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Meow What?



Kennedy Cottrell | Courtesy of Meow Wolf

Meow Wolf...

Is the best thing that has ever happened to Denver arts. Is the worst thing that ever happened to Denver arts. Is the same old wine in a new bottle. Is a refreshing break from the everyday. Is a moneymaking scheme that feeds on artists. Is a mission-based organization that helps artists get recognized. Is a big, dumb playground. Is an amazing all-ages play space. Bong hit day glow. Visionary design. A scheme to make land developers rich. An innovative use of neglected brownfield space. Drug

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Only works with artists in their network. Promotes artists that would not otherwise get attention. Tuned into the local community. Carpetbaggers who don't get Denver. Caters to the wealthy. Creates opportunities for the less fortunate. Isn't diverse. Supports a diversity of artists and communities. Is a dumb name. Is a nod to the Surrealists. Isn't worth the money. Carries a lot of bang for the buck. Was better when they were a little collective in Santa Fe. Is still true to its roots.

Over the years as the “floppy pizza slice” building went up in the most improbable piece of commercial real estate in town, we've heard it all. The good, the bad, and the ugly rumors. And the best we can figure, it's all true. The arrival of the new Meow Wolf attraction in Denver means something. We like to stay positive when it comes to the arts. Creativity takes a level of vulnerability we should support. So, we look to Meow Wolf to bring positive attention to the creative practices that thrive here and to cast a little light onto the world of immersive art and entertainment. Sure, a lot of people will go see Meow Wolf and assume that's all immersive has to offer. But then again, how many of those visitors will get a taste and want more? We have an entire city of immersive art and entertainment makers and doers ready to feed that hunger for something new.

All we know for sure is that the doors to Convergence Station swing open to the public on will be September 17, with tickets on sale now at meow.wf/denver-tix.

So, here's to Meow Wolf in all its complex ambiguity. We'll look forward to touring the facility when it opens and taking in what it has to offer. In the meantime, just to set the record straight:

Casa Bonita **is** better than Meow Wolf.

LIVE PRODUCTIONS

The Lost Book of Astrid Lee

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If you missed tracing the mysterious Astrid Lee last year, this city-wide puzzle hunt is back this month!

Part mystery, part puzzle hunt, part chance to experience Denver's past and present, this quest sends you across the city in search of clues and local experiences. The original event was held last year as a chance to give Covid-lock down crowds a chance to safely get out of their homes. This year, the mystery continues and the urban exploration expands.

Where: City Wide

When: The 3-week event start Sept 3

Pricing: \$30 per group (Special \$10 pricing available)

Tickets available now: <https://www.historycolorado.org/lost-book-astrid-lee>

The Devil's Instrument

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A creepy Victorian parlor? Pop up themed bar? Art installation? Immersive world?

Sign us up!

This experimental evening of entertainment and surprises comes directly from the creative minds of Andrew Novick, Claire Voyant, Dirty Duvel, Hagbard Celine, and Polka Dottie. So, expect something dark and delirious.

Where: The basement of HQ, at 60 South Broadway Denver, 80209

When: Select evenings Sept 19 - Oct 31st

Pricing: \$50 per couple. Snack and theme cocktails available for purchase

Proof Of Completed Covid Vaccination Required For Entry

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Sojourners Project: Busing

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Idea Stages and Control Group Production



This outdoor, pop-up immersive event invites audiences to unpack the history of desegregation busing in Denver Public Schools. The story travels from from Mrs. Rachel B. Noel (the first Black woman elected to public office in Colorado) to the 1970 school bus depot bombing, through nearly three decades of movement of young Black and Brown bodies across the city. *Sojourner's* rich immersive experience combines artistry and education, with a focus on personal experiences across three generations, in a story augmented by hyperlinked history, research, and interviews.

Where: Outdoors at the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1500 S Dayton St, Aurora, CO 80247

When: September 8th - 26th

Pricing: Preview Tickets start at \$10, Performance tickets \$18-40

More information and tickets: <http://sojourners.live/>

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Odd Knock



After 3 sold out pop-ups this summer, OddKnock returns for its penultimate show at No Vacancy. Join the fun as you delve into a fictional TV wonderland. After 20 years of perfect purity, SIMPLY PURELY (QVC's top rated lifestyle show) is opening its doors to you--their first-ever live audience. Take a peek behind the camera and cozy up to fan favorite hosts as they pull the curtain back to share their idyllic lifestyles.

