the Source Hotel in the River North area. Influenced by the Middle East, Europe and North Africa, the cuisine evokes tastes of Israel, Bulgaria, Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Turkey, Palestine and Greece.

3330 Brighton Blvd. | 720.408.2444

Santo

Mexican - Boulder

Inspired by acclaimed Chef Hosea Rosenberg's home in Taos, N.M., this special eatery is a heartfelt tribute to the flavors and sights of Northern New Mexico. The rich blending of Spanish, Native American and Mexican foods results in mouthwatering flavors in sauces, salsas and more.

1265 Alpine Ave., Boulder | 303.386.3509

Sarto's

Italian - Jefferson Park

Sarto's social Italian eatery serves authentic Italian cuisine from its made-from-scratch menu. Whether you are looking for an extensive multi-course meal or a quick bite to eat, Sarto's social Italian eatery offers it all.

2900 W. 25th Ave. | 303.455.1400

Stanley Marketplace

Global - Aurora

Stanley Marketplace is unique because not only can you grab some delicious market-style food, it's also a place for you to eat, drink, shop, exercise, play, work, and so much more. Nestled in Aurora, the venue has a lot to offer.

2501 Dallas St. | 720.990.6743

Steakhouse No. 316

Steakhouse - Boulder

Straight from Aspen, Steakhouse 316 features prime cuts, lobster tails and more. Husband and wife owners Craig and Samantha Cordts Pearce have done it again, with a wonderful restaurant done in a film-noir style décor.

1922 13th St. | 720.729-1922

Stoic & Genuine

Seafood - Downtown

Located in the hip and happening Union Station in Denver's lower downtown neighborhood, Stoic & Genuine has a simple motto: fresh is everything. This multi-coastal seafood house and oyster bar flies in fresh seafood daily and features an innovative menu. Executive chef Jennifer Jasinski is also behind three of our other favorite Denver restaurants: Rioja, Bistro Vendôme and Euclid Hall.

1701 Wynkoop St. | 303.640.3474

Stout Street Social

American – Downtown

Stout Street Social is your stop for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch featuring a variety of American fare and a huge bar with more than 40 craft beers on tap. Broad menu choices of small and large plates, sushi and fresh seafood, salads and hearty entrees.

1400 Stout St. | 720.214.9100

Super Mega Bien

Mexican - RiNo

Their website says it all: "Super Mega Bien is for travelers of all walks." It's all about delicious food and great fun at this Latin-inspired restaurant located in the Ramble Hotel in RiNo. You can't go wrong with any of the family-style shareable dishes, or small plates served on colorful dim sum carts. It's deliciousness in every bite.

1260 25th St. | 720.269.4695

Sushi Den

Sushi - Platt Park

Regarded as one of the premiere sushi and Japanese restaurants in the U.S. since the mid '80s, this popular spot continues to set a standard for high-quality cuisine. With its own pesticide-free farm for produce, plus seafood flown in from Japan, Sushi Den leads Denver restaurants in quality.

1487 S. Pearl St. | 303.777.0826

Tables

American - Park Hill

Owners and chefs Amy Vitale and Dustin Barrett transformed this spot into a cozy, eclectic restaurant with personality and charm. The creative New American cuisine and friendly service are bright spots. Menus are regularly updated to feature the freshest seasonal ingredients.

2267 Kearney St. | 303.388.0299

TAG

Continental - Downtown

Chef/owner Troy Guard uses fresh local ingredients to offer a cross-cultural culinary adventure. Guard's playful cuisine, described as continental social food, melds classic and contemporary styles in a chic urban atmosphere to inspire a sense of community among friends. The menu is unconstrained by national boundaries, drawing from Chef Guard's Hawaiian rearing and his travels in Asia and Latin America.

1441 Larimer St. | 303.996.9985

Tamayo

Mexican - Downtown

Highly regarded chef Richard Sandoval delivers a perfect take on modern Mexican cuisine. Sit at the bar and peruse more than 100 tequilas and agave-based spirits, then get ready to indulge. The menu boasts all the delights of Mexico with a contemporary flair, paying tribute to Chef Sandoval's deeply rooted ties to his grandmother's and father's authentic Mexican cooking.

1400 Larimer Square | 720.946.1433

Tavernetta

Italian - Downtown

The James Beard Award-winning team of Lachlan Mackinnon-Patterson, Bobby Stuckey and Peter Hoglund first received acclaim with Frasca Food and Wine, their popular Boulder restaurant. Now Tavernetta, in the Union Station neighborhood, wows the Denver crowd, with an innovative Italian-themed menu for lunch and dinner.

1889 16th Street | 720.605.1889

Uchi

Sushi – Curtis Park

Non-traditional take on Japanese cuisine. The award-winning Uchi, which translated from Japanese means "house," was first opened in Austin, Texas by James Beard Award winner Chef Tyson Cole.

2500 Lawrence St. | 303.444.1922

Ultreia

Spanish - Downtown

The fabulous Crafted Concepts group has done it again with this Union Station gem that serves up great food indigenous to the Iberian Peninsula countries of Spain and Portugal. The name says it all, loosely translated to "onward" and referring to encouraging words to pilgrims on the pilgrimage in Spain – befitting a restaurant located in a transit hub.

1701 Wynkoop St. in Union Station | 303.534.1970

Urban Farmer Denver

Steakhouse - Downtown

A modern farm-to-table steakhouse located adjacent to the historic Oxford Hotel, this eclectic restaurant emphasizes locally sourced ingredients and authentic straightforward preparations. The great fare is enhanced by a wonderful selection of locally crafted beers and spirits.

1659 Wazee St. | 303.262.6070

Zolo Grill

Southwestern - Boulder

Chef Justin Goerich serves modern Southwestern cuisine using the best local, seasonal and organic ingredients. Everything is made inhouse, including smoked chorizo, bacon, pickles, desserts, sauces and salsas. Behind the bar, mixologist and master of tequila Giovanni Buonsante shakes up the most delicious handcrafted margaritas in Boulder, featuring more than 150 varieties of tequila.

2525 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder | 303.449.0444

SHOPPING



Cherry Creek Shopping Center

The Rocky Mountain region's premier shopping environment features more than 160 shops such as Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Burberry and Hyde Park Jewelers, plus popular dining hotspots like Elway's, Kona Grill and 801 Chophouse.

3000 E. 1st Ave. | 303.388.3900
ShopCherryCreek.com

Colorado Mills

Denver's only indoor outlet mall features high-end shops including Coach Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Last Call by Neiman Marcus and Eddie Bauer Outlet. Great restaurants round out the mix, along with numerous entertainment options such as United Artists Theaters & IMAX, Jumpstreet and The Putting Edge.

14500 W. Colfax Ave.
303.384.3000
Simon.com/Mall/Colorado-Mills

Denver Pavilions

Located on the 16th Street Mall in the heart of downtown, this three-story, open-air shopping center has it all: 40 shops and restaurants, bowling lanes and a movie theater. Ride the free 16th Street Mall Shuttle to your favorite retailers, including Banana Republic, Express & more.

500 16th St. | 303.260.6000
DenverPavilions.com

Denver Premium Outlets

A premier outlet shopping destination featuring a diverse mix of popular designer and lifestyle brands, including Kate Spade New York, Tory Burch, Cole Haan, Michael Kors and Polo Ralph Lauren. Denver's newest shopping experience!

13801 Grant St. in Thornton
303.200.3815
premiumoutlets.com/outlet/denver

Flatirons Crossing

Set on a rise between Boulder and Denver, Flatirons Crossing invites you to enjoy blue skies, fun restaurants and top-flight movies. Explore more than 200 fashion and specialty retailers, including Coach, Coldwater Creek, Bebe, BC Surf and Sport, and more.

One W. Flatiron Crossing
720.887.7467
FlatIronCrossing.com

Aspen Grove

Located in Littleton, this pet-friendly, open-air retail village is home to over 55 stores and restaurants, including Pottery Barn, The Gap, Apple, See's Candies, Hot Mama, Ted's Montana Grill and more.

701 S. Santa Fe Dr. | 303.794.0640
ShopAspenGrove.com

Belmar

An eclectic and well-planned destination for shopping, dining and events, Belmar is reaching new heights in the Denver scene. Located in the beautiful suburb of Lakewood, Belmar is a trendy escape from the busy city.

