

Event Guide



September
24–27, 2026

DOORS OPEN DENVER 2026 DESTINATION DOWNTOWN



EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE, ENVISION DENVER

The built environment is not neutral. It shapes how we live, connect, heal, and thrive. As Denver continues to evolve, so does our understanding of architecture's profound influence on the health, resilience, and vitality of our communities. They influence our health, strengthen community, and foster resilience.



Every day, we experience the power of design, whether we recognize it or not. Great places invite us to gather, calm our nervous systems, build a sense of belonging, and support human well-being. They help neighborhoods respond to change and remain vibrant across generations. At its best, architecture is not simply about buildings. It is about creating the conditions for people and communities to thrive.

The future of Denver should not be shaped solely by architects, planners, and developers. It should be shaped by a curious and informed public that understands the profound impact of the built environment on daily life.

Doors Open Denver is an invitation to join that purpose. As you explore the remarkable sites and discover their stories, I hope you look beyond what a place is and consider what it makes inspiring. Together, we can imagine and create a Denver that is more connected, healthy, resilient, and welcoming for all.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for joining us!



Chad Holtzinger, AIA
Chair, Denver Architecture Foundation
President, Shopworks Architecture

As Colorado celebrates 150 years, Denver is experiencing extraordinary changes that are reshaping our downtown. Our built environment is ever-evolving and is welcoming to bold new urban plans, architecture, and landscape architecture. The Denver Architecture Foundation believes that understanding these developments and adaptations fosters a deep appreciation of our city.



For more than 20 years, Doors Open Denver has invited you to explore behind the scenes. Our 2026 theme is Destination Downtown; our programming will engage you in the architecture, landscapes, public spaces, and ideas shaping our urban core. Discover more about a familiar landmark, step inside a place that you've always wondered about, and meet the leaders of our city's transformation.

DAF is proud to be your guide and connection to expert architects, designers, historians, developers, artists, and civic leaders. By opening Denver's doors, we create opportunities to understand the present and imagine the future.

Welcome to Doors Open Denver 2026. Enjoy your journey!



Meg Touborg
President and CEO, Denver Architecture Foundation



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2026 Programming Content

Open Sites

Visit long-time favorite buildings and new additions through self-guided exploration and activities (Friday, Saturday)

Insider Tours

Dive deeper into Denver's built environment with expert-led tours of historic and new sites, as well as buildings under construction (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

On the Boards

Go inside of Denver's top designers' offices as they open their doors to reveal what's on their boards (Friday only)

Special Events

Learn and engage with creative leaders at inspiring lectures and receptions in Denver's unique venues (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Doors Open Denver 2026

THURSDAY 24TH



Taking the Long View: Design, Landscape, and Legacy

Keynote Lecture: Join us for an inspiring afternoon with Ray Calabro, FAIA, Principal at Bohlin Cywinski Jackson in conversation with Mike Albert, FASLA, Principal at Design Workshop. Ray will share details of his firm's design process and discuss his and Mike's decades-long partnership and recent collaboration on Highbank, one of the subjects of *A Long View: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson Houses 2016-2026*, to be released in Fall 2026.

Details

- 2:30pm–5pm
- 📍 Historic Evans School
1115 Acoma St
Denver, CO 80204
- ⚡ Advanced registration required.

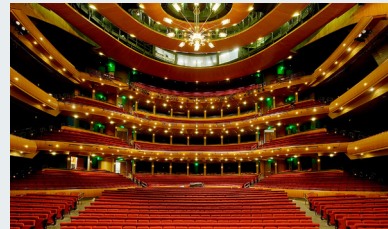


Common Ground Community Design Project Reception

View the showcase of projects created for local community organizations by architecture students studying at the CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning. These constructions celebrate the power of design to create a Denver where everyone belongs.

Details

- 5pm–7pm
- 📍 Denver Performing Arts Complex
1400 Curtis St
Denver, CO 80204
- ⚡ Free, RSVP requested.



Insider Tours of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Go behind the scenes of Denver's premier performance hall designed to host opera, ballet, and more intimate Broadway performances.

Details

- 5:15pm and 6:15pm
- 📍 Ellie Caulkins Opera House
1385 Curtis St
Denver, CO 80204
- ⚡ Advanced registration required.



All ticketed tours and special events require advanced registration, visit our website to register. Tickets will not be available on site.

