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like watching Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, decorating our home to holiday music by a warm fire, tinkering with a puzzle on the dining room table, savoring my mother-inlaw's famous apple pie, baking Christmas cookies with the kids, seeing The Nutcracker performed by the Colorado Ballet, planning our annual holiday party with family and friends, and enjoying at least one movie marathon (maybe *Star Wars* this year!) are cherished customs we look forward to each year. These traditions not only help diminish the stress of the season, they give us an opportunity for making lasting, joyful memories.

If you're feeling inclined to add some new traditions to your life, you'll find inspiration and festive ideas all throughout this special holiday issue. Does someone on your gift list have you stumped? Take a look at our annual Holiday Gift Guide (p. 55), full of creative ideas for everyone—from outdoor lovers to techies. We even have some ideas for your pets! After a full day of shopping, head to Denver's Dairy Block (highlighted in our feature "Rock around the Block," p. 67) for some amazing food and libations. Perhaps a toast to celebrate the end of your holiday shopping is in order!

From all of us here at *Denver Life Magazine*, we wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season filled with traditions new and old. Cheers!

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## on the job Denver Broncos Cheerleader Team spirit

The Denver Broncos Cheerleaders make rooting for the home team look effortless, but behind the scenes, the 26 women who make up the well-known spirit squad put in hours of practice. Many, including team captain **Katherine Crowe**, balance another job on top of it all.

#### How did you start cheerleading?

• I did gymnastics and dance when I was young. When I got to the University of Nevada, Reno, I auditioned for the dance team, which was transitioning into a cheer team. I ended up falling in love with cheer and kept at it all four years. I really admired the class and work ethic of the Broncos cheerleaders, so during my senior year of college I auditioned for the team, and the rest is history!

## How do you practice before a big game?

On game weeks, we have Tuesday night

rehearsal at the stadium, where we practice dances for the next two games to stay ahead of the curve. On Thursday night, we rehearse at Dove Valley, where we practice on the indoor turf. On game day, we arrive at the stadium early to do a full dress rehearsal.

## You recently took time away from the team to study nursing. How do you balance cheerleading and healthcare?

• I fell in love with nursing because I can walk in and care for people directly. I work the night shift on a trauma-surgical unitthree 12-hour night shifts a week—with cheer practice the other nights and games on the weekends. So I sleep during the day! My REM cycle might be a little off, but I couldn't imagine my life without nursing or cheerleading.

## What do you love most about working for the Broncos?

• The opportunity to see different parts of Colorado and engage with lots of people. One of my favorite cheer experiences is participating in our annual flash mob at Children's Hospital. We dance with kids in the flash mob and make room visits to the children who can't participate. It's an event I cherish every year. —Jenna Walters





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With the holidays upon us, I can already feel my annoyance building over my sister's chronic lateness. We have lots of family events planned, and her tardiness tends to throw a wrench into everything. What should I do?—

Damien, Englewood

old is your H sister? If she's 20, your parents ought to put their feet down firmly in proper parental form and tell her how rude and insulting it is for her to expect everyone and everything to wait for her. If she's 40, she's probably already heard and ignored that because her behavior has been enabled over the years. So rather than raise a fuss and amplify bad feelings, accept that she will be late and plan events so that the rest of the family isn't standing

on a LoDo corner waiting for Sis as the snow falls on them. Maybe if you're all enjoying coffee, drinks, or a

hot game of Uno together and hardly notice when she arrives, she'll start feeling like she's missing out on the fun and will get with the program. If all else fails, there's the trick of giving Sis an arrival time an hour earlier than the rest of the guests. When she shows up a half-hour late and no one's there, a bulb may light.

My niece and her husband live in another city. Every year, we exchange nice Christmas presents, and I always thank them for the ones I got. But I have yet to get even an acknowledgment, let alone a thank you, for any gift I send them. It makes me feel rotten.—Aunt Suzy, Evergreen

Are they sending you diamond bracelets while you are sending them cans of peas? That would explain why you would want to continue to engage in this exchange without any words of thanks. Otherwise, if your niece is old enough to marry, she and her husband are old enough to write, text, or telephone to tell you your gift was received and appreciated. So please stop sending gifts. They may be hoping you'll do just that so they, in turn, can shorten their shopping list. To keep the relationship friendly, be sure to send a card every year with your best wishes and a personal note. My husband and his **80-year-old father** do not get along, and often when we get together, one of them walks out in a huff, completely ruining the occasion. Yet every Christmas they insist on a holiday gathering to exchange gifts, when we invariably receive a lot of silly things we do not need and end up donating. What can I do to change this dynamic? -Kirsten, Wheat Ridge

It's very kind of you to ask. But the short and sad answer is: nothing. They alone are in charge of their long-established dynamic. You and your husband are in charge of your dynamic, and you and your fatherin-law are free to choose how the two of you relate. Empathize with your husband and encourage him to heal the old wounds with Dad. but if their dysfunction upsets you, detach from the conflict: Suggest that you make a group donation to charity in lieu of holiday gifts, and let the two of them get together without you.

