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March 2021

Mile High Immersive Creators Edition

We prepared this newsletter in a slightly different world, the one that existed before our Colorado community endured yet another mass shooting and all of the tragedy and trauma it brings with it. We still hold ourselves to our mission of sharing what we hope will be timely and helpful resources and opportunities for you. Our hearts and minds are with Boulder and those in this community, throughout the state, and across the country who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

In this issue:

- Covid-19 reopening resource guides & updates
- Everything Immersive hosts an online Spring Fling later this month
- Your recyclables wanted by Spectra Art Space! Help bring local art to life, save materials from the trash bin, and earn yourself some appreciation at the same time
- Just a few days left to apply for the Odyssey Works Experience Design Project Incubator
- Other online talks and learning opportunities

RESOURCES

Covid-19 Reopening Resources

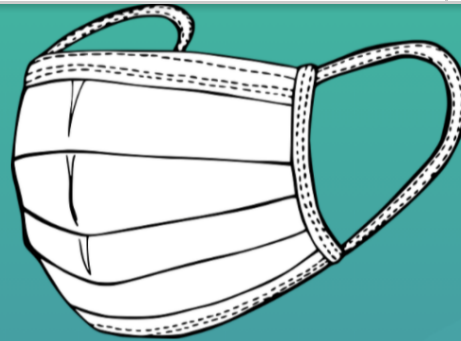
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Live Reopening Guide

FOR IMMERSIVE ARTISTS & PRODUCERS

The pause of the pandemic has posed an opportunity for us all to consider the kinds of events we produce, the community work we support, and the audiences we place at the center of our efforts. And the return to live performance is going to look very different in different places, for different events, and for different people and audiences. If you're planning live events for this summer and fall, here are some of the best resources we've found to help guide you in your specific planning.

This guide was created for Colorado-based performers and experiential creators by Immersive Denver in collaboration with Majestic Collaborations.



Are you planning in-person experiences for the spring, summer, or fall, or considering it? We've compiled a [Live Reopening Resource Guide for Immersive Creators](#) of resources and considerations that we think are helpful, including both quick links to some of the local health and regulation information as well as industry best practice documents as they're being developed. We'll continue to keep this updated. Make sure you also stay tuned into local and regional public health advice to help in your planning (we've included a few links in the guide, but you can follow officials on social, tv, or radio as well).

The events in Boulder yesterday were a terrible reminder of the fact that safety takes on many different dimensions anytime we are considering gathering people at events. If you don't already incorporate safety planning into your production design, doing a covid-19 risk assessment and safety plan is a valuable place to start, both to help mitigate transmission risks for your audiences over the next few months as well as to start building a culture of preparedness into your organization.

[View the Reopening Resource Guide](#)

Reminder: New PPP Deadline is March 31st

As of March 2021, the PPP program has increased access to loans for artists and other one-person businesses. Applications are open through March 31st.

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[new PPP requirements](#). Nina Ozlu Tunceli from Americans for the Arts Action Fund leads weekly Zoom Office Hours most Fridays from 9-10am MDT to help the arts community to navigate the complex web of federal funding opportunities, regulations, and deadlines related to current and upcoming COVID-19 economic federal aid programs. [View more information at artsactionfund.org](#).

Denver Provides Discounts on Outdoor Event Fees in 2021

Select City and County of Denver agencies will provide [discounts on special event administrative and permit fees](#) in 2021, including outdoor public event permits, parades, walks, runs, and other activities. Permit holders must comply with State of Colorado Public Health Orders and Guidelines in effect at the time of the event.

TALKS & EVENTS

Everything Immersive Online Spring Fling

A weekend festival of everything immersive and experiential! Hosted by the HERE Festival (formerly the No Proscenium Immersive Design Summit) and collaborators. By day join in for talks, salons, and unconference community conversation sessions, and by night hop into games, VR worldhops, Clubhouse rooms, and more.

[Reserve tickets to the Spring Fling!](#)

Where: Online via Discord and Zoom

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Creating with Access in Mind

CREATING WITH ACCESS IN MIND
CULTURAL ACCESSIBILITY FORUM & EXCHANGE
HOSTED BY  Art-Reach

MARCH 24, 2021 3-4:30 PM EST
ONLINE



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS

An opportunity to learn by hands-on example about developing content with access in mind from the start. Art-Reach partnered with eight arts and cultural institutions to create short accessible videos with a simple premise: Tell us a story. All were embedded with verbal descriptions, ASL interpretation, and captioning. In this session, self-advocates will watch the videos and provide feedback. [Reserve your spot or see more details about the "Creating with Access in Mind" event.](#)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**When:** Wed. March 24th from 1-2:30pm MDT**Pricing:** Free*Looking for more resources about accessibility?*

In January 2020, Immersive Denver hosted the event "Immerse in Access" in collaboration with the DCPA and featuring Regan Linton of Phamaly Theatre, Lydia Garcia, Executive Director of Equity and Organization Culture at the DCPA, and Carol Krueger, DCPA Theatre Services Manager. Check out videos from the event on the Immersive Denver [YouTube site](#).

