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HALLOWEEN EDITION



As David mentioned in the <u>October edition of our newsletter</u>, haunters have been doing immersive work since their inception: it's one of the bestestablished forms of immersive work out there. We're long over-due, then, to highlight what our local haunts have on offer this season.

Many thanks to the fantastic Danielle Look (<u>haunter extraordinaire</u> and Denver's local immersive reviewer for <u>No Proscenium</u>) for her insights and tips as we put together this newsletter!

In this special haunt edition, we feature:

• Haunts around Denver (and a few worth the drive!)

• Other Community News

Buckle up. This is a long one.

HAUNTS AROUND TOWN

A Ride to the Riverdale Gates of Hell

PRESENTED BY HAUNTED FIELD OF SCREAMS



Riverdale Road is known as the most haunted road in Colorado. With stories of hangings, burnings and road-side accidents, lost souls and decrepit creatures https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=246c41b2c86d309863a186a4e&id=ef24c29743

They're watching. They're waiting. Evil is right behind you.

Venture through all-new, uncharted territory at the Haunted Field of Screams – weave through giant corn stalks, encounter multiple haunted houses and survive the Riverdale Gates of Hell. On this road in the middle of nowhere, evil has found the perfect place to hide.

Billed as the largest and longest haunt in Colorado, this outdoor experience* backs the <u>famously haunted Riverdale Road</u> in Thornton, Colorado, a jog north of Denver.

Where: 10451 McKay Rd, Thornton, CO 80233
When: Sundown-Midnight Fridays & Saturdays; Sundown-10pm Thursdays & Sundays through Halloween
Pricing: \$29.99-\$39.99
Less Scary Options Available? None listed; the haunt is recommended for ages 12+.
Find out more and buy tickets.

*Be sure to check their socials for weather closures.

Terror in the Corn

PRESENTED BY ANDERSON FARMS



Terror in the Corn is 10 acres of fear offering an immersive experience into a world of the unknown. Travel by enclosed trailer until you are dropped off in the middle of nowhere with little more than unsettlingly lively corn fields around. Wander until you happen upon the abandoned town of Raven's Gulch and make your way through the nightmare world of the Mildred Twins, with horrors that greet you at every turn.

Largely outdoors* with some open-air sets, Terror in the Corn is a bit further north in Erie, Colorado, but well worth the drive. The farm itself has been in the Anderson family since 1911. Terror in the Corn was introduced in 2001--over the years, the mile-long haunted maze has expanded to include additional spooky attractions, such as zombie paintball and mini-escape rooms.

Where: Anderson Farms, 6728 County Rd 3 1/4, Erie, CO 80516
When: Thursdays and Sundays 7-10pm, Fri-Sat 7-11pm
Pricing: Tickets start at \$30
Less Scary Options Available? Not as a haunt--but Anderson Farms is home

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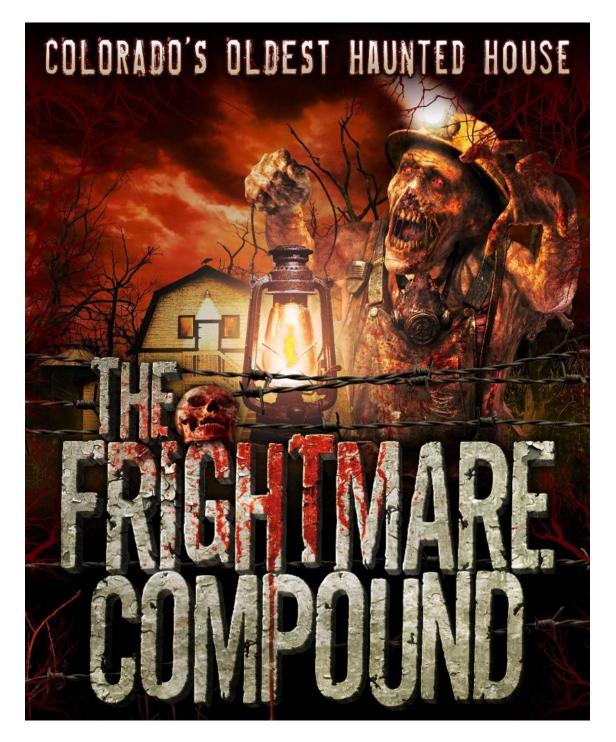
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Frightmare Compound

PRESENTED BY THE FRIGHTMARE COMPOUND



Holder. Still family operated for over 38 years, many of our local home haunters got their start at this community staple. Over the decades, the haunt has grown and expanded to include additional attractions such as mini-escape rooms, a monster-museum selfie palace, and a coffin simulator.