Got a question? Send it to: editorial@denverlifemagazine.com.



Trela Phelps, the general manager of Denver's City Floral Greenhouse, offers this advice.

#### **() MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The tree lot at City Floral opens the week before Thanksgiving and stays open until Christmas Eve. Don't wait until the last minute—you'll have slim pickings at the lot, and less time to enjoy your tree at home.

#### **② GEAR UP!**

When it comes to picking out that perfect tree, you don't want to rush your decision because you were too cold to think straight. Bundle up before you head to the tree lot. At many Denver-area lots, your winter jacket is the only "gear" you'll need—they'll help tie your tree atop your car and make sure that your tree makes it home in one piece.

#### **③ KNOW YOUR FIRS**

Do a little research before you get to the tree lot: The type of fir or pine you select will determine how long your tree will stay fresh, how it'll smell, and whether or not it fits in your living room. "Our most popular tree is a White Fir, which comes out of the mountains here in Colorado and New Mexico," says Phelps, adding that local trees tend to stay fresh the longest. City Floral's 6- and 7-foot trees are their most popular, but they offer trees ranging from 2 to over 15 feet tall.

#### **4 CONSIDER AN ARTIFICIAL TREE**

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#### **(5) HAVE FUN!**

"It's a tradition," says Phelps. "We serve cider, hot cocoa, and cookies, and we try to make it an event for people." Even if your family has never picked out a tree before, it's not too late to turn a trip to the tree lot into your most magical Christmastime tradition. —Cassie Kuhn





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## by the numbers HOLIDAY LIGHTS

**1914** The year David Dwight Sturgeon hung the first

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The number of light sculptures in the Electric Safari display at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

### 2,000,000 The number of bulbs in

the Denver Zoo's light display

Number of cents it costs to display one string of 100 mini LED lights for the holiday season





Number of months it takes to plan the Denver Botanic Gardens' Blossoms of Light display

**160,000** Number of people who attended the Blossoms of Light in 2017

**1918** Year of the nation's first outdoor Christmas lighting contest, held in Denver



## get involved! Beyond the soup kitchen

Many people seek out holiday season volunteer opportunities to embrace the giving spirit, but once January rolls around, organizations and nonprofits see a substantial dip in numbers. Even after we've taken down our decorations, help is still needed. Volunteers of America Colorado lists many options during the holiday season and beyond. Whether you're looking to get involved with childcare, clerical work, or a food bank, there are ways to give back that match your interests. Two of our favorites, Meals on Wheels and Market Meals, pack and/ or deliver home-cooked meals to homebound seniors. With flexible schedules and locations in the Denver metro area, these programs are



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## burning question

## What is the city's official policy for plowing the streets during a snowstorm?

When snow piles onto the streets of Denver, a team of 106 plows springs into action. The plows are operated by Denver Public Works, which is responsible for maintaining the city's main streets and residential roads during and after storms. Seventy large plows are deployed as soon as snow starts to accumulate on main roads, with drivers working 12-hour shifts to keep the pavement exposed and free of ice. Main roads are prioritized, but 36 smaller plows are also deployed to residential roads if the city gets between four and six inches of snow. The purpose of the smaller plows is primarily to ensure that drivers can safely reach the main roads—which explains why your street might not be plowed as soon as you'd like.

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# Sweet spot

**HELLIEMAE'S** CARAMELS BRINGS COMPLEXITY AND ARTISANAL CRAFTSMANSHIP TO ITS LINE OF SALTED CARAMELS AND SAUCES. **BY RENAE WHISSEL** 

ou might think that Helliemae's Caramels, a boutique candy maker based in Wheat Ridge, is the brainchild of a lifelong baker or chef. After all, the local business landed a spot on the *Wall Street Journal* Valentine's Day gift guide shortly after it opened in 2011—there has to be some magic in that kitchen.

In fact, Helliemae's owner and founder Ellen Daehnick had no experience in the food industry when she launched the business. What she did

Rich caramel sauce with peppermint & spices

have was a passion for food and a desire to do something different. Helliemae's was founded on the idea that complex, artisanal caramels were largely missing from the market, and that Coloradans would jump at the opportunity to enjoy caramels that didn't taste like the typical, mass-produced varieties you find in most grocery stores. We caught up with Daehnick to ask about her delectable company and what makes it work.

#### What makes your caramels unique?

"When salted caramels started selling really well about 10 years ago, I couldn't find a caramel that was super dark, really complex, and a little bitter, but also very fresh and creamy. That's what I wanted to create something in that sweet spot."