408 S. Teller St. | 303.742.1520
BelmarColorado.com

Cherry Creek North

More than 350 businesses make up the Cherry Creek neighborhood, representing local and national brands. Check out this retail and dining area where you will find fashion, jewelry and home furnishings, spas, salons, art galleries and restaurants.

299 Milwaukee St | 303.394.2904
CherryCreekNorth.com

16th Street Mall

Built in 1982, the 16th Street Mall is a tree-lined, pedestrian promenade that runs through the center of downtown. Lined with outdoor cafés, shops and restaurants, the mall has a great family-friendly atmosphere and a vibrant nightlife. Free shuttle buses cruise the mile-long Mall seven days a week.

Entire Length of 16th St.
303.534.6161
DowntownDenver.com

Antique Row

Although known locally as "Antique Row," this eclectic mix of merchants offers the gamut, including high-quality antiques, garden supplies, fine wines, antique rugs, handcrafted picture frames, tiles, vintage lighting, custom furniture craftsmen, a host of fabulous dining and a tea room.

1100-1800 S. Broadway
Antique-Row.com

Golden Triangle Museum District

Denver's Golden Triangle district is brimming with restaurants and culture. Within walking distance of downtown, it features more than 50 galleries, museums and specialty stores. Don't miss free First Friday Art Tours every month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with complimentary shuttle service.

Bordered by Lincoln St.,
Colfax Ave. & Speer Blvd.
720.253.2774
GoldenTriangleofDenver.com

Highlands

Three diverse commercial districts comprise this neighborhood: cosmopolitan Lower Highlands (LoHi), charming Highlands Square and artsy Tennyson Street. Denver's largest neighborhood features local and national retailers, restaurants, landmarks, art galleries and entertainment.

32nd & Lowell Streets
303.892.1112
Highlands-Square.com

Historic Downtown Golden

If you want a change of pace from busy malls or more populated shopping districts, this is definitely the place to be. With one-of-a-kind boutiques that offer all things unique, serious shoppers who want to bring back that hard-to-find gift will love this district with a flavor all its own.

DowntownGolden.com | VisitGolden.com

Historic Downtown Littleton

Visit one of the few remaining historic shopping districts along the Front Range and experience a true hometown atmosphere where people smile and take life a little slower. With more than 250 eclectic shopping, dining and entertainment options, you are certain to find just what you're looking for.

West Main St. btwn. Santa
Fe Drive & South Rio Grande
303.795.5006
DowntownLittleton.com



Larimer Square

Located in the heart of downtown, the shops at Larimer Square offer a truly distinctive selection of fashion, jewelry, gifts and home accessories for shopping connoisseurs and fashionistas of all ages.

Larimer St. between 14th & 16th Streets | 303.534.2367
LarimerSquare.com

LoDo

Nestled between Coors Field and the Pepsi Center, LoDo is Lower Downtown's prime destination for fun and trendy shops. The eclectic stores and vibrant historic district offer everything from antiques and ranchwear to fine jewelry and eyewear.

1616 17th St. | 303.628.5428
LoDo.org

Old South Gaylord St.

One of the oldest business districts in Denver, here you can find passionate business owners who offer personal service. Old South Gaylord Street offers a variety of upscale boutiques, galleries and restaurants, as well as professional services and talented regional craftsmen.

1059 S. Gaylord St. | 303.733.2670
SouthGaylordStreet.com

Old South Pearl St.

This laid-back neighborhood features an eclectic mix of shops, boutiques and restaurants. An antidote to the modern megamall, it features seasonal events year-round, one-of-a-kind stores and some of the city's most popular nightspots.

1569 Pearl St. | 303.892.1112
SouthPearlStreet.com

Olde Town Arvada

With more than 150 unique shops, Olde Town Arvada has plenty of variety. Whether you're in the market for books, clothing, handmade jewelry, furnishings and antiques or a great restaurant, this vibrant shopping district is full of treasures.

7307 Grandview Ave.
303.420.6100
OldeTowneArvada.com

Outlets At Castle Rock

The Outlets at Castle Rock is the largest open-air outlet center in Colorado, housing more than 100 name-brand stores, including Coach, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger and many more.

5050 Factory Shops Blvd.
303.688.4495
OutletsAtCastlerock.com

Outlets At Loveland

A true gem tucked at the foot of the Rockies between Greeley and Fort Collins, the Outlets at Loveland is a great destination for hikers wanting a little shopping to top off a perfect day, or anyone looking for a fun and upscale experience. Featuring more than 40 great outlets, including Ann Taylor, Under Armour, Nike and J. Crew.

5661 McWhinney Blvd.
970.663.1916
OutletsAtLoveland.com

Outlets At Silverthorne

Nestled in the scenic Rockies, just off I-70 on your way to the mountains, the Outlets at Silverthorne is home to three villages of impressive retail including Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, GAP, Coach, Banana Republic, J.Crew, Columbia and more. A beautiful setting for some fabulous buys.

246-V Rainbow Dr. | 970.468.5780
OutletsAtSilverthorne.com

Park Meadows

A unique and visually stunning retail resort, Park Meadows features fashionable stores and delectable dining choices, along with entertainment and events. With over 165 retailers and 14 full-service restaurants, shoppers experience the classic Colorado lifestyle while enjoying the beautiful resort setting.

8401 Park Meadows Center Dr.
303.792.5384 | ParkMeadows.com

Pearl Street Mall

A four-block pedestrian mall in Boulder, Pearl Street is home to a number of locally owned businesses and restaurants, national chains and the Boulder County Courthouse. This popular tourist destination is loaded with charm, from the fountains and gardens to street performers.

Btwn. the 1100 & 1400 blocks of Pearl St. | 303.892.1112
BoulderDowntown.com

River Arts North District (RiNo)

Situated just north of downtown, RiNo is home to an eclectic mix of galleries, artists, wineries, breweries, and more. If you're in the market for unique, fabulous art, RiNo is the place to be, with a host of galleries showcasing works by some of the city's most talented artists.

North of downtown Denver
RiverNorthArt.com

The Shops at Northfield Stapleton

Located just minutes from downtown, The Shops at Northfield Stapleton is a pedestrian-friendly, open-air shopping district featuring specialty shops and restaurants including Macy's, Bass Pro Shops' Outdoor World and Harkins Theatres 18.

8340 Northfield Blvd.
303.375.5475
NorthfieldStapleton.com

Streets at Southglenn

This destination builds on the character of the surrounding neighborhood with a mix of retailers, restaurants, entertainment and services. Southglenn is an unmatched upscale shopping, dining and entertainment experience.

S University Blvd & E. Arapahoe Rd
303.539.7141
ShopSouthglenn.com

Southlands

An outdoor lifestyle center with a community plaza and four blocks of retail shops, restaurants and entertainment options, Southlands offers a movie theater, Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Irish Bistro and Pub and more.

6155 Main St. | 303.627.5000
ShopSouthlands.com

Southwest Plaza

Conveniently located in southwest metro Denver, Southwest Plaza features popular retailers and restaurants such as Forever 21, BC Surf and Sport, and Tokyo Joe's, plus department stores including Dillard's flagship store.

8501 W. Bowles Ave. 303.973.7062
SouthwestPlaza.com

Tennyson Street Cultural Arts District

Located in the Berkeley District, the Tennyson Cultural Arts District offers music, live performance, film, and art galore.

Located in Northwest Denver
btwn. Sheridan & Lowell and 38th & 52nd Ave. BerkeleyDistrict.com

Town Center At Aurora

An indoor mall with more than 150 fun stores including Macy's, Dillard's and Victoria's Secret. A neighborhood shopping destination, the Town Center has great options for dining, children's fashion, home electronics and everything for your style.

14200 E. Alameda Ave.
303.344.9764
Simon.com/Mall/Town-Center-at-Aurora

Twenty-Ninth Street

Twenty-Ninth Street is the premier mixed-use outdoor shopping center in Boulder, featuring local and national eateries and shops like Anthropologie, Apple, Sephora, California Pizza Kitchen and more.

1710 29th St. | 303.444.0722
TwentyNinth.com

Village Shops at The Landmark

Featuring the best designers in Denver and some of the finest retailers in the world, Village Shops at the Landmark is one of the foremost shopping destinations in the city.

Quebec St. btwn Bellevue & Orchard
303.892.1112
VisitTheLandmark.com

ATTRACTIONS



ARTS VENUES

Art District on Santa Fe

Home to many artists and studios, this arts district has become a national model of success in community revitalization. The art district has cultivated a friendly, welcoming feel for both seasoned collectors and new art lovers.