About the Common Ground Initiative



The Common Ground Community Design Festival is a new collaborative civic design initiative launched by Denver Mayor Mike Johnston's office, the CU Denver College of Architecture and Planning, the Lavender Hill Cultural District, and the Denver Architecture Foundation. The inaugural edition features five architectural installations alongside a series of free public programs from September 24 to 27, 2026. Led by Assistant Professor Leyuan Li, in collaboration with Assistant Professor Danny Wills and designer Andrea Malta, the project pairs CU Denver architecture students with local community organizations to design and build architectural installations that represent the organizations' spatial needs and narratives.

These five organizations include the Colorado Nepalese Community, Greater Denver CARES Mentoring Movement, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Empower Media Exchange, and Lavender Hill Cultural District. Following the exhibit, the installations will be relocated permanently to the partner organizations' respective neighborhoods to serve as lasting public gathering spaces.

FRIDAY 25TH

Explore and experience Denver like never before!

NOTE: Friday is the only day that design offices will be open to the public to reveal what's on their boards. Drop in for light refreshments and to learn about their architectural practices.

Open Sites

10am-4pm unless
otherwise noted, FREE

The Alliance Center
- 1536 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202

**American Museum
of Western Art**
- 1727 Tremont Pl,
Denver, CO 80202

**Central Presbyterian
Church**
- 1660 Sherman St
Denver, CO 80203

**Cleo Parker
Robinson Dance**
- 2025 N Washington St
Denver, CO 80205
➔ 10am-2pm

**Community Clay at
The Pattern Shop**
- 3349 Blake St
Denver, CO 80205
➔ 12pm-4pm

**CU Denver College
of Architecture
and Planning**
- 1250 14th St
Denver, CO 80202

**Denver Firefighters
Museum**
- 1326 Tremont Pl
Denver, CO 80204

The Denver Press Club
- 1330 Glenarm Pl
Denver, CO 80204

The Equitable Building
- 730 17th St
Denver, CO 80202

**First Baptist Church
of Denver**
- 1373 N Grant St
Denver, CO 80203

**Our Savior's
Lutheran Church**
- 915 E Ninth Ave
Denver, CO 80218

The Oxford Hotel
- 1600 17th St
Denver, CO 80202

**RedLine Contemporary
Art Center**
- 2350 Arapahoe St
Denver, CO 80205

**Rockmount
Ranch Wear**
- 1626 Wazee St
Denver, CO 80202

The Unfound Door
- 1418 Larimer St
Denver CO 80202

**Trinity United
Methodist Church**
- 1820 Broadway
Denver, CO 80202

**True Companions
Animal Shelter & Clinic**
- 958 Inca St
Denver, CO 80204

**Union Hall Art Space
(inside The Coloradan)**
- 1750 Wewatta St,
Ste 144
Denver CO 80202

Urban Cowboy
- 1665 N Grant St
Denver, CO 80203
➔ 11am-3pm

On the Boards

10am-4pm unless
otherwise noted, FREE

BVH Architecture
- 1401 17th St, Ste 105
Denver, CO 80202

CannonDesign
- 2825 Larimer St
Denver, CO 80205

Cunningham
- 1675 Larimer St,
Ste 375
Denver, CO 80202

Cushing Terrell
- 1700 Broadway,
Ste 1200
Denver, CO 80290

Design Workshop
- 1390 Lawrence St,
Ste 100
Denver, CO 80204

Dig Studio
- 1521 15th St
Denver, CO 80202

DLR Group
- 1401 Lawrence St,
Ste 1000
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 10am-2pm

**Forum Phi Architecture
| Interiors | Planning**
- 2243 Curtis St
Denver, CO 80205

Gensler
- 1225 17th St, Ste 150
Denver, CO 80202

GH2 Architects
- 1415 Larimer St,
Ste 210
Denver, CO 80202

HCM
- 1800 Wazee St, Ste 450
Denver, CO 80202

HOK
- 1401 17th Street,
Ste 600
Denver, CO 80202

HKS, Inc
- 999 18th St, Ste 2255N
Denver, CO 80202

MOA Architecture
- 414 14th St, Ste 300
Denver, CO 80202

RATIO Design
- 1001 17th Street, R-100
Denver CO, 80202

Rowland + Broughton
- 1830 Blake St
Denver, CO 80202

SAR+ Architects
- 1550 Wynkoop St,
Ste #100
Denver, CO 80202

Sasaki
- 511 16th Street,
7th floor
Denver, CO 80202

**Shopworks
Architecture**
- 301 W 45th Ave
Denver, CO 80216

SMITHGROUP
- 1675 Larimer St, Ste 500
Denver, CO 80202

Insider Tours

Start times vary,
advanced registration
required

**Community College
of Denver**
- 1111 W Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80204
➔ 9am, 3:30pm

Art Studios
- 1200 Lincoln St
Denver, CO 80203
➔ 9:30am

The Mayan Theater
- 110 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203
➔ 9:30am

