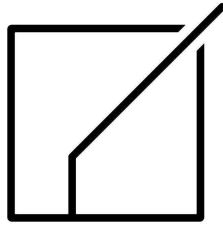


**DOORS
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DENVER
2026**



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**Denver Architecture Foundation's Doors Open Denver to Showcase
Downtown Denver During Annual Four-Day Celebration September 24 to 27**

Many of this year's events are inspired by the "Destination Downtown" theme

DENVER — Sept. 1, 2026 — As downtown Denver undergoes its most significant transformation in decades—from the near-complete overhaul of 16th Street to a wave of historic preservation and new design—[Denver Architecture Foundation](#) is turning its annual [Doors Open Denver](#) festival toward the city center. Themed "Destination Downtown," the four-day event runs Thursday, Sept. 24, to Sunday, Sept. 27, and will offer more than 35 insider tours, open houses at leading architecture and design firms, and a mix of free and ticketed events.

AT A GLANCE

What: Doors Open Denver 2026, themed "Destination Downtown"

When: Thursday, Sept. 24 - Sunday, Sept. 27

Where: sites throughout Denver, including downtown

Tickets: [On sale now](#); some tours and events are free

Media kit: bit.ly/DoorsOpenDenver2026

"It's an exciting time for Denver's built environment," said Meg Touborg, president and CEO of Denver Architecture Foundation. "Doors Open Denver makes it easy for everyday Denverites to gain insider knowledge and understanding of where Denver is headed, directly from the people and businesses guiding our city forward."

Highlights of Doors Open Denver 2026 include:

Thursday, Sept. 24

- [Taking the Long View Keynote Lecture](#) and book launch at Historic Evans School, by Ray Calabro, FAIA, principal at Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, 2:30 p.m. (ticketed)

- [Common Ground Community Design Project Reception](#), at Denver Performing Arts Complex, showcasing a new civic design collaboration that produced custom outdoor installations for five local community organizations, 5 p.m. (free)

Friday, Sept. 25

- A presentation of [the downtown Denver area plan](#) by Andrew Ittis, senior vice president of Downtown Denver Partnership (ticketed)
- Guided insider tours exploring the future of significant city projects, including [Denver Pavilions](#), [Skyline Park](#), and [16th Street](#) (ticketed)
- Guided insider tours of select architectural gems, including [Concord Energy](#) and [the Petroleum Building](#) (ticketed)
- [On the Boards open houses](#) at 20 top architectural firms throughout the city, who'll showcase their current and future projects (free)
- [Wall Street of the West: Denver's 17th Street with Historic Denver](#) (ticketed)
- [Mid-century modern trivia](#) at La Vista Motel (ticketed)

Saturday, Sept. 26

- A walking tour exploring [the transformation of Denver's Lower Downtown](#) (ticketed)
- An insider tour of [the Mountain States Telegraph and Telephone Building](#) (ticketed)
- A tour of [the Downtown Denver Alleyways Project](#) (ticketed)
- Renowned architect Alan Gass's [photographic idiosyncratic tour of Denver's primary pedestrian district](#) (ticketed)
- Continued insider tours and open sites featuring Denver's most notable spaces

Sunday, Sept. 27

- Reception for the [Visions of Denver Photography Contest](#) (free)

First launched in 2004, Doors Open Denver is the hallmark event of nonprofit Denver Architecture Foundation, and generates funding that helps support programs like the Cleworth Architectural Legacy Project, which brings architecture education to Colorado schools.

This year's Doors Open Denver will have a public headquarters at [Design Workshop](#) (1490 Lawrence St.), with open hours each day from Sunday, Sept. 20, to Friday, Sept. 25. DOD information for the public and volunteers will be available there, along with tours of Design Workshop.

Tickets to [Doors Open Denver 2026](#) are on sale now. On the Boards, some Insider Tours, and select special events during Doors Open Denver are free.

Doors Open Denver is made possible by generous supporters who share a passion for design, culture, and community. Those include Bloomberg Connects, Alan Gass, Dennis Humphries, Rowland and

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The Doors Open Denver media kit is available at bit.ly/DoorsOpenDenver2026

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About Denver Architecture Foundation

Founded in 1990, Denver Architecture Foundation inspires people to explore Denver, understand the role of design in quality of life, and envision the city's future. The nonprofit's year-round programs include monthly walking and hard hat tours, lectures, Doors Open Denver, and the Cleworth Architectural Legacy Project, which brings architecture education to K-8 students in the Denver area. Meg Touborg is president and CEO. More information is available at denverarchitecture.org, and on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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