801 Kalamath St. | 303.868.8680
ArtDistrictOnSantaFe.com

Arvada Center for the Arts

With two performance venues, three galleries and a multidisciplinary arts education program, the Arvada Center showcases theatrical shows, musical performances and local and touring art exhibitions.

6901 Wadsworth Blvd. | 720.898.7200
ArvadaCenter.org

Civic Center

Just steps away from the Denver Art Museum, the Clyfford Still Museum, the U.S. Mint and more, the park is an historic urban oasis nestled amid one of the country's grandest architectural campuses.

14th Ave Pkwy & Broadway | 303.861.4633
CivicCenterConservancy.org

Clyfford Still Museum

The Clyfford Still collection represents one of the most comprehensive single-artist collections in the world, encompassing approximately 2,400 works, most never before exhibited.

1250 Bannock St. | 720.354.4880
ClyffordStillMuseum.org

Colorado Ballet

A treat for classical and modern dance enthusiasts, the Colorado Ballet boasts 30 members from around the globe presenting a variety of exciting performances.

1278 Lincoln St. | 303.837.8888
ColoradoBallet.com

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center

More than a museum, here you will find an arts district, combining a museum, theatre and art school, featuring special performances, standup comedy and concerts.

30 W. Dale Street, Colorado Springs
719.634.5581 | CSFineArtsCenter.org

The Colorado Symphony

Performing traditional, modern and classical works, the Colorado Symphony offers year-round concerts featuring everything from light summer shows to performances by celebrated musicians.

1000 14th St. | 303.623.7876
ColoradoSymphony.org

Denver Art Museum

Founded in 1893, the city's largest museum is one of the most storied in the state with more than 68,000 pieces of art. With an extensive American Indian collection, the museum is a must-see for art lovers.

100 W. 14th Avenue Pkwy. | 720.865.5000
DenverArtMuseum.org

Denver City Attractions

Denver City Attractions provides a showcase for live theater, touring Broadway shows, acting classes for the community and more, located at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

1101 13th St. | 303.893.4100
DenverCenter.com

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Contemporary Art

With painting, sculpture, furniture, ceramics and an elastic hodgepodge of classic works from the past 100 years, this one-of-a-kind facility features some of the best-known designers of our time.

1201 Bannock St. | 303.832.8576
KirklandMuseum.org

Mizel Museum

The Mizel Museum, an educational, nonprofit organization, is Denver's only museum that addresses today's social justice issues through the lens of Jewish history and values. The museum's programs, events and exhibits are designed to combat discrimination and hatred and encourage positive change in our communities.

400 S. Kearney St.
720.785.7300 | MizelMuseum.org

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

Featuring regional, national and international artists, the vast array of rotating exhibits and public educational programs promotes creative experimentation with art and ideas for visitors of all ages.

1485 Delgany St. | 303.298.7554
MCADenver.org

Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

The museum's latest expansion now includes the acclaimed Buell Children's Museum and Jackson Sculpture Gardens, and today this beautiful city incorporates high-quality art exhibits, performing arts, dance arts, an award-winning children's museum and comprehensive arts educational programming. This is a don't miss venue when you visit Pueblo!

210 N. Santa Fe Ave. in Pueblo
719.295.7200 | SDC-Arts.org

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Chautauqua Park

The Chautauqua movement of the early 1990s promoted simplicity, learning and art appreciation. That spirit lives on in this haven for cultural enrichment. Rental cottages are available at the park.

900 Baseline Rd. | 303.442.3282
Chautauqua.com

City Park

This beautiful park adjacent to downtown Denver features lakes, historical monuments, playgrounds, tennis courts, and is home to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, IMAX and the Denver Zoo.

2001 Colorado Blvd. | DenverGov.org/Parks

Denver Botanic Gardens

As one of the top-ranked facilities in the United States, the Denver Botanic Gardens presents a wide range of grounds and stunning collections from all corners of the world.

1007 York St. | 720.865.3500
BotanicGardens.org

Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center

The Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center is the most-visited attraction in the Pikes Peak region, offering free admission, iconic views, interactive museum exhibits, world-class shopping, and the fun and exciting Geo-Trekker Theater movie experience.

1805 N. 30th St. in Colorado Springs
719.634.6666 | GardenOfGods.com

Mount Goliath Mount Evans Scenic Byway

Located 17 miles from Idaho Springs near Mt. Evans, this stunning area abounds with wildflowers and wildlife. Great views and hiking trails make this a local gem.

Bailey, CO | 720.865.3585
MountEvans.com

Denver Mountain Parks

The entire parks system contains more than 14,000 acres of parklands in the mountains and foothills just west of downtown. It also encompasses a wide variety of striking Colorado terrain, perfect for activities like hiking and sightseeing.

303.987.7800
DenverMountainParks.wordpress.com

Flatirons Vista Trailhead

Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, trail running and picnicking on the Trailhead's two- or three-mile loop through the Ponderosa pines and meadows along the Flatirons.

3663 State Hwy. 93 | 303.441.3440
ProTrails.com/trails

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Once known as the "Garden of the Angels" and later as the "Garden of the Titans," this stunning venue is a favorite for concertgoers and musicians. Towering red rocks frame the site, and the views are nothing short of incredible.

18300 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison
720.865.2494
TheRedRocksAmphitheatre.com

Washington Park

At more than 100 years old, the area known to locals as Wash Park is one of the largest parks in Denver, featuring flower gardens, a 2.6-mile jogging trail, two lakes, a bowling green, tennis courts and more.

S. Downing St. & E. Louisiana Ave.
303.698.4692 | WashPark.com

OUTDOOR FUN

Elitch Gardens

America's only downtown theme park and waterpark has operated continuously for more than 120 years. Elitch's is sheer fun, making this a go-to destination for locals and out-of-town visitors.

2000 Elitch Circle | 303.595.4386
ElitchGardens.com

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park

Enjoy mountains of adventure including cave tours, thrill rides, restaurants, kids' activities and more in this park situated on top of Iron Mountain with breathtaking views of the Roaring Fork Valley and surrounding mountains.

51000 Two Rivers Plaza Rd.
in Glenwood Springs
970.945.4228 | GlenwoodCaverns.com

The North Pole

Since 1956 this Christmas-themed family amusement park has delighted visitors. Featuring more than 25 rides and attractions, gift shops featuring unique toys and gifts, and a 1919 band organ evoking memories from years past. But the highlight is a trip to Santa's House to greet the jolly old elf himself!

Santa's Workshop
5050 Pikes Peak Hwy. in Cascade
719.684.9432 | NorthPoleColorado.com

Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

Home of America's highest suspension bridge and zip line, the park is filled with adrenaline-packed rides and breathtaking views of Colorado's natural wonders. An unforgettable experience for all.

4218 County Rd. 3A in Canon City
RoyalGorgeBridge.com

Soaring Tree Top Adventure

Enjoy some of the longest zip lines in the U.S. as you soar on a Colorado eco tour over the San Juan Mountains on 27 different zip lines ranging from 56 ft. to 1,400 ft. in length over 1.5 miles of cable. Cross the Animas River and soar through majestic old-growth ponderosa pines and beautiful aspen groves.

964 County Road 200 in Durango
970.769.2357 | SoaringColorado.com

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

shutterstock.com

MUSEUMS AND MORE

The Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum

The nation's only museum dedicated to mountaineering history, featuring exhibits on climate, science, cultures and the humanities as they relate to mountains.

710 10th Street in Golden | 303.996.2747
MountaineeringMuseum.org

The Butterfly Pavilion

This treasure features a visually thrilling rainforest with 1,600 free-flying tropical butterflies, live animal exhibits and interactive fun for all ages.

6252 W. 104th Ave. | 303.469.5441
Butterflies.org

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

USAToday named this the fourth-best zoo in America. Home to more than 170 different species in total, this is the highest zoo in the country at an elevation of 6,800 ft. above sea level. The zoo was founded in 1926 by philanthropist Spencer Penrose to house his growing collection of exotic animals.

4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd.
in Colorado Springs | 719.833.3925 | CMZoo.org

Children's Museum of Denver

Engage with interactive playscapes, daily educational programming and popular special events. Serving children and their grown-ups, the museum provides a dynamic learning environment to explore.