So far, the Test Kitchens have dished out some super tasty immersive treats. Don't miss this one!

Where: No Vacancy, 3722 Chestnut Place, Denver, CO 80216

When: September 3rd and 4th

Pricing: Donations accepted

Tickets available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oddknocks-test-kitchen-4-tickets-168889339561?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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Lumonics Immersed

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Lumonics



Light it up! Lumonics Immersed is a total art installation which takes place in the Lumonics warehouse in Denver. The exhibit presents the late Dorothy and Mel Tanner's mesmerizing light sculptures, and lasers, special effects, and original music and video created by Dorothy Tanner and Marc Billard.

Where: Lumonics Studio, 800 E 73rd Ave Unit 11, Denver

When: NEW TIME AND DATE! Saturday, Oct. 9, 8pm until 10 pm

Pricing: \$20 available at <https://lumonics.ticketleap.com/immersed2>

LAST CHANCE TO SEE

NOVA ITA

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Spectra Art Space

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Catch this all-ages psychedelic immersive art, botanical, and audio / visual experience installation before the ends at the month!

Where: Spectra Art Space, 1836 S Broadway, Denver CO 80210

When: Wednesday – Sunday, through Sept 30th

Pricing: \$20 Adults | \$12 Children (0-10 Years Old) Priority Tickets + Art Swag Bag: grant you admission anytime during the day you purchase them on and gives you unlimited time in the installation. \$30.00

More information and tickets at: <https://spectraartspace.com/novoita>

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Van Gogh Alive!

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Van Gogh goes back in the vault the end of this month. Don't miss all the eye-popping, ear chopping spectacle!

Where: The Hangar at Stanley Marketplace 2501 Dallas St Aurora, Co

When: Through September 26 Sun, Tue-Thu: 10am to 8pm. Final entry at 7pm. Fri-Sat: 10am to 9pm. Final entry at 8pm.

Pricing: \$50.00 Youth/Student (Ages 5-18 or College with Student ID) \$25.00 Children 4 & Under \$0.00.

Tickets and more information: <https://www.denvercenter.org/tickets-events/van-gogh-alive-the-experience>

COMMUNITY NEWS

August Immersive Happy Hour

Did you miss it? It was awesome!
Numbers were traded, project

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always, it was great to see a diverse selection from the community and celebrate another year of Immersive Denver.

Couldn't make it? Stay tuned for our September gathering!

Enigma Bazaar

A new immersive friendly venue is now open!

Featuring limited hours, Thursdays - Sundays, 4pm - midnight, the joint describes itself as "a mystical art bar and performance venue, serving tasty cocktails and a 100% from scratch Latin-inspired menu. Home to all kinds of artistic expressions from live music, performance art, dance, and film to theatre, circus, magic, and tarot/astrology readings."

Sounds like a good place to wear a monocle and talk about art. We're in!

Check out their grand opening events and ongoing programming at: <https://www.enigmabazaar.com/>

Enigma Bazaar is located at 4923 West 38th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80212



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Wowee! Buntport Theater is having a costume sale!

Drop by Friday, Sept 3rd Friday September 3rd from 6:00-9:00 pm. and check out costumes (theatrical and Halloween) as well as regular street clothes, Halloween decorations, and more. Everything will be \$5 or less. And being Buntport, they promise to make deals! Wheel and deal!

They also will serve up drinks and treats and videogames/installations by Collective Misnomer and Oh Heck Yeah! To which we say: Oh heck yeah!

Buntport is located at: 717 Lipan St, Denver, CO 80204

SHOW WE'D LIKE TO SEE

Welcome to the world of UNDERLANTIS! Bring your swimsuit for the most immersive immersive event yet! You'll need a mask and snorkel to follow along with the Shakespearean antics of these wacky merfolk--because the show is underwater!

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