**Ellie Caulkins
Opera House**
- 1385 Curtis St
Denver, CO 80204
- ➔ 10am, 3:15pm

McGregor Square
- 19th and Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 10:30am

Union Station
- 1701 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 10:30am, 12:30pm

The Brown Palace Hotel
- 321 17th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 11am, 3:30pm

Denver Pavilions
- 500 16th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 11am

The Rally Hotel
- 1600 20th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 12pm

Skyline Park
- 1701 Arapahoe St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 12:30pm

**Wall Street of the West
with Historic Denver**
- 321 17th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 1pm

Concord Energy HQ
- 1430 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 1:30pm

16th Street
- 1521 15th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 2pm

**MSU Denver School
of Hospitality**
- 1190B Auraria Pkwy
Denver, CO 80204
➔ 2pm

**Downtown Denver
Alleyways Project**
- 934 16th St
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 3pm

The Petroleum Building
- 110 16th St
Denver, CO, 80202
➔ 4:30pm

Special Events

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required

**Downtown Area
Plan Presentation
with the Downtown
Denver Partnership**
- 1515 Arapahoe St
Tower 3, Ste 100
Denver, CO 80202
➔ 9am-10:15am

**Parts of Common
Civic Forum**
- 1400 Curtis St
2nd Floor
Denver, CO 80204
➔ 3pm-5pm

**Mid-Century Modern
Trivia Night at
La Vista Motel**
- 5500 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80220
➔ 7:30pm-9:30pm

Doors Open Denver 2026

SATURDAY 26TH + SUNDAY 27TH

Saturday

Open Sites

10am-4pm unless otherwise noted, FREE

The Castle Marne

- 1572 Race St
Denver, CO 80206
11am-3pm

Central Presbyterian Church

- 1660 Sherman St
Denver, CO 80203

Community Clay at The Pattern Shop

- 3349 Blake St
Denver, CO 80205
12pm-4pm

Denver Firefighters Museum

- 1326 Tremont Pl
Denver, CO 80204

The Denver Press Club

- 1330 Glenarm Pl
Denver, CO 80204

Denver Woman's Press Club

- 1325 Logan St
Denver, CO 80203

First Baptist Church of Denver

- 1373 N Grant St
Denver, CO 80203

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The Oxford Hotel

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RedLine Contemporary Art Center

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Rockmount Ranch Wear

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Denver, CO 80202

Trinity United Methodist Church

- 1820 Broadway
Denver, CO 80202
10am-2pm

True Companions Animal Shelter & Clinic

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Denver, CO 80204

Union Hall Art Space (inside The Coloradan)

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Denver CO 80202

Urban Cowboy

- 1665 N Grant St
Denver, CO 80203
11am-3pm

Insider Tours

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Community College of Denver

- 1111 W Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80204
9am, 3:30pm

Colorado Convention Center

- 700 14th St
Denver, CO 80202
9:30am

The Mayan Theater

- 110 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203
9:30am

The Maven Hotel and Dairy Block

- 1850 Wazee St
Denver, CO 80202
10am, 1pm

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Building

- 931 14th St
Denver, CO 80202
10am

The Ramble Hotel

- 1280 25th St
Denver, CO 80205
12pm, 4pm

Union Station

- 1701 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
10:30am, 12:30pm

The Brown Palace Hotel

- 321 17th St
Denver, CO 80202
11am, 3:30pm

Wall Street of the West with Historic Denver

- 321 17th St
Denver, CO 80202
11am

City Transformed: Lower Downtown

- This event has been cancelled

Downtown Denver Alleyways Project

- 934 16th St
Denver, CO 80202
1:30pm

Concord Energy HQ

- 1430 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
2pm

Special Events

Advanced registration required

Alan Gass's Photographic Idiosyncratic Tour of Denver Presentation

- 1550 Wynkoop St, Ste 100
Denver, CO 80202
2pm-4pm

Sunday

Visions of Denver Architecture Photo Contest Reception

Celebrate the photographers selected by this year's juror Emily Minton Redfield showcasing the architecture of Downtown Denver. Thirty photographs were selected for the exhibition, with five awards in the following categories: Best In Show, Best Urban Detail, Best Urban Interior, Best Urban Exterior, Best Urban Landscape