2121 Children's Museum Dr.
303.433.7444 | MyChildrensMuseum.org

Colorado Gators Reptile Park

A unique opportunity to meet, pet, hold and take pictures with a little alligator. Large African Sulcata tortoises wander freely about, and don't miss the albino alligators, Mr. Bo Mangles and Morris the Hollywood alligator from "Happy Gilmore." Also on display are fearsome Nile crocodiles, Burmese pythons, a 17" reticulated python, and more.

6162 Cr. 9 N. in Mosca
719.378.2612 | ColoradoGators.com

Colorado Railroad Museum

Revel in the sights and sounds of more than 100 narrow-and standard-gauge steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars, cabooses and more in the museum's 15-acre railyard, and visit the Depot General Store where you'll find thousands of trail gifts.

17155 W. 44th Ave., Golden | 303.279.4591
ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame

Take a journey through Colorado Sports history, where you will learn about world-famous and lesser-known athletes in a variety of sports ranging from football to track and field to fencing. All of the athletes showcased in the museum have demonstrated characteristics that represent the true glory of athletic competition: sportsmanship, leadership, courage, sacrifice, endurance and power.

Broncos Stadium at Mile High, Gate 1
1701 Bryant Street | 720-258-3888
ColoradoSports.org

Colorado State Capitol

Opened in 1894, the Colorado State Capitol stands as a living museum of history and an active seat of state government. See where legislation takes place in the House and Senate chambers during free daily tours.

200 E. Colfax Ave. | 303.866.2604
Colorado.gov

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

For more than 100 years, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science has allowed visitors to explore the cosmos and uncover brilliant gems and minerals. Enjoy the IMAX theater and planetarium or go toe-to-toe with a T-Rex... if you dare!

2001 Colorado Blvd. | 303.370.6000 | DMNS.org

Denver Zoo

From the birth of an exotic animal to the exhilaration of a world-class exhibit opening, the area's largest zoo is an adventure for the senses.

2300 Steele St. | 303.376.4800 | DenverZoo.org

Downtown Aquarium

Dive into food and fun – and an underwater adventure! Enjoy the Aquarium restaurant and explore more than 1 million gallons of sealife including sharks, otters, tigers and more.

700 Water St. | 303.561.4450
DowntownAquarium.com

Fiske Planetarium

What's your sign? Test your astronomy knowledge at the University of Colorado's popular planetarium. Check out the dazzling array of laser and star shows, live star talks & more.

2414 Regent Dr. | 303.492.5002
Fiske.Colorado.edu

Forney Museum of Transportation

A unique collection of more than 600 artifacts representing historical transportation. The exhibits include buggies, motorcycles, steam locomotives, aircraft, carriage, fire apparatus, sleighs, bicycles and much more. Check out the Union Pacific 'Big Boy' Steam Locomotive, Amelia Earhart's 1923 Kissel Gold Bug and more.

4303 Brighton Blvd. / 303.297.1113
ForneyMuseum.org

History Colorado Center

A fascinating view of Colorado history comes alive, with a comprehensive collection of books, artifacts and photographs that encapsulate the state's history. History is truly brought to life in this award-winning architectural venue.

1200 Broadway | 303.447.8679
HistoryColorado.org

Molly Brown Museum

Experience the legacy of the Unsinkable Molly Brown, a leading socialite and philanthropist best known as one of the survivors of the RMS Titanic.

1340 Pennsylvania St. | 303.832.4092
MollyBrown.org

National Center for Atmospheric Research

How do clouds form? Why is climate changing? Learn all this and more at NCAR, which is dedicated to understanding our earth on a national and international scope.

1850 Table Mesa Dr. | 303.497.1000
NCAR.UCAR.edu

ProRodeo Hall of Fame

Visitors love this educational and entertaining museum that preserves the legacy of the western spirit, including cowboy contests, heritage and culture of the original competitions. You'll see champions of the past, present and future. The new kid's area features a dress-up area, bouncy animals, a bucking chute, barrels, roping dummies and more.

101 Pro Rodeo Drive in Colorado Springs
719.528.4764 | ProRodeoHallOfFame.com

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

National Wildlife Refuge

This area supports more than 330 species of wildlife such as bald eagles, hawks and more, on a 15,000-acre expanse of short-grass prairie.

6550 Gateway Rd. | 303.289.0232
fws.gov/Rocky_Mountain_Arsenal

Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (The CELL)

A fascinating exhibit dedicated to the prevention of terrorism through education, empowerment and engagement. This is a one-of-a-kind dynamic, interactive experience with content developed by world-renowned experts providing an indepth understanding of the history of terrorism, methods employed by terrorists, and current issues facing U.S. national security.

99 West 12th Ave. | 303.844.4000
TheCell.org

The Wild Animal Sanctuary

Housing more than 450 rescued lions, tigers, bears and other carnivores, this 720-acre space is the largest carnivore sanctuary in the world. Come view the animals on the mile-and-a-half of elevated walkway and step into the wild.

1946 County Rd 53, Keenesburg 303.536.0118 |
WildAnimalSanctuary.org

Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum

Located on the former grounds of Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado's Air and Space Museum offers a trip through history from distinctive aircraft nose art to stirring exhibits.

7711 E. Academy Blvd. | 303.360.5360
WingsMuseum.org

THE SCENE

Hello, Dolly!

Buell Theatre

Betty Buckley stars in the universally acclaimed hit that NPR calls “the best show of the year.” Winner of four Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Dcpa.org

Through April 7

A Culinary Adventure

Union Station

Local guides take you on a fun-filled flavor journey through the city that will fill you with delicious food and local knowledge. At each tasting you will dive into the food/drinks and get an insider's view of how these chefs/owners are elevating the food culture and their positive impacts within the community. Visit some iconic landmarks, get the lowdown on local hotspots, and learn interesting facts about how Denver went from a dying mining town to a booming metropolis.

denverlikealocaltours.com

Through October 31

Xanadu

DCPA

Follow the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California on a quest to inspire a struggling artist to achieve the first roller disco.

Denvercenter.org

Through April 28



Leonardo Da Vinci: 500 years of genius

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Inventor, artist, scientist, anatomist, engineer, architect, sculptor, philosopher. Experience true genius in Da Vinci Alive, the most comprehensive exhibition about Leonardo ever presented.

dmns.org

Through August 25

Between Us

DCPA

A set of three unique one-on-one experiences with just you and an actor, created by some of the country's leading immersive theatre artists. A once-in-a-lifetime chance to look a story in the face and become a part of it!

Through May 26

Virtual Reality Arcade

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Come on in, jump on board, and have some fun in VR Arcade. The pop-up experience uses virtual reality technology that lets you explore wherever your curiosity leads. Featuring six bays for individuals and a four-person Virtual Reality Transporter ride.

dmns.org

Through June 2

Jordan Casteel: Returning the Gaze

Denver Art Museum

Jordan Casteel: Returning the Gaze, features nearly 30 paintings by Denver-born artist Jordan Casteel, who is now based in Harlem, New York. The presentation represents Casteel's first major museum exhibition and provides audiences with a first look at new work by one of the most acclaimed emerging artists working today.

denverartmuseum.org

Through August 18

Ansel Adams Exhibit

Longmont Museum

The Ansel Adams: Early Works exhibit focuses on the photographer's iconic small prints taken from the 1920s to the 1950s, early in his career. Adams' work changed our understanding of landscape photography.

visitlongmont.org

Through May 26

P!NK: Beautiful Trauma World Tour

Pepsi Center

P!nk's Beautiful Trauma" album was nominated for best pop vocal album at the 2019 Grammy Awards. This talented performer has sold more than 90 million records, and Beautiful Trauma (featuring the hit single *What About Us*), was the third best-selling album of the year in 2017.

pepsicenter.com

April 1

Beehive the 60's Musical

Lone Tree Arts Center

Beehive is a wild toe-tapping, head shakin' musical tribute to the rockin' women who made the music of the '60s so special—from Lesley Gore to Janis Joplin, from the Shirelles to the Supremes, Aretha Franklin to Tina Turner, and every woman in between! Featuring timeless classics like “My Boyfriend's Back,” “Be My Baby,” “You Can't Hurry Love,” “Proud Mary,” and “Me and Bobby McGee,” Beehive recalls the days of miniskirts, transistor radios, and flower power. This concert revue will have you dancing in your seat!