Where: 10798 Yukon St Westminster, CO 80021

When: Sun - Thurs 7-10p.m. Fri-Sat 7pm-Midnight. Halloween Hours (10/31) - 7pm-11pm; Additional Lights-out event the first weekend of November.
Pricing: \$29.99-\$52.99 (bulk discounts available)

Less Scary Options Available? None listed; the haunt is recommended for ages 13+.

Find out more and buy tickets.

Haunted Mansion

PRESENTED BY REINKE BROTHERS



Frightmare Compound might be better known, but there's another haunt that lays claim to the title of Denver's oldest haunt.

In 1968 Greg and Chris Reinke, still boys at the time, started exploring the "Haunted Attraction" business, setting up shop in the basement of their parents' home. One of their guests that night (who paid a penny for admission) asked, "What would you charge to build this Haunted House for Saint Mary's Carnival?" It was the start of something beautiful.

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years, an incredibly creative and artistic accessory to their year-round costume shop (see further on).

Where: 5663 S. Prince Street Littleton, CO 80120
When: Monday-Thursday 6p – 10p; Friday 6p – 12a; Saturday 3p – 12a; Sunday 3p – 10p
Pricing: \$20 Sunday-Thursday; \$25 Friday-Saturday; \$10 for Lights-On
Less Scary Options Available? Yes. The "lights on tour" is for children that are not ready for the full effects of the Haunted Mansion. This is a "Universal Studios" type guided tour through the Haunted Mansion with the lights on and most of the special effects off and the "monsters" away to get lunch. This is a perfect venue for getting young ones and first timers used to a haunted attraction without scarring them for life.

Find out more and buy tickets.

Reaper's Hollow Cemetary

PRESENTED BY FRIGHT ACRES



Those who dare to enter Reapers Hollow Cemetery in the old woods may never come back! There have been many gruesome tales about the undead, witches and ghosts! Everyone who enters either comes out possessed or has never returned! The cemetery is filled with unsettled souls. A forgotten place with plenty of space. Where the witches have power and the undead roam! Be aware of the ghosts who are still searching for their home! Can you make it through where they all roam?

Haunted Field of Screams' claim to being the largest haunt in Colorado with an outdoor experience* noteworthy for its particularly original designs and themes you won't see anywhere else.

Where: 11321 Dransfeldt Road Parker, CO 80134
When: Fridays and Saturdays in October (plus Thurs Oct 21st and Halloween)
Pricing: \$30 General Admission, \$45 Fast Pass
Less Scary Options Available? None listed on their website; the event is suggested ages 12+

Find out more and buy tickets.

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HellScream Haunted House



PRESENTED BY HELLSCREAM ENTERTAINMENT

Sure, Colorado Springs is a bit of a haul from Denver but it's worth it.

<u>HellScream</u> is set in a terrifying three-story old medical building and boasts highly-detailed sets, amazing special effects, and the most over-the-top highly-trained actors in the business! Though the location *does* offer escape rooms, these take place inside the haunt's set, and therefore won't resume operations after haunt season in mid-November.

Where: 3021 N Hancock Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907
When: Thursday, Sunday 7-10; Fridays, Saturdays 7-11pm through October, with an additional Lights out weekend the first weekend of November.
Pricing: \$22-\$56 (they offer various combos or VIP tickets with their sister haunt below)

Find out more and buy tickets.

Haunted Mines

PRESENTED BY HELLSCREAM ENTERTAINMENT



Sister haunt to Hellscream, who <u>resurrected the brand in 2018</u>, the Haunted Mines include 20,000 sq. ft. of stunning special effects, talented actors, and mind blowing scares! If you're going down to the Springs anyway, we definitely recommend you make a whole night of it and do both. For a better sense of what you're getting into here, check out <u>Danielle Look's 2018 review in</u> <u>Westword</u>.

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with an additional Lights out weekend the first weekend of November. **Pricing:** \$22-\$56 (with options for access to both Haunted Mines and Hellscream)

Less Scary Options Available? None are specified; we don't think this one is for small children.

Find out more and buy tickets.

The Creepy Walk in the Woods

PRESENTED BY CREEPY WALK



<u>The Creepy Walk in the Woods</u> has announced that they will once again be celebrating Halloween this October just west of Loveland near the Devil's Backbone, and frankly, it's a haunt we're curious about, as the website seems almost deliberately vague.