#### How long does it take to make a batch?

"If we have two people cooking, about two and a half hours, plus extra time to cool. Then it takes time to roll, cut, rest, break, and wrap the product. Once that's done, it's time to package it. From start to finish, it takes eight people to create a single box and make it look pretty. As with a lot of handcrafted artisan foods, it's very labor intensive."

## What are some of your most popular flavors?

"Sea Salt and Whiskey Love Bomb are our most popular flavors by far. Sea Salt is finished with a flaky salt from Cyprus. Whiskey Love Bomb is made with Colorado whiskey and Steen's Cane Syrup from Louisiana. We finish it with a bourbon barrel smoked sea salt from Kentucky. We also have Espresso, Vanilla Vanilla, and Chili Palmer, which uses cayenne chili and cinnamon, along with our caramel sauces and seasonal flavors like Candy Cane in the winter and kid-friendly Salty Peanut Butter for Easter."

#### What are your goals for the company?

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#### Gingerbread House Decorating Class at My Make Studio

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Holiday Chocolate Festival When: Dec. 14

Where: Colorado Springs Event Center

**Cost:** \$10/dozen taste tickets, free for kids 12 and under.

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#### Santa's Workshop at the North Pole in Colorado

**When:** Every Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until Dec. 25

Where: 5050 Pikes Peak Highway in Cascade

**Cost:** \$25; Free for children 2 and under and seniors 60 and older.

• Explore the North Pole at this Christmas-themed amusement park near Colorado Springs. Enjoy more than 25 rides, peruse multiple gift shops, see a magic show, and meet Santa himself!

northpolecolorado.com

#### Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical

When: Dec. 3-8 Where: Buell Theatre Cost: \$30-\$115

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# Champion of the arts

DENVER NONPROFIT **THINK 360 ARTS FOR LEARNING** IS ON A MISSION TO BRING ARTS EDUCATION TO EVERYONE. BY CASSIE KUHN

t's a commonly accepted misfortune that when schools low on funding have to cut courses, the arts are the first to go. Classes like ceramics, choir, and theater don't stand a chance, budgetarily, against math, reading, and science. Think 360 Arts for Learning, a Denver nonprofit founded in 1963, is working to eliminate this trend and bring arts education to everyone—students at wealthy schools and struggling schools alike, as well as to adults, teachers, and seniors.

### Background

Think 360 Arts for Learning is an affiliate of Young Audiences, a national organization. "We started as Young Audiences of Colorado and we only did music," says Executive Director Jen Olson, who adds that, while the nonprofit initially served K-12 students only, it now works with about 35,000 students, 1,500 seniors, and 2,000 teachers per year. "The most glaring disparity in Colorado's arts education is the difference between rural and urban schools," says Olson. "We have so many arts organizations concentrated in the Denver Metro area, but it's still hard for rural districts to employ full-time art teachers." She adds that even within Denver, income plays a role in who gets an adequate education in the arts. "In Denver, as in many cities, there's a disparity between low-income schools and higherincome schools in the kinds of art resources that are available. Part of our mission is to help bridge that gap," she says.

### What Think 360 Arts does

"Our mission is to lead Colorado in cultivating and sustaining the arts as essential to all learning," says Olson. "We have literary artists, musicians, actors, and visual artists, and we customize our programs to meet the needs of whatever community we're working in. We might be working with older adults, or we might be working with very young children." Through in-school programs like art workshops and performances, professional development programs, community programming, and fundraising events, Think 360 Arts brings arts education to those who need it most. "There are broader reasons for engaging in the arts beyond fine-tuning a specific artistic skill," Olson says. Studies have shown that teaching art helps students perform better in other subjects, keeps adults and seniors socially engaged, and promotes social-emotional learning.

### How to help

Olson recommends joining the mailing list (think360arts.org/contact) and following the organization on social media as an easy first step. Donating directly to Think 360 Arts for Learning, attending a fundraising event, and volunteering are also great ways to get involved (think360arts.org/support-us).



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS On Feb. 7, "Creative Learning Labs" will host two sessions: Teaching Social Justice Through Music and The Power of Story for Change. Visit think360arts.org for more information.