lonetreeartscenter.org

April 3-13

May Words Fly Free

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Stories on Stage, Lighthouse Writer's Workshop and Words Beyond Bars join forces for a special live presentation of professional actors performing selected works by men and women incarcerated in Colorado's correctional facilities. These stories, ranging from warm and humorous to thought-provoking and challenging, reveal the humanity of writers defiantly proclaiming: “I am more than the crime I committed.”

storiesonstage.org

April 4

Disney on Ice: World of Enchantment

Denver Coliseum

Enter the dazzling world of Disney magic, LIVE ON ICE! Rev up for non-stop fun with four of your favorite Disney stories. Thrill to high-speed stunts as Lightning McQueen, Mater and the crew of Disney Pixar's Cars race across the ice. Dive into adventure with Ariel and The Little Mermaid's undersea kingdom. The toys are back in town with heroic action when Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jessie and the Toy Story gang escape from Sunnyside Daycare and race for home in their most daring adventure! Plus, enter the wintry world of Arendelle with sisters Anna and Elsa and pals Olaf and Kristoff from Disney's Frozen as they learn that true love comes from within.

axs.com

April 4 – 7

Colorado Rockies Opening Day Celebration

Union Station

Live music on the Plaza by Paizley Park, Colorado's favorite Prince tribute band, along with great food and drink specials from Terminal Bar.

unionstationdenver.com

April 5

Longmont Farmers Market Boulder County Fairgrounds

Free kid's activities every week. Artisan shows every fourth Saturday: April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27. Free parking at the Fairgrounds and complimentary bike valet at the farmer's market with Bicycle Longmont.

bcfm.org

Saturdays beginning April 6

Loveland Derby

Loveland Ski Area

For more than 50 years, Loveland Ski Area has hosted America's largest amateur race, The Loveland Derby! Racers from across the country dress up and travel to Colorado for the last race of the season. Great costumes, BBQs and fast-paced racing fun.

skiloveland.com

April 6 – 7

Boulder Farmers Market

13th Street next to Central Park

Experience Boulder like a local. A weekly ritual for Boulderites established in 1986 by local farmers looking to sell farm-fresh produce directly to the public, the Boulder Farmers Market is now the largest in Colorado. As a grower-only market, shoppers are guaranteed the best selection of locally grown, seasonal produce, eggs, cheeses, meats, herbs, flowers, wines and gourmet food products available in Boulder County, most organically or naturally grown/produced. They also get to meet and learn directly from the farmer how their food was grown, when it was picked, how to keep it fresh and, in many cases, new ideas on how to prepare and enjoy it.

bcfm.org

Saturdays, April 6 – Nov 23

Ladies Day Out

Sacred Rides, Boulder

Guided by local professionals, these cycling trips offer women the chance to experience Boulder's array of mountain bike trails. Fully customizable for first-time riders or experienced pros, this no-pressure environment is the perfect way to connect with other like-minded women as well as learn new skills and brush up on bike knowledge.

boulder.sacredrides.com

April 10 – September 4

Chris Hardwick

Comedy Works Downtown

On stage, Hardwick continues to solidify himself as one of today's top touring standup comedians. His most recent one-hour comedy special is titled *Funcomfortable*. Hardwick has made memorable appearances alongside Kelly Ripa as guest co-host of *Live with Kelly*, and served as a contributing writer for *Wired* Magazine for six years. He released his first book, *The Nerdist Way: How to Reach the Next Level (In Real Life)*, in 2011.

comedyworks.com

April 11 – 13

Great Space Escape (Adults only)

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Strap on your space boots for a crash course in constellations and galactic hijinks with a pair of cosmically comical astronomers. It's part stand-up, part science, part history and all parts fun. Cash bar opens 30 minutes before showtime, so come early and grab a drink.

dmns.org

April 11

The Illusionists

The Buell Theatre

The world's most incredible illusionists showcase their spectacular talent in a performance that dazzles audiences with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever seen on stage.

[Dcpa.org](http://dcpa.org)

April 12-14

Fetch Spring Market

Rockies Parking Garage in RiNo

Fetch Markets are Colorado's largest and most creative celebrations of small business, shopping, design, local culture, and community. Fetch Markets offer guests a unique shopping experience featuring a curated selection of 150+ vendors, ranging from vintage clothing and local artwork to artisanal food products and home goods, as well as a stellar selection of food vendors, pop-up cocktail bars, craft beer, and live entertainment.

thisisfetch.com

April 12 - April 14

Our Senses: Creating Your Reality

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Your senses are one of those things you don't think much about, yet they are constantly at work shaping your perception of the world. Now they get the scientific spotlight in an exhibition for the whole family that playfully reveals how and why what we perceive is not all, or exactly, what's actually going on around us. In a series of interactive galleries, you will enjoy some "sensory overload" as you play with color, patterns, sound, scents, and touch and discover how there's so much more to our senses than just the usual five.

dmns.org

April 12 – August 4

American Girl Live

Paramount Theatre

A live stage production full of all new songs, based on the stories behind some of the beloved characters.

[Tickets-center.com](http://tickets-center.com)

April 13-14

DINK

McNichols Civic Center Building

Indie, Alternative and 100-percent independent, DiNK Denver is a celebration of artists, writers, creators, zine makers, graffiti artists, tattoo arts and publishers from around the world. Encompassing three floors of entertainment with over 250 exhibitors, DiNK features daily panel discussions, craft sessions, adult coloring, art auctions, comedy shows and the Comic and Art Awards ceremony 'The DiNKy' Awards.

dinkdenver.com

April 13 – 14

Snoop Dogg / Ice Cube

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Since being discovered by Dr. Dre, rapper, singer, producer and actor Snoop Dogg has topped the charts. Since his debut album, *Doggystyle*, he has sold more than 35 million albums worldwide.

redrocksonline.com

April 18



Bill Engvall

Paramount Theatre

Bill Engvall is a Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling recording artist and one of the top comedians in the country. Most recently, Bill was a contestant on season 17 of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*, where he made it to the finals. Earlier this year, Bill lent his voice to the animated comedy series *Bounty Hunters*, and previously starred in, and executive produced, the TBS sitcom *The Bill Engvall Show*.

altitudetickets.com

April 19

Human | Nature: Figures from the Craig Ponzio Sculpture Collection

Denver Botanic Gardens

Sculptures that explore the human form in both classical and abstract styles from the early 20th Century to today. The statues are set against the scenic backdrop of the Botanic Gardens' diverse botanical environments.

Botanicgardens.org

April 19-Sept. 15

420 Festival

Civic Center Park

For the second consecutive year, Euflora Recreational Marijuana hosts the Mile High 420 Festival. Thousands of Denverites, cannabis enthusiasts, and activists will convene in Denver's Civic Center Park for the biggest 420 Festival yet. This year, Euflora teamed up with Osiris Marketing Management to showcase live music from both local and international acts. The 2019 Mile High 420 Fest kicks off at 10 a.m. and reaches its pinnacle at 4:20 p.m. with performances by Jermaine Dupri and T.I.

milehigh420festival.com

April 20

Kenny Wayne Shepherd

Paramount Theatre

The acclaimed guitarist, singer and songwriter is widely hailed as a premier blues artist.

Tickets-center.com

April 20

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elitchgardens.com

April 20 – 21

Loveland's Amazing Giant Easter Egg Hunt

Loveland Ski Area

Head to Loveland on Easter Sunday where you'll gather at the Basin area for first chair at 8:30 a.m. Keep your eyes peeled for the giant hidden Easter Eggs as you ski down the slopes, browse the Sport Shop, and wander the base area. Huge eggs mean huge prizes such as skis, snowboards, and more. There are a limited number of giant Easter eggs hidden around the Basin and only one can be claimed per person. There also will be plenty of small eggs for the little ones around the base area and off Lift 2.

skiloveland.com

April 21

Frisco Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Main Street in Frisco

The Easter Bunny returns to Frisco Main Street on Sunday, April 21 to hide 5,000 Easter eggs. Children eight and younger are invited to search for candy-stuffed eggs throughout Frisco Historic Park and the Frisco Town Hall areas. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at noon, when the Easter Bunny rings the historic schoolhouse bell. The Easter Bunny will visit with children before and after the egg hunt on Main Street. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras for selfies with the furry guy.

townoffrisco.com

April 21

Digital Earth: Italy

Denver Museum of Nature & Science Gates Planetarium

Become a world traveler from the comfort of a planetarium seat! Italy is your destination as you follow the path of Leonardo da Vinci along the waterways of Venice, marvel at the streets of Rome and roam the Tuscan landscape using immersive satellite images of Earth projected onto the full dome. Geologist Dr. Bob Reynolds and space science curator Dr. Ka Chun Yu will be your guides on this journey.