- OZ Architecture, 3003 Larimer St, Denver, CO 80205
10am-12pm
- This event is free, RSVP is encouraged

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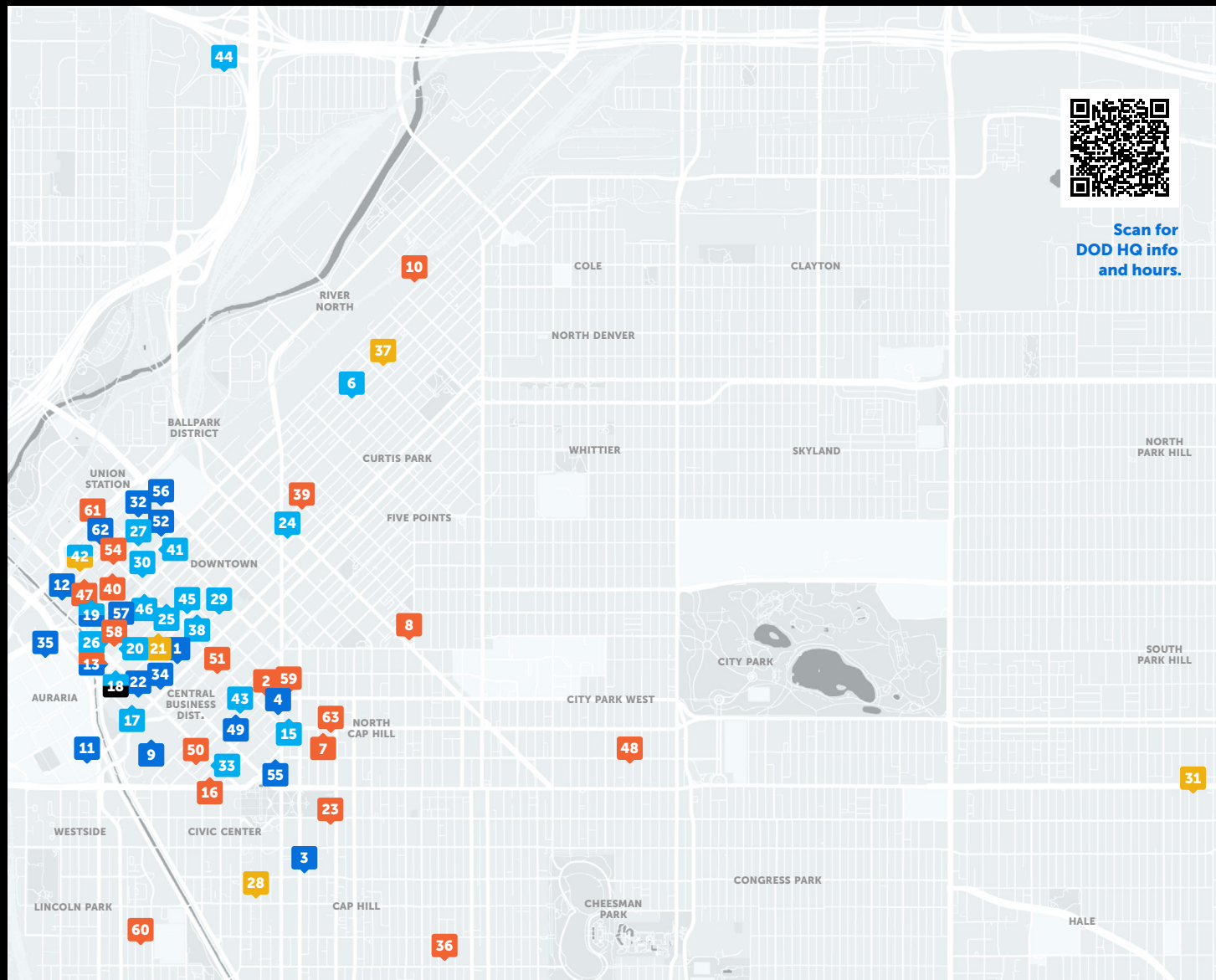


PHOTOS: Eric Wencel with The Unfounded Door





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- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Denver Walls
- Emmanuel Art Gallery
- Four Mile
- History Colorado Center
- Louisville Historical Museum
- Museum of Contemporary Art Denver (MCA Denver)
- Museo de las Américas
- Molly Brown House Museum
- University of Denver (DU)

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