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## **Every night lights**

**Night Lights Denver** launched last month during Denver Arts Week with a projection of animations and art works on the 1601 Arapahoe St. side of the Daniels & Fisher Tower. Now, you've got a reason to go look at that wall one evening every month indefinitely: The Denver Theatre District and Downtown Denver Partnership have made Night Lights Denver a permanent installation and plan to rotate the artworks monthly. Start times and length of programming will vary throughout the year depending on the time the sun sets, what the weather holds, and the nature of the content, which might eventually include open projector nights and interactive programming.

nightlightsdenver.com

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### exhibit

## Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light Now through JAN. 1

• Sip on some hot chocolate and watch as thousands of twinkling lights bring the Denver Botanic Gardens to life in this beloved annual spectacle. Play with the interactive display of sound-reactive, animated LED lights, and be sure to have your mittens on hand. **botanicgardens.org** 

# calendar 12.19

### festival Denver Christkindl Market

Now through DEC. 23 This winter, you'll find an old-world European Christmas village nestled across from the clock tower on the 16th Street Mall. Munch on traditional European goodies as you wander through the wooden vendor huts in search of the perfect gifts for your loved ones. christkindlmarketdenver.com

## dance

## **Colorado Ballet:** *The Nut-cracker*

Now through DEC. 29 The creatures of the Sugar Plum Kingdom are returning to the Ellie Caulkins Opera House for the 59<sup>th</sup> consecutive

#### December. Watch as the Colorado Ballet brings them to life through a series of magical dances that will send you away with a warm heart and soothed soul. **coloradoballet.org**

### exhibit Zoo Lights

Now through DEC. 31 • Bundle up and visit your favorite animals under a dazzling array of lights at the Denver Zoo. Enjoy some sweet treats and search for the illuminated animal sculptures that hide among the 2 million twinkling lights. denverzoo.org

### theater Disney On Ice

DEC. 5-8Mickey Mouse has

lost Tinker Bell, and he's bringing your favorite Disney characters to the Pepsi Center to try to find her. In Disney on Ice Presents *Mickey's Search Party*, watch characters from *Frozen*, *Coco*, *Toy Story* and more perform spectacular stunts and aid Mickey in his quest. **disneyonice.com** 

### parade

## **Parade of Lights** DEC. 6-7

Watch a magical procession of marching bands, floats, helium-filled character balloons, and horses parade under the glow of Denver's festive City and County building, The two-mile cavalcade of holiday cheer starts at 8 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday at 14th and

Bannock and ends at 14th and Glenarm. **downtowndenver.com** 

### festival

#### **Denver SantaCon Crawl** DEC. 7

 Break out your best Santa Claus costumes and rally your friends for Denver's annual SantaCon Crawl. All participating Santas can enjoy drink specials and VIP access to LoDo's hippest venues and bars.

### families Fairytale Ball

## DEC. 8Ideal for children 3 to 8 years old, this party will

create a winter wonderland for your little ones as they listen to whimsical music, make their own tiaras, chow down at the Candy Buffet, and enjoy enchanted tales told by their favorite princesses. Other than candy, food will not be provided, so be sure to fuel up beforehand. prettyprincesspartiesmn.com

## comedy

## Nick Offerman: *All Rise* DEC. 12

 Don't let the cold keep you down! Join the multi-talented comedian, best known for his role as Ron Swanson on *Parks and Recreation*, for a night at the Paramount filled with laughter, sure to warm your heart and send you away filled with holiday mirth.

### paramountheatredenver.org

#### music A Colorado (

A Colorado Christmas DEC. 13-15

• Sing along with the Colorado Symphony as it performs your favorite carols of the season. Assistant Conductor Bertie Baigent has promised an evening full of surprises and cheer as Denver vocalist Devin DeSantis narrates 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. coloradosymphony.org

### theater The Thanksgiving Play

Through DEC. 15 Gearing up for the holidays can be stressful, so cut the tension while you watch a cast of "terminally 'woke' teaching artists trip all over themselves to create a politically correct, yet historically accurate, yet dramatically revolutionary, yet accurately represented and responsibly cast Thanksgiving play for elementary schools." You'll leave this satire with a belly full of laughs.

### curioustheatre.org

#### music Holiday Brass DEC. 22

• The powerful sounds of brass and percussion instruments are returning to Boettcher Concert Hall this year in the Colorado Symphony's annual Holiday Brass concert. Enjoy holiday tunes that range from Renaissance classics to Hollywood hits. coloradosymphony.org

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## ceramacist

## Bridget Dorr

Bridget Dorr starts her day in her studio, sipping a cup of tea and planning the day ahead. The rest of her day is unpredictable: "Usually, I'll start by making slabs for pieces and then I'll eventually work them into cups, mugs, or plates. Some days it could be a full day of glazing pieces. It's very different day to day, which I love," Dorr says. As a ceramicist, Dorr expertly transitions from tasks that require patience, like perfecting the intricacies of a handmade serving spoon, to heavy lifting—hauling buckets of clay and processing it through a slab roller. "Clay has always found a way of challenging me just when I think I know it all. It sure keeps me on my toes, and I'm a better artist and person for it."