dmns.org

April 23

Cats

Buell Theatre

Cats, the record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber that has captivated audiences in more than 30 countries and 15 languages, is now on tour across North America. Audiences are rediscovering this beloved musical with breathtaking music, including one of the most treasured songs in musical theater, "Memory". Winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, Cats tells the story of one magical night when an extraordinary tribe of cats gathers for its annual ball to rejoice and decide which cat will be reborn.

denvercenter.org

April 24 – 28

Jeff Dunham

Budweiser Events Center, Loveland

A clever and hilarious show featuring ventriloquist and comedian Jeff Dunham, who has been described as "a dressed-down, more digestible version of Don Rickles with multiple personality disorder."

tickets-center.com

April 24

Greeley Jazz Festival

701 10th Ave, Greeley

The largest event of its kind in the nation, the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival brings together internationally recognized artists, jazz lovers, award-winning clinicians, and over 250 college, high-school, and middle-school big bands, combos, and jazz vocal groups from across the country.

uncjazzfest.com

April 25 – 27

Jim Gaffigan

Broadmoor World Arena

Standup comic Jim Gaffigan has been in the comedy circle since 1991. He started in the New York standup scene and now stars in movies and TV shows and has authored two books. Best known for his comedy specials, *Mr. Universe* and *Jim Gaffigan: Obsessed*, Gaffigan's comedy is cleaner than most and his anecdotes are commonly about his family and food.

broadmoor.arenacoloradosprings.org

April 26

Lotus

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Described as an electronically inclined jazz-funk outfit, the band got together in 1999 and has since earned their place as a fun dance band, with innovative remixes and great beats.

livenation.com

April 27

Monster Jam

Broncos Stadium at Mile High

A fast-paced, action-packed event on four wheels, where world-class drivers compete in high-octane entertainment, featuring some of the world's most-recognizable trucks.

monsterjam.com

April 27

Pink Floyd Laser Show

Paramount Theatre

An enthralling show that combines Pink Floyd's classic rock repertoire with world-class lighting and effects.

tickets-center.com

April 27

Corn Harvest Benefit Ski Party

Loveland Ski Area

The 18th annual Corn Harvest benefit ski party for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Packages include lift ticket, lunch, New Belgium Beer, raffle, and donations. BBQ lunch, live music and a raffle. A great day of skiing for a good cause.

skiloveland.com

April 27

Sabroso

Fiddlers Green Amphitheatre

Sabroso Craft Beer, Taco & Music Festival, headlined by The Offspring is a day filled with craft beer, tasty gourmet tacos, Lucha Libre-style wrestling and live music. Craft beer tastings (for those 21+) featuring over 100 craft beers, including some of the best local favorites. Craft tacos from local restaurants and trucks, and don't forget to cast your vote for best taco!

sabrosotacofest.com/Denver

April 28

The 1975

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

This popular English pop rock band is well-known in the U.S. and UK and hit it big with the release of their second album, *I like it when you sleep, for you are so beautiful yet so unaware of it*.

livenation.com

April 30

Civic Center Eats

Civic Center Park

Metro Denver's largest gathering of gourmet food trucks, Civic Center EATS 2019 showcases 82 deliciously diverse vendors amid Civic Center's architectural, horticultural and historic beauty. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Civic Center Conservancy, the nonprofit dedicated to restoring, enhancing and activating downtown Denver's Civic Center Park, a National Historic Landmark more than a century old.

civiccenterconservancy.org

Tues, Wed, Thurs, May 1 – Oct 4

Paula Poundstone

Paramount Theatre

A hugely popular comedian and author of the book, *The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness*, which debuted as #1 on Amazon bestseller lists. She is a winner of the American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comics.

tickets-center.com

May 3

Chelsea Handler

Paramount Theatre

Life Will Be the Death of Me: Chelsea Handler's Sit-Down Comedy Tour at The Paramount! Comedian Chelsea Handler hosted the late-night talk show *Chelsea Lately*, and was named one of the 100 most-influential people in the world by *Time* in 2012.

altitudetickets.com

May 4

Cinco de Mayo Festival

Civic Center Park

A weekend filled with food, fun and culture, Denver's Cinco de Mayo 'Celebrate Culture' Festival puts the spotlight on The Mile High City's vibrant Latino population. With more than 400,000 attendees expected, it's one of Denver's most fun and family-friendly events.

cincodemayodenver.com

May 4 – 5



shutterstock.com

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Outlets at Castle Rock

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Outlets at Castle Rock. They're hosting a day of free fun for the whole family on Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5. The two-day festivities will feature live dance performances, a roving mariachi band and popular food trucks.

outletsatcastlerock.com

May 4 – 5

Mozart's the Marriage of Figaro

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

The most beloved of comic operas. The wily Figaro and his love, Susanna, are set to marry, but Count Almaviva is intent on seducing the bride-to-be — stoking not only the couple's ire, but the frustrations of the long-suffering Countess. What unfolds is hilarious chaos set to a sparkling score.

operacolorado.org

May 4 – 12

Colorado Symphony – 4U: A Symphonic Celebration of Prince

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Enjoy the music of Prince like never before, with a full orchestra and featuring a live band performing collectively with the orchestra. The music celebrates the artist and his boundless creative output.

redrocksonline.com

May 7

Wicked

Buell Theatre

Wicked, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz ... from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin — smart, fiery, misunderstood and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a popular bubbly blonde, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships ... until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked." From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, Wicked — the untold true story of the Witches of Oz — transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story.

denvercenter.org

May 8 - June 9

David Sedaris

Paramount Theatre

CALYPSO by David Sedaris, is the No. 1 best seller currently on the *New York Times* List. Sedaris is back and better than ever with his latest collection of provocative, hilarious essays. Sedaris is always a sellout.

altitudetickets.com

May 9

Find Your Inner Cowgirl with Body, Mind, Equine

C Lazy U Ranch, Granby

Body, Mind, Equine™ is about how to use yoga and yogic principles to improve your horsemanship from ground to saddle. This all-inclusive fun and educational program combines "body and breathing awareness" with "energy and present moment awareness". In this retreat you will greet the day with a gentle morning yoga class including good stretches for riders, followed by workshops on meditation, breath-work and exploring the parallels of yoga and horsemanship. All levels of yogis and riders welcome, including beginners.

clazyu.com

May 9 – 12

Food Truck Carnival

Northglenn

Food Truck Carnival serves up music, food trucks and amusement rides. Featuring more than food trucks, beer and other specialty drinks.

foodtruckcarnival.com

May 10 -12

Eric Church: Double Down Tour

The Pepsi Center

The country music singer-songwriter rose to fame following his debut album, "Sinners Like Me," and he has since released numerous hits including "Talledega" and "Give Me Back My Hometown".

altitudetickets.com

May 10-11

Papadosio

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

A riotous quintet from Athens, Ohio, who now makes its home in Asheville, NC. This high-energy, technologically perplexing and engaging stage show has made it a staple of the festival circuit.

livenation.com

May 11

Princess Week

Outlets at Castle Rock

All shoppers traveling through this retail kingdom during Princess Week can visit Customer Service to pick up a scavenger hunt map and an Elite Savings Pass filled with extra deals at retailers around the property. While touring the kingdom, shoppers are encouraged to locate 11 hidden princess displays and place a custom sticker on each location. The complete, sticker-filled map can then be presented at Customer Service to receive a special princess wand or ring.

outletsatcastlerock.com

May 13 – 18

Five Points Jazz Festival

Five Points, Denver

Once known as the Harlem of the West, Five Points was home to several jazz clubs which played host to many of jazz music's legends such as Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and many more. Come out to Five Points to enjoy this free festival of music, food, culture and fun.

artsandvenuesdenver.com

May 18

Colfax Marathon

City Park

The best urban tour around! Run the mile-high course that takes you on and off Colfax, through parks, neighborhoods, trails and downtown. Enjoy amazing views of the front range, Confluence Park, Broncos Stadium at Mile High's concourse, and the Cherry Creek trail. The path runs through the Denver Zoo!