The nonprofit haunt has been around for a while, at least ten years based on

<u>Reporter Herald celebrated it's coming return</u>. The haunt is open 6 nights a year and presale tickets are unavailable, though they take both cash and card at the ticket booth.

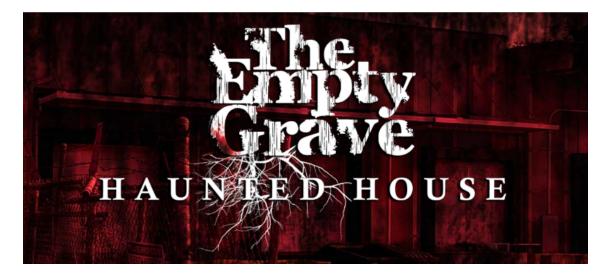
If you're willing to make the drive--tell us how it is!

Where: 1750 Savage Road, Loveland, CO 80538
When: October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30th. 7 to 11pm.
Pricing: \$30
Less Scary Options Available? Nope, the walk is recommended for ages 11+.

Find out more.

The Empty Grave Haunted House

PRESENTED BY THE EMPTY GRAVE



The Empty Grave Haunted House is an immersive, interactive walk through haunted attraction a short drive from Denver proper. The Empty Grave Haunted House puts you face to face with your fears: your adventure will feature encounters with the menacing workers of a haunted factory, as you attempt to survive your first night on the grave yard shift. Do you have what it takes to survive?

Another one we know little about but are intrigued by, <u>The Empty Grave</u> seems to have a loyal following. Their site answers the question, "What if I Die?" with

Where: 218 Kimbark St, Longmont, CO 80501

When: Weekends through Halloween, 7:00-9:30, 10, 11 or midnight depending on date.

Pricing: \$20 General Admission, \$45 Skip the Line

Less Scary Options Available? None listed on their website; the event is suggested for adults to make their best judgement for youngsters.

Find out more and buy tickets.

13th Floor Haunted House

PRESENTED BY THIRTEENTH FLOOR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP



Probably the best known and best advertised haunt in town, the Denver-based haunt giant 13th Floor Entertainment made the <u>national immersive newswire</u> when Delusion's Jon Braver signed on as their Director of Immersive Entertainment. We're still holding out hope that Braver may bring us something more theatrical <u>like his work in LA</u>, but it looks like this isn't the season. Maybe next year?

Still, if you don't mind the crowds, 13th Floor Haunted House is stuffed with the latest from Transworld and remains a wildly popular haunt, easily accessible from downtown with a number of <u>add-on options</u> such as a secret bar, ax throwing, and a black-out maze.

Where: 3400 E. 52nd Ave., Denver, CO 80216

When: Evenings through November 1st; with two additional weekends in the beginning of November.

Pricing: \$19.99-57.99. Buy online at least a day before to avoid the \$1 day-of charge or \$3 on-site charges.

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Find out more and buy tickets.

SPOOKY THEMED IMMERSIVES

Spookadelia 4: The Curse of Novo Ita

PRESENTED BY SPECTRA ART SPACE



An all-ages narrative-driven psychedelic immersive art, augmented reality, and theatrical experience investigating the human condition and our relationship with self and the world while providing a fresh take on art consumption and the haunted experience. The Curse Of Novo Ita is the awe-inspiring and introspective fourth installment of the Spookadelia Series from the artist, makers, and move shakers who brought you Novo Ita, and Spookadelia 1,2, and 3 along with artists now featured at Denver Meow Wolf as well as some new surprise artists making their Spookadelia debut.

Guests who are brave enough to help lift the curse of Novo Ita will have to learn the art of rift walking and reassemble the artifact needed to save the city. They will face many trials as they travel into the home of lost souls known as the Dimension of Mirrors, surpass the allure of power & wealth on the Plane of Fallen Kings, and come face to face with the darkest realms of themselves in the Miasma of Inner Monsters. Once they have assembled the artifact they will use their newfound magic to lift the curse of Novo Ita.