Reconnect Online Global Performance Festival



Created in response to the pandemic and now in its second edition, [Re-](#)

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close that distance by providing an inclusive digital platform for artists to engage global audiences with new, challenging performance art.

The festival features a mix of performances, talks, and panels, and will take place from March 25 - April 12th, featuring artists from around the world and including the award-winning cast and crew of the VR film *Finding Pandora X*, as well as Culture Hub's LiveLab, Mozilla Hubs, and Playtronica Studios. [View the Reconnect Festival schedule or RSVP to specific events.](#)

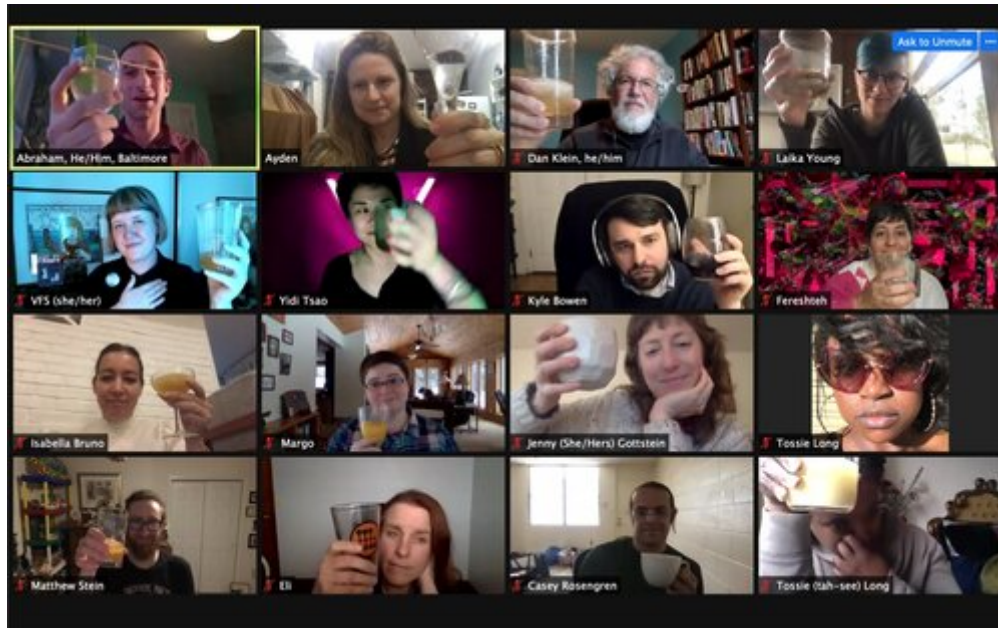
Where: Online

When: Various times March 25 - April 12, 2021

Pricing: Free

OPEN CALLS & OPPORTUNITIES

Applications due this Friday for Odyssey Works Experience Design Project Incubator



There are just a few days left to apply for a spot in this year's Project Incubator and Designer Workshop from renowned immersive creators [Odyssey Works](#). The 14-week program is designed to create community and accountability as designers work on their experiential projects, with a hybrid format of workshops,

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This year's special guests include the creator of experiential tech platform [Charter](#), used to build the [First Person Travel](#) experiences and other large-scale events, and Jenny Gottstein, experiential designer in [IDEO's Play Lab](#), co-producer of [SF Immersive Design Week](#) and designer of [Zombie Apocalypse Disaster Preparedness Games](#).

Where: Online

Deadline to apply: Friday March 26th

When: Mondays 10am-1pm from May 31st - Aug 16th

Pricing: \$2500, including books and class materials. Full and partial scholarships available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Recyclables Wanted!

WE WANT YOUR TRASH

ITEMS SPECTRA NEEDS FOR THE NEW IMMERSIVE!

Save & Drop Off @Spectra!

- GLASS BOTTLES
- PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS (ALL SIZES)
- BOTTLE TOPS
- POP TOPS
- PLASTIC BOTTLES
- CD'S

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experience/installation. Drop by during business hours with your recyclables and in return, they promise "free entry into our current immersive or some air fives & pins!" You can also request that they pick materials up from you.

Where: 1836 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80210

When: Listed hours are 12-8pm Wed. through Sat. and 11a-7p Sundays

Contact phone: 720-535-7244

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