

Events in June

June 7 and 8 – People's Fair (Free)

Colorado's largest arts and crafts festival with some 500 exhibitor and food booths. Free admission. Civic Center Park, West Colfax Avenue and Broadway. Go to www.peoplesfair.com.

June 8 – Aurora Fiesta

Celebrate the art and culture of Aurora's Latino community from noon to 9 pm Fletcher Plaza, 9898 E. Colfax Ave. Call 303-326-XXXX or go to www.auroragov.org/fiesta.

June 7-September 28 – Botanic Gardens, Story Time in the Gardens

CFD Free Day at Denver Botanic Gardens, Monday, July 21

Hear stories about plants, animals and nature on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 to 11am. Entrance to the Children's Secret Path is included with admission to the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1005 York St. Call 720-865-3500 or go to www.botanicgardens.org for information.

Through August 3, Museum of Contemporary Art – Jasper De Beijer

Jasper finds inspiration in historical records and photographs that range from Japanese modern and traditional culture to memories of Pacific Island rubber industries and First World War photography. 1485 Delgany St. Call 303-298-7554, or go to www.mcartdenver.org.

CFD Free Day, June 7, Denver Art Museum

Meet the quilters of Gee's Bend and let them introduce you to their beautiful quilts. Design a colorful square to add to a paper quilt clothesline. Free day for Colorado residents. 100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. Call 720-865-5000 or go to www.denverartmuseum.org.

Through November 30, Denver Botanic Gardens – Urban Nature

The exhibit features paintings from over a dozen street-style artists including internationally recognized Lady Pink, Mac and Siloette. 1005 York St. Call 720-865-3500, or go to <http://www.botanicgardens.org>.

City Park Jazz – Free Sunday jazz concerts

in City Park from 6 - 8 pm. June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3. Call 303-744-1004 or go to www.cityparkjazz.org.

Barth Hotel Becomes "HOTL Baltimore"

Theater buffs can watch the Barth Hotel morph into "HOTL Baltimore" this summer as the Senior Housing Options facility becomes a play venue.

The lovely, antique architecture hotel will be the site for 18 performances of "HOTL Baltimore" on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from July 17 through August 23.

The play's story is about a group of older lost souls who inhabit a once-elegant hotel. It is environmental theater because it is staged directly in the lobby of the Barth Hotel, 1514 17th St. This connects the real world of the Barth Hotel with the environment of the play and the theater production.

"HOTL Baltimore" first was performed at the Barth Hotel in Denver in 1991. Director Terry Dodd is returning, as are several cast members. The original producer, John Ashton, will have a walk-on roll July 17. On July 24, bartenders from the Celtic Tavern will do walk-ons.

On July 31, retired KUSA news anchor Ed Sardella will put in an appearance, and Denver Post columnist Bill Husted will participate on a date to be named.

The play is a fundraiser for the Senior Housing Options Year of Safety and Security Fund Drive. Senior Housing Options operates seven assisted living properties and seven independent apartment residences throughout Colorado. The fundraiser will pay for emergency call systems, state-of-the-art fire systems, fire doors and new kitchen equipment.

Tickets go on sale June 2 for \$50 each. They can be purchased online at www.seniorhousingoptions.org or call 303-595-4464, extension 10.

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