Each room and section of this indoor/outdoor experience is immersive,

Where: Spectra Art Space, 1836 S Broadway Denver, CO 80210
When: Now through November 28th; Wed: 11am- 9pm Thurs – Sat: 11am – 10pm Sun: 11am-8pm
Pricing: \$12 Children 10 & Under; \$20 Adult; \$30 Art Swag-bag Priority Access

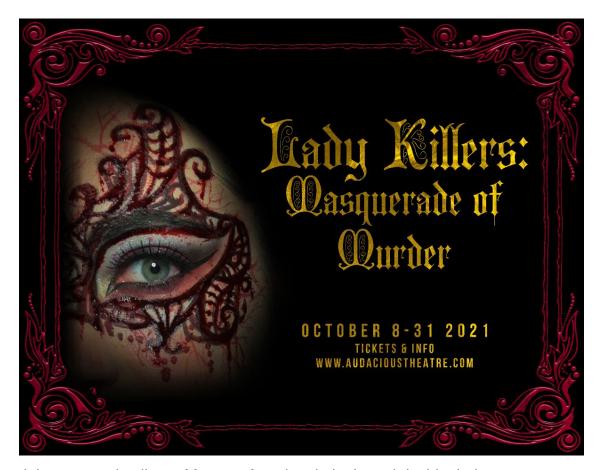
Find out more and buy tickets.



The Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Theatre Arts and Dance Department will present Fear Harvesting, written by Leigh Miller and Brian Fear Harvesting is a new immersive production premiering at RRCC. Audience members will check in at the Great Hall just inside the west entrance of the Lakewood campus, where they will be led through a series of experiments designed to collect fear.

Where: The Great Hall at RRCC Lakewood Campus 13300 W 6th Ave Frontage Rd, Lakewood, CO 80228 When: Thursday-Saturday. October 21-30th, 7:00pm Pricing: \$10 Recommended ages 17+; Masks Required. Find out more and buy tickets.

Lady Killers: Masquerade of Murder



PRESENTED BY AUDACIOUS THEATRE

Join a rogues' gallery of famous female criminals and decide their fate! Audiences are invited to attend a Masquerade Party in Hell where they can play judge and jury as characters from history take on questions from the

these rightfully tortured souls.

"Lady Killers: Masquerade of Murder presents a winning combination of morbid subject matter juxtaposed against the witty and whimsical setting of a costume ball in Hell — a delectable smorgasboard of fun for fans of true crime and fictional horror alike!" - Danielle Look, No Proscenium <u>Read the full review</u> <u>here</u>

Lady Killers is Audacious Theatre's 6th original immersive horror production, and comes on the heels of 2020's sold out run of <u>"Murder at the Drive-In."</u> **Where:** The basement of Highlands Lutheran Church at 3995 Irving St, Denver, CO

When: Friday, October 8th - Sunday, October 31st at 7:30 PM. Pricing: \$35 GA - \$75 VIP

Find out more and buy tickets.

The Final Séance

PRESENTED BY THE EXPOSURE PROJECT



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We're delighted to see the return of The Final Séance for the Halloween season!

Join the illustrious Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as an honored guest assisting him in his final attempt to conjure a spirit from the great beyond. Your journey starts in the salon of a Victorian manor in an undisclosed location. From there you are taken to the private séance parlor where an evening of spiritual intrigue awaits. **Full vaccination or proof of negative test within 2 days of the event is required for these shows.**

Where: La Mansion, 1439 Franklin St, Denver, CO 80218When: October 23-24, 27-29th, (Some nights even offer midnight shows.)Pricing: \$35 per person

Find out more and buy tickets.

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PRESENTED BY NEXT STAGE GALLERY



The University of Colorado Denver brings local artists and students together to create free, public immersive installations in the <u>Next</u> <u>Stage Gallery in the DCPA complex</u>. Past installations challenge time and space and narrative while inviting participants into play. Stop by and step Through the Looking Glass in person during the open gallery hours, or plan on attending their **Halloween-themed opening party October 21st**.

Where: Denver Center for the Performing Arts, 1025 13th St, Denver, CO 80202 When: Tuesday - Friday | 4:30pm -7:30pm and Saturday - Sunday | 12:30pm - 7:30pm, though Jan 2, 2022 Pricing: Free!

The Talking Dead

PRESENTED BY MADAME ZERVANOS' TRAVELING MYSTERY SHOW

Enjoy a drink with your tour group and then you're off to find the ghosts of Golden who wander the streets on these cool October evenings. You will first venture out into the dark along the haunted creek where ghosts of the gold rush are sure to haunt! Then on to a local pub or two

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MURDEROUS history of Golden, Colorado.

Where: The Golden Hotel I 800 11th St, Golden, CO 80401 When: Saturdays October 16, 23, 30th. 7:00pm Pricing: \$48 + Ticketing fee

Tickets and more information.