runcolfax.org

May 18

Princess Tea Party

Outlets at Castle Rock

Colorado princesses are invited to come decked out in their favorite enchanted costume to meet four surprise princesses and a prince who will arrive by horse-drawn carriage and will be posing for free photos. Special crafts — like a DIY tiara-making activity — will be available for attendees (while supplies last) and the event will incorporate treats, face painting and more. Buff City Soap, the center's newest all-natural bath and beauty retailer, will be on-site creating custom Princess bath bombs.

outletsatcastlerock.com

May 18

Pentatonix

Pepsi Center

The Pentatonix serenade us with their beautiful voices. This a cappella group is best-known for their pop-style arrangements with vocal harmonies, basslines, riffing, percussion and beatboxing.

altitudetickets.com

May 19

Trevor Noah Loud and Clear Tour 2019

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Africa's most-successful comedian and host of the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central brings his hilarity of Colorado. He'll have you laughing in your seat!

livenation.com

May 19

Florence and the Machine

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

The indie-rock band comprised primarily of Florence Welch and Isabella Summers has been praised for their dramatic eccentric production and powerful vocal performances.

livenation.com

May 20-21

Hannah Gadsby – Douglas

Paramount Theatre

Who is Douglas? Well, apparently, comedian Hannah Gadsby thinks Douglas is the only one who can help her follow up on the trail blazed by her last show: *Nanette*. Hannah is all set to take the mysterious Douglas for a trot around America for her first-ever U.S. tour.

altitudetickets.com

May 22



B2K: The Millennium Tour

The Pepsi Center

Live in concert – B2K, Mario, Pretty Ricky, Lloyd, Bobby, V, Ying Yang Twins & Chingy. The concert party that will have you dancing all night long!

altitudetickets.com

May 23

Durango Fiesta Days

La Plata County Fairgrounds

83rd annual Fiesta Days, established in 1935, features Queen Contest, rodeo, petting zoo, 4D barrel jackpot, team roping slack, BBQ/pie auction/street dance, Slack, parade and various local vendors.

durangofiestadays.com

May 24 – 27

Meadowgrass Festival

La Foret Conference and Retreat Center

MeadowGrass is known for attracting up-and-coming talent from the region and all over the world. Great music, food, kids' activities, workshops, yoga, late-night shows for campers, and the second-annual Friday Night Beer Tasting. New this year: self-guided tours of Ute Prayer Trees and the Historic La Foret Chapel. The property, several hundred acres of forest, canyons and historic buildings, is a great place to explore before the music starts or when you just need a break.

eventbrite.com

May 24 – 26

Ali Wong

Paramount Theatre

This popular comedian is known for her stand-up specials on Netflix, *Baby Cobra* and *Hard Knock Wife*, as well as numerous television appearances. In 2011, *Variety* named her one of the "10 Comics to Watch".

tickets-center.com

May 25

Denver Day of Rock

16th Street Mall

Denver Day of Rock is a free one-of-a-kind music event presented by Amp the Cause to raise awareness of the children in our community. This free event will feature five stages of live music throughout downtown Denver.

denverdayofrock.com

May 25

Denver Arts Festival

Conservatory Green at Stapleton

The Denver Arts Festival holds its annual premier event at Stapleton's Conservatory Green Plaza in Northfield. The fine art and fine craft exhibition features some of Colorado's and the nation's best artists.

denverartsfestival.com

May 25 – 26

Rolling Stones No Filter Tour

Broncos Stadium at Mile High

For more than 50 years, this iconic British rock band has entertained audiences. The band is rooted in blues and early rock and roll, but it was their huge early success with hits such as "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" and "Paint it Black" that propelled them to international fame.

broncosstadiumatmilehigh.com

May 26

Celtic Woman

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

A wonderful all-female Irish musical ensemble that has sold more than 9 million records worldwide. The group has been described as "Riverdance for the voice."

livenation.com

May 26

South Gaylord Memorial Weekend Festival

Historic South Gaylord Street

The 40th Annual Memorial Weekend Festival kicks off summer with family-friendly entertainment, delicious food, local vendors, and more. The Festival is located on the 1000 block of South Gaylord Street and begins with live music on Sunday, May 26th.

oldsouthgaylord.com

May 26 – 27

Boulder Creek Festival

Broadway and Arapahoe Ave

Free to the public and featuring something for everyone: Nine separate event areas with 500 vendors showcasing everything from community arts and crafts to healthier alternatives and technology, while three performance stages feature a spectrum of music and dance. The festival also features carnival rides and food and beverage vendors.

bceproductions.com

May 26 – 28

Disclosure DJ Set

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Having already announced a select number of festival appearances around the globe, Disclosure is set to embark on a special run of shows throughout North America with appearances including Red Rocks in Colorado and Movement Festival in Detroit among others. The Lawrence brothers have been hard at work on the full-length follow up to their second album, *Caracal*, released in 2015.

redrocksonline.com

May 27

Phil Lesh

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

One of the founding members of the Grateful Dead, Phil Lesh continues the tradition performing the music that is beloved by so many.

redrocksonline.com

May 29

Bela Fleck

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Fleck is an accomplished banjo player, best-known for his work with the bands New Grass Revival and Bela Fleck and the Flecktones.

redrocksonline.com

May 30

Denver Pop Culture Con

Colorado Convention Center

Denver Pop Culture Con is a three-day, family-friendly pop culture fan extravaganza, featuring the best in pop culture entertainment. Denver Pop Culture Con is a program of the Colorado nonprofit Pop Culture Classroom, whose mission is to inspire a love of learning, increase literacy, celebrate diversity and build community through pop culture education.

denverpopculturecon.com

May 31 – June 2

303 Cocktails

Lakewood Heritage Center

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ccocktailsontherocks.com

June 1

Denver Chalk Art Festival

1430 Larimer St.

The Denver Chalk Art Festival on Larimer Square is a free two-day street painting festival. More than 200 artists spend hours that weekend turning the streets of Larimer Square into a museum of chalk art.

larimerarts.org

June 1 - 2

Billie Eilish: When We All Fall Asleep World Tour

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

This singer/songwriter's first debut single "Ocean Eyes" went viral, and her popularity grew. Apple Music named Eilish as its newest *Up Next* Artist in 2018.

redrocksonline.com

June 5

Parker Days Festival

Parker

Parker Days Festival, presented by the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce, is a weekend filled with activities and entertainment including concerts, carnival rides, and a parade. A car show and farmers market are part of this fun-filled weekend.

parkerdaysfestival.com

June 6 – 9

Fiddler on the Roof

Buell Theatre

Musical hits you know and love, including "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were A Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "To Life (L'Chaim)," Fiddler on the Roof is the heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love and laughter.

denvercenter.org

June 11 – 16

Anderson .Paak

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Every ticket for this show includes a CD or digital download of Anderson .Paak's forthcoming album, Ventura.

livenation.com

June 14

The Denver BBQ Festival

Broncos Stadium at Mile High

America's biggest Father's Day BBQ. It's not about bragging rights (well, maybe a little), it's about feeding you a whole lotta hog. Come grab a slab, pound some pork, and bury your face in some brisket while enjoying cold drinks and killer live music at Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

denverbbqfest.com

June 14 – 16

Denver Pride Fest

Civic Center Park

Recognized as one of the top 10 pride events in the country, the Denver PrideFest is a celebration of community, heritage, family and culture. Produced by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Colorado (The Center).

denverpride.org

June 15 - 16

Juneteenth Music Festival

Historic Five Points Neighborhood

Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

juneteenthmusicfestival.com

June 15 – 16

Colorado Renaissance Festival

Larkspur

Featuring a cast of hundreds of authentically costumed merrymakers living and working throughout the village and performing, continuously, upon the Festival's seven stages, the illusion of a rollicking 16th Century festival day is created. Enjoy full-armor jousting, tasty turkey legs, music and a marketplace featuring more than 200 artisans.

coloradorenaissance.com

Weekends June 15 – August 4

Super Dad's Day

Outlets at Castle Rock

SuperDad's Day is free and open to the public and will include a meet and greet with five superheroes from iconic movies and comics, giant, life-size board games and a live DJ playing popular superhero soundtracks.

visitcastlerock.org

June 16

Jennifer Lopez

Pepsi Center

It's My Party: The Live Celebration tour, Lopez's first outing in more than six years will feature a world of dance experience.

livenation.com

June 19

Telluride Bluegrass Festival

Telluride

The 46th Annual festival promises a magical four days of only-in-Telluride performances. Beloved festival veterans and inspiring new talent. The Telluride royalty of virtuosic bluegrass superpickers, soulful songwriters, and some of the biggest stars in the rootsy Americana landscape and well beyond.