### Her a-ha moment

"I studied Art Therapy in college and my college required us to choose an art form to concentrate in. I felt the most intrigued by ceramics. Of all the art forms, I loved that ceramics felt most community-based. In a clay studio, you share equipment and kiln space; you're constantly sharing and communicating with other artists. My favorite experience was when we fired pieces in our professor's woodfired kiln on his property in the woods of Pennsylvania. We took turns tending to the kiln 24/7, and it was magical being out there, working together to make this big firing happen. Wood firings can yield such unique results, and getting to work on this firing with all the other ceramic students was an experience of a lifetime."

### Tools of her trade

"I'm a hand-built potter, which means I don't use a wheel as most people think. I roll out large slabs of clay and cut them into smaller pieces that I use to build pieces such as cups or mugs. Each piece of my work is handformed. A mug consists of a circular bottom piece, a rectangular body, and a pulled handle, all of which are pieced together. I use big tools such as a slab roller, and small tools to work the pieces together."

### Her style

"I often describe my style as minimalist, feminine, and organic. From my techniques to the glazes I use, my pieces tell a story, and they look and feel very handmade. My pieces have small inconsistencies and a more organic feel to them, and I love that about my work."

### Her pride and joy

"I love my serving spoons. I took a workshop on how to make them and I think they are so beautiful and wild. Each one I make is unique, which can be so fun to dream up. They are all functional too: I use small ones for spices and my large ones as coffee scoops or to serve grains at the dinner table."

## What most people don't know about ceramics

"Ceramics is something you have to stick with for a while to get better at. It takes tons of patience and can really challenge you. With that being said, studying ceramics has been one of the best decisions I could have made for my career and my self-development. I love diving into such a rich art form."—*Cassie Kuhn* 

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## Season's eatings

Kathy Letson ditched her 25-year law career to become a baker, but not just any baker. A single mom with two boys, she taught herself how to bake luscious cakes, brownies, cookies, muffins, and even breads without gluten, dairy, tree nuts, or soy. Most are even egg-free and vegan. The ultimate test, she says, came in the looks on her sons' faces: "If it didn't taste good, they didn't want it." The boys are grown now, but her **Gluten Escape** bakery is still busy making holiday shoppers smile with delight.

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–Yoshi Hiraoka, bartender at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse

## **Classic Hot Buttered Rum**

(originally from Wine Enthusiast)

- INGREDIENTS
  - 1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground allspice Pinch of salt
- 2 oz. dark or aged rum
- 6 oz. hot water

### Optional: Cinnamon stick, for garnish. A splash of E&J Brandy, for flavor.

DIRECTIONS

In mixing bowl, combine butter, vanilla extract, sugar, spices, and salt. Beat until well combined. In heatproof glass or mug, combine aged rum with 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) spiced butter mixture. Top with hot water and stir until ingredients are well incorporated. Garnish with cinnamon stick if preferred. Remaining batter can be stored in airtight container in refrigerator for future use, or multiply the rum, batter, and hot water by 3 or 4 to fill a thermos.

## Hearth & Dram's Blissfully Ignorant

INGREDIENTS

- $1\!\!\!/_2$  oz. Goslings Black Seal rum
- $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. St. Elizabeth Allspice Dram
- 1/2 oz. Tempus Fugit Créme de Cacao a la Vanille
- 2-3 oz. your favorite hot chocolate (½ oz. of Hershey chocolate to 2 oz. hot water works fine)

## Optional: whipped cream/foamed milk, cinnamon for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Stir all into a mug or hot chocolate vessel of your choice, or multiply the recipe by 3 or 4 and pour into an insulated thermos to take on the go. (One will definitely not be enough.) Add a bit of cream or foam on top for an optional sweet finish with a dash of cinnamon.



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## Fresh Gulf Crab Toast

INGREDIENTS 3 oz. mayonnaise

- 1 oz. crème fraîche
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 oz. ketchup
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire
- 1/2 tsp. cognac
- ⅓ tsp. paprika
- 4 oz. fresh lump crab
- 1/2 avocado
- 1 oz. cherry tomato
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 slice brioche
- 1 hardboiled egg, sliced
- 5 tarragon leaves
- 3 celery leaf leaves
- 1 chive, cut into 1/8-inch batons
- Pinch Hawaiian lava salt

### DIRECTIONS

Mix mayonnaise, crème fraîche, lemon juice, ketchup, Worcestershire, cognac, and paprika in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Softly fold in crab, taking care not to break up the meat. Cut the avocado into ¼ inch cubes. Slice each cherry tomato across diameter into 5 slices. Heat butter in sauté pan until melted and foamy. Toast brioche in pan until both sides are golden brown. To plate, spread crab mixture evenly across toast. Arrange avocado, tomato, and hardboiled egg atop crab mixture. Garnish top with the herb leaves and chives, and finish with a sprinkle of the lava salt.