Hallomass

PRESENTED BY ITCHY-O



It's time again....

Neural necromancers ITCHY-O will unleash a 3-night run of their HALLOWMASS interactive spectacle at Denver's Summit Hall, Oct. 29-31.

This annual event and offertory, now in its seventh year, invites attendees to bring artifacts representing persons, places, or things that have passed through their lives.

When: Oct 29-31 Doors 8p.m. Where: Summit, 1902 Blake St, Denver, CO 80202 Price: \$29.99 (advance), \$35 (dayof), \$80 (3-day) Past Issues

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All-ages

More information here.

The Devil's Instrument

PRESENTED BY DELIRIUM



There are still haunted seats available at this immersive, basement pop up bar. Get your creepy on and bring a spooky date. Discover secrets, enjoy cocktails, find out....the truth! Pricing: \$50 per couple. Snack and theme cocktails available for purchase

Proof of Completed Covid Vaccination or Negative Test Required For Entry

Tickets available now.

Magic of the Jack O' Lanterns

PRESENTED BY THIRTEENTH FLOOR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP



Take a walk through a magical garden filled with glowing Jack o' Lanterns, 5,000 of them, to be exact. The Christmas light extravaganza has officially skipped into Halloween with what should be a spectacular display put on by the haunted house pros at Thirteenth Floor.

Where: Hudson Gardens, 6115 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO When: Thursday though Sunday during October Pricing: \$10.99 - \$14.99 kids 3 - 23 / \$14.99 - \$19.9 adults

Find out more and buy tickets

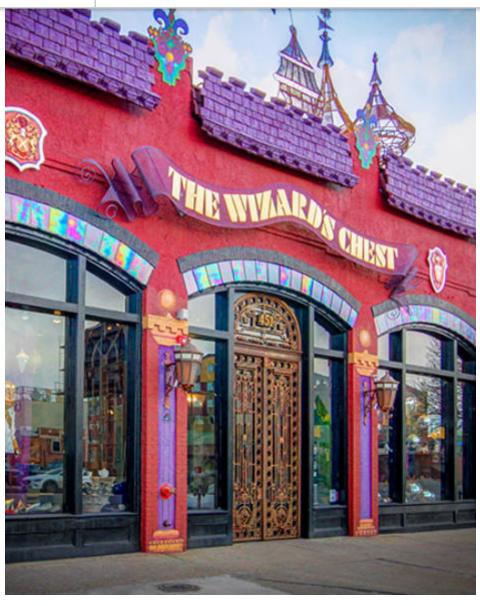
COSTUME RESOURCES

Wizard's Chest

451 BROADWAY I DENVER, CO 80203



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<u>The Wizard's Chest</u>, whose castle façade and overall look was <u>famously</u> <u>designed</u> by community staple <u>Lonnie Hanzon</u>, is a Denver institution. Originally opened in 1983, The Wizard's Chest drew inspiration from the fantastic world of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth. Starting in just 850 square feet, the store grew to become an 16,000 square feet whimsical, colorful escape from the drab bleakness of daily shopping drudgery.

The rear of the upper environs of the castle is devoted to costume, make-up and accessory departments. There are hundreds of complete costumes for sale, as well as hats, wigs and masks to complete your look. The Wizard's Chest also boasts a complete theatrical make-up counter, with high quality, professional-grade products, and a knowledgeable staff to answer your questions.

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puzzles, outdoor activities, toddler toys and science kits among a plethora of other wonders that will draw out the imagination in even the biggest cynic.

Disguises

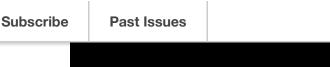
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<u>Disguises</u> is another local costume shop we love. Younger on the scene, but still coming up on 22 years in Colorado, the costume superstore carries rentals and retail for everything from Halloween and holiday parties to theatrical performances. If you're looking for costume contacts, this is the place to get them--unlike many popup Halloween stores, Disguises <u>follows the law</u> and requires a prescription to ensure a safe, proper fit of cosmetic lenses. If you're in Lakewood, give them a visit!

Reinke Brothers

5663 S. PRINCE STREET I LITTLETON, CO 80120



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As mentioned above, the Reinke brothers have been around awhile, and while their family-friendly haunt is definitely worth a visit, <u>their shop</u> is the main attraction, carrying an incredible selection of costume rentals, theatrical supplies, magic tricks, props, and more--and they're open until midnight on weekends through Halloween.