bluegrass.com

June 20 – 23

One Funny Mother

Paramount Theater

In "One Funny Mother," the audience joins this comedian, former Miss New Jersey and married mother of three, on her hilarious journey through the trial and tribulations of motherhood and marriage.

paramountdenver.com

June 21

Andrea Bocelli

Pepsi Center

The performance will feature a unique repertoire from Bocelli's landmark release "Si," his first-ever chart-topping album on the *Billboard 200* chart. The Colorado Symphony joins Andrea at his Denver date and longtime conductor, Eugene Kohn, will accompany Andrea for each stop on the tour.

altitudetickets.com

June 21

Strawberry Days Festival

Glenwood Springs

The 121st Annual Strawberry Days Festival, hosted by Glenwood Springs Chamber of Commerce, will feature live music, a Family Fest area, Arts and Crafts Fair, food court, an old-fashioned carnival and a parade down Grand Avenue.

glenwoodchamber.com

June 21 – 23

Denver Greek Festival

Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral

54th annual Denver Greek Festival, a family-friendly event. Enjoy traditional Greek food while immersing yourself in sounds of live Greek music and traditional dance entertainment.

thegreekfestival.com

June 21 – 23

Vail Craft Beer Classic

Vail

The Vail Craft Beer Classic offers a variety of experiences on the mountain, classrooms, and around town. Geek out on all-things beer with the sharpest minds in the industry while experiencing all that Vail has to offer for your mountain weekend.

vailcraftbeerclassic.com

June 21 - 23

Cherry Blossom Festival

Sakura Square

The 47th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates Japanese heritage and culture through live entertainment, food and drink, a marketplace and informative exhibits and demonstrations.

cherryblossomdenver.org

June 22- 23

Rain - A tribute to the Beatles

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Experience the worlds' most iconic band and come celebrate the best of Abbey Road with RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES.

denvercenter.org

June 23

Rhett and Link:

Live in concert

Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre

Rhett & Link, best friends since the first grade, are a comedic duo known for hosting the most-watched daily show on the Internet, Good Mythical Morning, their narrative series Rhett & Link's Buddy System, the award-winning weekly podcast Ear Biscuits, as well as their wildly popular comedic songs, sketches, and viral low-budget local commercials.

axs.com

June 23

Impractical Jokers

1STBANK Center

Now in its 6th season, Impractical Jokers follows The Tenderloins as they coerce one another into doing public pranks while being filmed by hidden cameras.

1stbankcenter.com

June 23

Westword Music Showcase

Golden Triangle District

The Westword Music Showcase returns to the Golden Triangle. Featuring JAUZ, Bishop Briggs, Crooked Colours, lovelytheband, SHAED, as well as more local bands than you can hear in a day, performing at venues throughout the neighborhood.

westwordshowcase.com

June 29

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

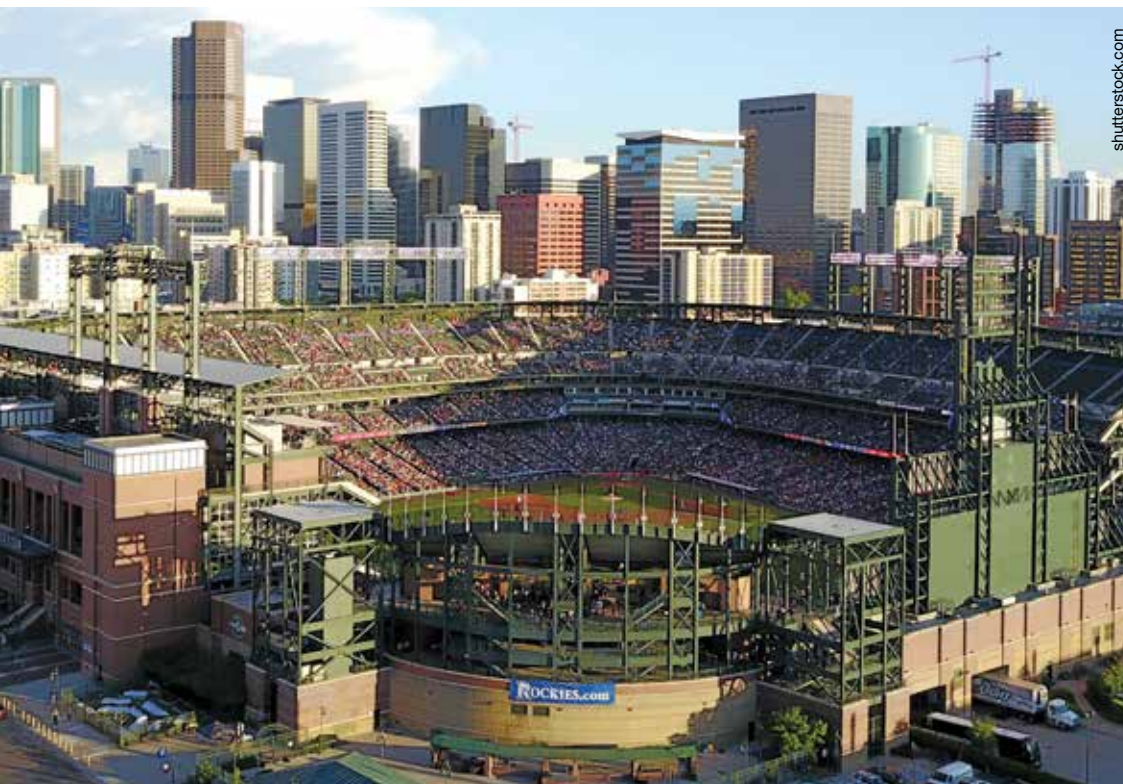
Cherry Creek North Shopping District

The Cherry Creek Arts Festival weekend event is a world-class and award-winning celebration of the visual, culinary and performing arts, and enjoys an attendance of 350,000 visitors over the course of the three-day event. The CCAF's year-round 501c3 non-profit mission is to provide access to art experiences and to support education.

cherrycreekartsfestival.org

July 5 – 7

SPORTS



COLORADO ROCKIES

All games played at Coors Field

Tickets: coloradorockies.com

April 5 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (home opener!)

April 6 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

April 7 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

April 8 vs. Atlanta Braves

April 9 vs. Atlanta Braves

April 10 vs. Atlanta Braves

April 18 vs. Philadelphia Phillies

April 19 vs. Philadelphia Phillies

April 20 vs. Philadelphia Phillies

April 21 vs. Philadelphia Phillies

April 22 vs. Washington Nationals

April 23 vs. Washington Nationals

April 24 vs. Washington Nationals

May 3 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 4 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 5 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 7 vs. San Francisco Giants

May 8 vs. San Francisco Giants

May 9 vs. San Francisco Giants

May 10 vs. San Diego Padres

May 11 vs. San Diego Padres

May 12 vs. San Diego Padres

May 24 vs. Baltimore Orioles

May 25 vs. Baltimore Orioles

May 26 vs. Baltimore Orioles

May 27 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 28 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 29 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 30 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

May 31 vs. Toronto Blue Jays

June 1 vs. Toronto Blue Jays

June 2 vs. Toronto Blue Jays

June 10 vs. Chicago Cubs

June 11 vs. Chicago Cubs

June 12 vs. Chicago Cubs

June 13 vs. San Diego Padres

June 14 vs. San Diego Padres

June 15 vs. San Diego Padres

June 16 vs. San Diego Padres

June 27 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

June 28 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

June 29 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

June 30 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

THE DENVER NUGGETS

The Nuggets have clinched a playoff spot!
For game times and dates, visit nba.com/nuggets/tickets

Remaining regular season games (played at The Pepsi Center)

April 3 vs. San Antonio Spurs

April 5 vs. Portland Trail Blazers

April 10 vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

COLORADO MAMMOTH

All games played at The Pepsi Center

Tickets: coloradomammoth.com

April 6 vs. Saskatchewan Rush

April 12 vs. Rochester Knighthawks

COLORADO RAPIDS

All games played at Dicks Sporting Goods Park

Tickets: coloradorapids.com

April 10 vs. Seattle Sounder FC

April 13 vs. D.C. United

May 11 vs. Real Salt Lake

May 25 vs. Columbus Crew SC

June 1 vs. FC Cincinnati

June 8 vs. Minnesota United FC

June 28 vs. Los Angeles Football Club

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