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## how-to Noodle it over Tips for perfect pasta from chef **Darrel Truett** of Barolo Grill

### Gather your tools

"A KitchenAid with some simple attachments works great. There's a sheet cutter pasta attachment that works wonders. Use the mixer to make the dough and the sheet cutter to roll it out into noodles. You'll also need a large stock pot and, if you want, a pasta basket—a special kind of strainer that makes cooking easier."

### Use two simple ingredients

"I use equal parts egg yolk and double-zero (00) flour, which is very refined and smooth. That's it."

### Make the dough

"Mix your yolk and flour until they come together. The mixture should clean the sides of the bowl by itself, with nothing sticking. If anything sticks, add a little more flour."

#### Roll it out and cut the noodles

"Roll the dough into a ball and let it rest for half an hour. Then roll it out with your KitchenAid. You can use any shape of pasta for any sauce. There's no pasta-sauce combination that's wrong."

### Cook the pasta

"Fill your stock pot with at least two gallons of water. Drop the pasta in only when the water is rapidly boiling. If it's not boiling and you throw a fresh noodle in there, it's just going to clump together and get sticky. It only takes 25 or 30 seconds for fresh pasta to cook; don't overdo it. Personally, I don't salt my water at all. I would rather salt my noodles after they're cooked, if they need it."

#### Let the noodles finish in the sauce

"Cook your noodles until they're mostly done, and then take them out and add them to your fresh sauce. If the sauce is hot, the noodles will finish cooking in the sauce and absorb more flavor."

### Balance the sauce

"This is where you get your sauce's seasoning and consistency just right. Throw in a little Parmigiano-Reggiano, taste it, and then add whatever herbs and spices are still needed. If it's a red sauce, maybe some parsley and chives. If it's a mushroom sauce, try sage and rosemary. You can also add some olive oil or a couple cubes of butter, if the flavor needs it. If the sauce is too thick, add a ladle of your starchy pasta water to get it to the right consistency."

#### Plate and serve immediately

"I like to go right to the bowl. At this point, you can add more Parmigiano-Reggiano and a nice, expensive finishing oil. This will give the whole dish a luxurious, velvety mouthfeel."

Darrel Truett is the culinary director at Barolo Grill, where he has led the kitchen for over a decade.



## happy hour HAPA SUSHI 2:30–5:30 p.m. everyday 10 p.m. to midnight Fri-Sat.

THE SCENE: Depending on which location you visit, Hapa Sushi can feel chic and elegant (Landmark) or bright and lively (Cherry Creek). The Early Bird happy hour draws ladies who lunch late and business people who forgot to lunch earlier, while the Night Owl happy hour is so popular for the late-night munchies crowd that it extends to Thursdays at all but the Landmark property.

WHAT TO EAT: Sushi rolls are two for \$9 and include several salmon options and a White Tuna Roll made with albacore, ginger, and scallions. Vegetarian rolls are two for \$8, and a long list of starters that includes pork potstickers, broiled green mussels, and tempura shrimp are offered at discounted prices. For Friday and Saturday Early Birds, the nigiri sushi is also discounted. Hapa is so busy, the fish is always meltin-your-mouth fresh.

WHAT TO DRINK: Sake, anyone? You can have it hot (\$5.50 for a 10-ounce flask of Gekkeikan, Purple Haze, or Vanilla Sake), fruit-infused (\$7 for a flask of Mango Nigori or Raspberry Sake), with a 21-ounce Kirin (\$9 for a Sake Bomb of beer plus hot sake), or in a \$6 cocktail. Try the Jasmine (gin, Aperol, jasmine, and lemon) or the Ume Margarita (Espolon Blanco teuila, salted plum, and lime). —S.F.

hapasushi.com



## The Cook Street School of Culinary Arts,

Barolo Grill, 3030 E 6th Ave., barologrilldenver.com

founded in 1999, has moved to a new location on Broadway and will now offer one-night cooking classes.

• **Tora Ramen**, a new restaurant from chef Jesusio Silva of Misaki Sushi, has opened in Broadway Market, serving "traditional Japanese ramen with a twist."

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• Lost City, a new coffee shop and eatery, has moved into the Taxi building in RiNo. The breakfast/lunch menu will expand in the spring to include dinner and drinks.

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Owned and operated by New England natives who desperately missed their home delicacy in Denver, Maine Shack ships lobster four times a week from the family-owned

Greenhead Lobster company, which catches the clawed creatures in the Gulf of Maine. Maine Shack is banking on the quality of these lobsters and not the dining experience, which is absolutely and simply casual.

You walk up to the counter and order off the overhead menu, which includes a selection of draft and canned beers (\$6-\$8, including New England brews) and white and rosé wines on tap or in cans (\$9). Cocktails were on the way when we visited but not yet available. Then, you take a seat—ideally outside, if Maine Shack has managed to cover and heat its sidewalk, or upstairs along the balcony that looks over at the city—and wait for the magic to come to you.

