

# Culture Club 2008-09

## OCTOBER:

### • CSO Rocks The Music of the Eagles OCT 10 (FRI 7:30)

Following his successful performance in The Music of the Doors, conductor and arranger Brent Havens returns to the CSO for a rock symphony in The Music of the Eagles, featuring lead rock vocalist Randy Jackson singing hits like "Hotel California," "Take It Easy," "Tequila Sunrise," "Witchy Woman" and much more!

### \*\*\* CSO: SPECIAL SHOWING!

Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy  
Wed | Oct 8 | 7:30 p.m.

Groundbreaking music from the ultimate game with full orchestra and 3 giant screens.

### • Les Miserables at the Arvada Center Through - October 12, 2008

After 16 amazing years on Broadway, Les Misérables makes its way to the Arvada Center's main stage. This Tony Award®-winning musical is an epic saga of one man's escape from social injustice. After Jean Valjean's parole from prison for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his family, he is haunted by a constant cloud of suspicion and distrust. Les Misérables, a musical of love, courage and redemption, is truly an inspirational journey. The largest production to ever grace an Arvada Center stage is a must see.

### • Haunted Halloween VIA -Colorado Free University

The ghosts of Denver are omnipresent. Who are they and what did they do? Where do they haunt and what do they want? All this and more will be featured on a bus tour

of Capitol Hill's haunted houses. Stories include tales of the floating heads under the Capitol, the parking lot that glows in the dark, the murdered hippie boy, and a changeling. None of the haunts will actually be entered (for fear someone might disappear). Phil Goodstein is the author of The Ghosts of Denver. These tours are X-rated, not for children or the faint of heart. And, don't be late! The tour leaves promptly at the appointed time and will not stop to accommodate stragglers. Because of problematic spirits in the past, no alcohol is allowed on the bus.

Class #	Class Dates	Area of town
4106BU	One Fri., 6:30-8:30 p.m.	10/31
CENTRAL DENVER:	16th & Race	
4106BV	One Fri., 9-11 p.m.	10/31
CENTRAL DENVER:	16th & Race	

### • Ghost Walk: On Capitol Hill VIA -Colorado Free University

Spooks and spirits haunt Denver. Many hover near the Capitol. Come try to invoke some during a pleasant, relaxed two-hour stroll around parts of Capitol Hill. In addition to ghostly embodiments, we'll also explore some of the architecture, history, and sex scandals of the region. Be advised: Salty language will be used to describe seamy behavior. Phil Goodstein.

Class #	Class Dates	Area of town
4111CP	One Sat., 7-9 p.m.	10/18
CENTRAL DENVER:	Colfax & Grant	
4111CQ	One Fri., 7-9 p.m.	10/24
CENTRAL DENVER:	Colfax & Grant	

### BALLET:

#### • Swan Lake:

Love, magic and mystery take flight as our heroine is trapped in the body of a white swan and an evil temptress plots a wicked scheme. Join us for perhaps the greatest classical ballet of all time - October 11-26.

## NOVEMBER:

### • A Wonderful Life The Arvada Center November 25 - December 28, 2008

Based on the classic holiday movie starring Jimmy Stewart, A Wonderful Life is a joyful musical adaptation of this sentimental favorite. George Bailey, a small town banker, tired from the struggles of life and at his lowest of lows is rescued on Christmas Eve by Clarence, his guardian angel. A Wonderful Life is the perfect holiday reminder of just how important our loved ones are—and how important we are to them.

Previews, Fri, Sat & Sun, Nov 21, 22 & 23, 7:30 p.m., \$26

### Denver OPERA:

#### • Puccini's Madama Butterfly November 8 - 16, 2008

### BALLET:

#### The Nutcracker: November 29-December 27.

When a ballet has been performed for over 100 years and still gives audiences goosebumps, you know that the spirit of the season must truly live on the stage. Enjoy our delightful holiday classic

### DAM & AIGA

#### • Denver Art Museum's Design Council and AIGA Colorado present:

DJ-turned-designer Jakob Trollbäck is the founder and creative director of New York-based visual and conceptual creative studio Trollbäck + Company. In this lecture he will discuss his relying on unorthodox thinking and immersive storytelling to create focused messages that enable successful communication.

Wednesday November 5th, Networking 6-7 pm, Lecture 7-8 pm, Q+A 8:30 pm

### STARS Film Center at the Tivoli

<http://www.starzfilmcenter.com/index.aspx>

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## DECEMBER:

### AIGA: [AIGAColorado.org](http://AIGAColorado.org)

Fri, Dec 12, 2008  
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

#### • AIGA CO Presents: Bordo Bello Skateboard Project *Design a skateboard deck!*

Italian for "Beautiful Board," Bordo Bello is a mentorship-based design initiative where students and graphic design professionals team up to design the underside surface of a skateboard deck to create a unique visual statement.

### DENVER CENTER:

• **JERSEY BOYS**  
December 11, 2008 -- January 3, 2009  
The Buell Theatre

JERSEY BOYS contains smoke, gun shots, strobe lights, "profane, authentic Jersey language" and is not recommended for children under the age of 12.

• **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
by Charles Dickens  
Adapted for the stage by Richard Hellesen  
Music by David de Berry  
(Opening Thursday, December 4)  
The Stage Theatre

MANY DATES DEC

### Colorado Symphony:

**CSO Holiday Series**  
**Too Hot To Handel** Marin Alsop, conductor laureate  
DEC 19-20 (FRI & SAT 7:30)

Lillias White, soprano  
Vaneese Thomas, mezzo-soprano  
Thomas Young, tenor  
CSO Chorus | Guest Choirs  
11th anniversary of Marin Alsop's Gospel Messiah.