Norcostco

4395 BROADWAY I DENVER, CO 80216

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If you're new in town and looking for professional theatrical supplies, make sure <u>Norcostco</u> is on your radar. The Minnesota-based company's Denver branch is a supplier of costumes, performance makeup, wigs, props, manufacturer of stage drops and draperies, rigging systems, paint and painting

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shop.

Fun Services

12345 HURON STREET I WESTMINSTER, CO 80234



Locally owned and operated, serving Denver and the and surrounding areas for over 38 years, <u>Fun Services</u> provides year-round party goods: everything from balloons, helium, to decorations, costumes, wigs, face paints, to paper goods. Fun Services is also a complete party rental store. Tables, chairs, tents, canopies, casino equipment, birthday packages, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, and anything else needed for your next party or event.

In Fall, their costume, wig, and makeup selection balloons to provide an excellent selection of Halloween costumes, though they maintain a modest selection of professional theatrical makeup year-round.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

The Next Stage

Public access tickets to the Next Stage are <u>ON SALE NOW</u>. The the big, international industry conference (formerly known as the Immersive Design Summit, then the Here Fest)

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Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena, CA.

An epic gathering of immersive creatives and thinkers from all over globe convening for a deep dive into the art and practice of everything immersive, and this year they have an <u>incredible line up</u> (with additional speakers being revealed as the event creeps closer). For more information and tickets (including streaming access), see the new site.





Happy Hour & Networking

If you haven't made it to an Immersive Denver Happy Hour, we've been so excited about the turnout that we're sneaking in one more before Halloween on Tuesday, **October 26th 4:30-7:30 at 14er Brewing.**

We'll remain outside on their enormous patio as long as it's comfortable, or enjoy their large, well-ventilated space. Come meet or reconnect with the When: Tuesday October 26th, 4:30-7:30 (open house style)
Where: 14er Brewing & Beergarden
3120 Blake St Unit C, Denver, CO 80205 (in RiNo--free street parking)
Cost: The event is always free, though we recommend you grab a drink!

Can't make it this time? We hold meetups the last Tuesday of every month from 4:30-7:30 at 14er Brewing.



VIRTUAL WORLD DEMO

Ready to dive into your computer screen?

Denver Arts + Technology Advancement (DATA) is offering a free live demonstration of a browserbased immersive digital world learning environment, the DATA Campus in Pathos Metaverse, powered by Alt Ethos. All that is required is a web browser and an internet connection

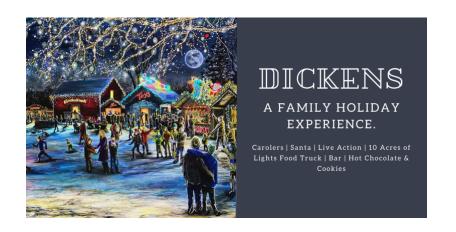
When Thursday, October 21, 2021. 3pm MST Where: A web browser near you Price: Free

For more information and to register, click here.

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Got the holiday itch? We're highlighting <u>Camp Christmas</u> in our November newsletter (<u>tickets on sale now!</u>), but in the meantime, they're hiring! Join in on the fun in a front of house position--they're looking for a <u>Venue & Experience</u> <u>Manager</u>, and a <u>Venue & Experience Attendant</u>.



Camp Christmas isn't the only one looking for talent.

Dickens: A Family Holiday Experience seeks actors who have experience with Immersive/Interactive & Improv to be a part of this fun, family friendly, magical event.

Auditions will be held at 4-Mile Historic Park main building on **Sunday 10/24** between 9am-5pm. Please be prepared for your audition with a headshot & resume (unless you already emailed one in), and one classical monologue, or side from the show (provided), no more than 3 minutes long.

- Scrooge (Male, 50+)
- Jacob Marley (Male 30+)
- Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future (any ages, genders)
- Mr. Fezzywig (Male 30+)
- Mrs. Fezzywig (Female 30+)
- Cratchit Family (adults) & Various Townsfolk

Performance will be Saturday, December 11, a stipend of \$200 will be paid upon completion of the event. Producers ask that all performers be vaccinated, and note that the performance will take place mostly outdoors, with warm costumes and hot chocolate provided.

Contact Leah Cardenas for additional details.

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SHOW WE'D LIKE TO SEE

The Uncanny Valley of Weird? It's not scary, just... something isn't right about it. Acres of mannequins leave you just feeling nervous. They just look so, well--not quite real.

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