It comes quickly, in cardboard baskets or foil tins, with plastic utensils. You're paying for lobster here, not white tablecloths, bibs, and mallets. And it is to die for. The Lobster Rolls (\$22 up to \$36 for the Lobsterado with a lobster tail on top) all come on a griddled bun with 4 ounces of claw and knuckle meat, and not much to spoil it. The Lobster Pie (\$26) is a foil tin loaded with lobster, some buttered breadcrumbs, and a divine sherry lobster cream sauce. The Lobster Mac & Cheese (\$14) is less lobster, but with mascarpone and cheddar lobster fondue.

If you don't like lobster, you





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might love the Fried Stuff—whole belly clams, scallops, or haddock in various sizes for your table. You can get a salad or sandwich.

But, if you don't like lobster, you will not get the full experience at Maine Shack. Lobster Grilled Cheese (\$16) or Lobster B.L.A.T (\$19), anyone? *—Susan Fornoff* 

• 1535 Central St., maineshack.com

### The 1UP Arcade Bar

Pinball and retro games with drinks and a full kitchen

• Speakeasies and mixology bars are great, and we could rave about Denver's for hours, using lots of words like "challenging" and "curated" and "bespoke." But what about those casual evenings when you're in the mood for a solid beer-and-burger combo, no funny business? That's where The 1UP, Denver's chain of arcade bars, makes its play.



Like its older siblings in LoDo and Cap Hill, the new Greenwood Village location offers the same impressive array of retro arcade games-from dozens of pinball machines to old-school classics like Galaga and Frogger. It also has a full kitchen with a large selection of appetizers, burgers, and salads, as well as specialty items like the Colorado-style Fried Tacos (\$10) and loaded hot dogs (\$8 - \$10), which come wrapped in bacon, wedged into baked potatoes, and topped with fried eggs. The menu's ten burgers range from classic options-the Blue Cheese Burger (\$12) and the jalapeño-covered Ring "O" Fire (\$12)—to more, shall we say, challenging options. (There's that word, after all.) The Total Carnage Burger (\$15) with double meat, jalapeños, habaneros, and ghost peppers is perhaps the hottest burger in town, and The 1Up Donut Burger (\$12), an Angus beef patty with bacon and cheese, served on a glazed donut bun, is perhaps the most indulgent.

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#### WITH JAMES BLANCHARD, CO-OWNER OF BLANCHARD FAMILY WINES

What's a foolproof choice of wine to take to a holiday party? Keep it versatile and dependable. A Pinot Grigio, unoaked Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, or Merlot from a reputable, family-owned winery would be my choice.

#### What's your go-to wine?

I tend to connect my wines to memories. It could be a visit to a winery, a bottle shared over a special dinner, or a bottle gifted by a close friend. My current favorite—in addition to my own, of course!—is Iron Horse sparkling wine. It's the winery where I proposed to my wife and the wine I served at my wedding.

#### What is your favorite holiday tradition?

I think the most important thing is to create an environment where family and friends can enjoy spending time together. Over the past few years, I've started to see the benefits of going out to dinner or taking a trip as a family. Getting out of the house, taking away the stressors of life, and enjoying good food and good company is my new holiday tradition.

#### Any advice for buying wine as a gift?

This is tough, because it depends on the tastes of the recipient. Instead, give a wine tasting session that guides guests through multiple wines and offers bottles to buy. An experience is a much more memorable gift, anyway!



#### Foraged, the new-

**est concept** from chef Duy Pham, is focused on "intention-based" dishes that highlight local, seasonal ingredients. A Murray Carter Journeyman Bladesmith, Pham will forge his own Japanese carbon steel knives for use in the restaurant's kitchen. Foraged offers omakase chef tastings at its mezzanine raw bar, two private dining rooms, and a large bar-lounge area.

#### Boulevardier

- ◆ 2 oz. Knob Creek Bourbon
- ♦ 0.75 oz. Sweet Vermouth
- ♦ 0.75 oz. Campari

Build in a mixing glass. Stir all ingredients. Strain into a rocks glass and garnish with orange zest.

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#### Bruto, the sister restaurant of The Wolf's Tailor,

is Kelly Whitaker's newest counter-service love note to Denver—a space focused on using house-milled, heritage grains to elevate its menu of fresh bread, oysters, seafood, and more.

#### **Cured Salmon**

Crème Fraîche across the bottom with Colorado Quinoa, summer fruit preserves, apples both fresh and dehydrated, and cured Salmon.