**CSO Holiday Series**  
**A Charlie Brown Christmas with the David Benoit Quartet**  
David Benoit, conductor  
DEC 23 (TUE 7:30)  
Charlie Brown comes to Boettcher Concert Hall in A Charlie Brown Christmas with the David Benoit Quartet.

**CSO Holiday Series**  
**A Night in Vienna** Scott O'Neil, associate conductor  
Claude Sim, violin  
Ring in another new year with the best loved waltzes, polkas and classics.

### Denver Art Museum:

• **Houdon from the Louvre**  
Bonfils Stanton Gallery, North Building

One of the most prominent sculptors of all time, Jean-Antoine Houdon's most famous works will be on display this fall for DAM's latest exhibition, Houdon from the Louvre.

Houdon from the Louvre ends January 4, 2009.

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## January:

• **CSO Rocks – Three Dog Night LIVE!**  
JAN 3 (SAT 7:30)  
Three Dog Night performs LIVE with your CSO in this special appearance featuring your favorite hits such as "Mama Told Me Not to Come," "One," "Eli's Coming," "Easy to Be Hard" and much more!

• **CSO Goes to the Movies**  
**The Wizard of Oz**  
JAN 9-10 (FRI 7:30, SAT 2:30\* & 7:30)  
Emil de Cou, conductor  
Let's go to the movies! Let the CSO take you to the Land of Oz in this fascinating performance. Enjoy this full-length, timeless classic film projected on the big screen while the CSO performs the soundtrack in perfect synchronization with the movie.  
\*Pre-concert activities at 1:00

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## FEBRUARY:

### BALLET:

• **A Midsummer Night's Dream:**  
Talk about flower power - an impish forest creature places one petal in the wrong place and all sorts of passion, heartache, and comedy ensue. Christopher Wheeldon's fun, lighthearted ballet will run February 28 - March 14.

### Theatre:

• **The Crucible - The Arvada Center**  
February 3 - March 8, 2009  
Black Box Theater

Arthur Miller's Tony Award-winning classic, The Crucible, a gripping historically based drama, is also a chilling parable of modern society. Set during the Salem witch trials, the story focuses on a young farmer, his wife and a teenage servant-girl who maliciously accuses the wife of witchcraft. This spark of vengeance ignites a raging fire of bigotry and paranoia which threatens to consume the entire community. The Crucible examines the dangers that result when people believe that they possess the absolute truth.

## Denver Center:

### • THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

*The Buell Theatre*

*On sale date not yet determined.*

With some of the most lavish sets, costumes and special effects ever to have been created for the stage, Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, directed by Harold Prince, traces the tragic love story of a beautiful opera singer and a young composer shamed by his physical appearance into a shadowy existence beneath the majestic Paris Opera house. Adapted from Gaston Leroux's classic novel of mystery and suspense, this award-winning musical has woven its magical spell over standing room audiences in more than 100 cities worldwide and is now the longest running show in Broadway history. *Phantom* returns to the Buell theatre to take your breath away.

### • CHICAGO

*The Buell Theatre*

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There's never been a better time to experience Chicago, Broadway's razzle-dazzle smash. This triumphant hit musical is the recipient of six Tony® Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy® and thousands of standing ovations. A sensational tale of sin, corruption and all that jazz, it's no surprise that Chicago has wowed audiences from Mexico City to Moscow, from Sao Paulo to South Africa.

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## CORE NEW ART SPACE:

### Gallery Walk First Friday W.O.W. Show!!!

### MERCURY CAFE

*Pick a night to DANCE!!!*

#### • Swing Lessons:

*Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays*

#### • Tango Lessons:

*Wednesday & Friday*

#### • Belly Dance:

*Monday*

## BALLET:

### The Repertory Series:

When you have The Colorado Ballet premiere of a Twyla Tharp piece, and two world premieres, it's sure to be one powerful event. At the Ellie from March 7-21.

## APRIL & MAY:

### • Evita- The Arvada Center

Andrew Lloyd Webber's music swoons in heartfelt fashion in *Evita*—a larger-than-life modern musical that audiences worldwide adore. This Tony Award®-winning masterpiece is about the beautiful and charismatic Eva Perón and her rise from the poor slums of Argentina to a powerfully influential leading lady in world politics. It is an awe-inspiring story told through song—Don't Cry for

*Me Argentina, You Must Love Me and She Is a Diamond.* *Evita* is a glamorous, powerful and fiery account of the world's first major political celebrity.

*Previews, Fri, Sat & Sun, Apr 17, 18 & 19, 7:30 p.m.,*

## OPERA:

Mozart's *Così fan Tutte*

April 25 - May 3, 2009

Experience the Italian Riviera in Mozart's frothy comedy of seduction, disguise and infidelity! Ferrando and Guglielmo, two young officers, have made a bet with the cynical Don Alfonso that the two sisters they will marry will be faithful to them. The men agree to disguise themselves as Albanians and then seduce each other's betrothed. Alfonso enlists the help of the sisters' maid, Despina, and soon the sisters fall prey to the charms of the "Albanians."

*Saturday, April 25, 2009, 7:30 pm*

*Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 7:30 pm*

*Friday, May 1, 2009, 7:30 pm*

*Sunday, May 3, 2009, 2:00 pm*

## Denver Center:

### • TANG CONCUBINES

*The Buell Theatre*

*On sale date not yet determined*

*Tang Concubines* compares the treacherous power of one concubine with the immortalized love and sacrifice of another. The show highlights the glamour and impact of women in the Tang Dynasty and takes a stage show to unprecedented heights of visual splendor through costumes, scenic design and amazing action. *Tang Concubines* made history for Chinese shows in the international arena by winning two Canadian Dora awards for musical theatre in 2006 in the categories of Best Choreography and Best Costume Design.

**2009 Events to be added closer to each Month**