#### To cure the salmon:

- ♦ 2 ½ cups kosher salt
- ♦ ¼ cup sugar
- ♦¼ cup black peppercorn
- ◆ 1-2 garlic cloves
- ♦ 1 bunch of thyme
- ✤ ¼ cup juniper berry
- ◆ 2 lbs. of salmon

#### Directions

Blend ½ cup of kosher salt, peppercorn, garlic, thyme, and juniper berry in a food processor. In a bowl, combine with remaining sugar and salt. Rub the mixture on salmon and cover for 2 days. Rinse off and let dry for one day.

#### Haute Toddy

- ♦ 1 oz. brandy
- ✤ ½ oz. Amaro Averna
- ✤ ½ oz. Demerara simple syrup (or substitute honey or raw sugar)
- ♦ ¼ oz. lemon juice
- ◆1 dash Angostura bitters
- ♦ 3 dashes cardamom bitters

Combine all ingredients in a warmed mug. Add hot water and finish with a lemon twist.

### Denver Nilk Market Gather

#### Albina's Crab Cakes Ingredients

- ◆ 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- ♦ ½ cup mayonnaise
- ◆ 2 Tbsp. Old Bay
- ♦ 1 Tbsp. salt
- ↓ 1 Tbsp. pepper
- ♦ ½ cup celery, diced
- ✤ ½ cup red onion, diced
- ✤ ½ cup red bell pepper, diced
- ♦ 2 cups bread crumbs
- ♦ 6 oz. lump crab
- ◆ 2 Tbsp. olive oil

#### Directions

In a large bowl, combine lemon juice, mayonnaise, Old Bay, salt, and pepper. Mix in celery, red onion, bell pepper, and bread crumbs. Fold in crab and form into 10 patties. Coat a large skillet over mediumhigh heat with oil. Sear patties on each side until golden brown (about 3-5 minutes). Serve with lemon.

#### MOO Bar Winter

- Cocktail ◆ 2 oz. Skyy Vanilla Vodka
- ♦ ¾ oz. peppermint simple syrup
- $\Rightarrow$  <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> oz. half and half
- ¼ cup sugar, sifted with 2 drops of red food coloring

Garnish martini glass rim with red sugar. In a cocktail shaker, add all ingredients and shake for 10 seconds. Pour into glass and serve.

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#### Q&A

#### WITH CHEF FRANK BONANNO, CREATOR OF DENVER MILK MARKET

### What is your favorite family holiday tradition?

We have lots of great traditions—playing Uno or Bowl of Nouns at the dining room table, watching classic movies like *It's A Wonderful Life* and *Die Hard*. I like to keep the windows open while it's snowing outside so I have every excuse to hug my sons extra close.

#### What appetizers do you like to serve at holiday parties?

I like trays of fresh cheese and salami with nice crusty baguettes, so people can nibble from the moment they walk in. I think it's nice to have small bites like pork belly pigs in a blanket and warm mozzarella balls.

#### Any tips for avoiding holiday stress in the kitchen?

Everything doesn't have to come out at once, and it doesn't have to be piping hot. Side dishes taste best barely warm, so relax and enjoy some wine, friends, and all the amazing smells you're creating.

### What cocktails will you be pouring at home this season?

I like eggnog from scratch with a good dusting of nutmeg (and bourbon, if you're imbibing), but that's a once-a-season drink for me—super flavorful, but too rich to have all the time. Warming drinks always tempt me in the winter—a hot toddy or a steamy cold buster with whiskey, ginger, and lemon.



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### Run for the Roses

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### Q&A

#### HOLIDAY COCKTAILS WITH RUN FOR THE ROSES OWNER STEVEN WATERS

#### What is a unique cocktail you'll serve this December?

I like serving variations of well-known classics, creating unexpected cocktails from familiar ingredients. I might serve a Greenpoint cocktail to a Manhattan drinker, or a prohibition-era Last Word to gin lovers.

#### What is your favorite holiday tradition?

Growing up, I always loved my grandmother's monkey bread. No holiday gathering was complete without it.

#### What liquors should everyone keep stocked in their cabinet?

Always have a few popular liquors, a few liquors you like, and a few items that you can make a variety of cocktails with. Whiskey, rye, gin, tequila or mezcal, and a vodka are at the core of these. Always keep a couple of nicer spirit bottles around in reserve for when you really want to splurge. My go-to is a great aged rum or mezcal.

#### What is the most popular cocktail served at Run for the Roses?

It changes based on the season, but our Old Fashioned is always at the top of the list. Right now we are using Angostura bitters, Demerara syrup and Sazerac Rye whiskey.

### Tips on how to host a festive holiday cocktail party?

The key is to make people feel welcome and like they are at home. It helps to have some small easy games to play in groups, or something that can collectively tie people together.

#### Brooklyn\*

 ✤ ½ oz. Amer Picon (London import)

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- ◆ ¼ oz. 1950s vintage Luxardo Maraschino
- ◆ 1 oz. Cocchi Barolo Chinato vermouth
- ↑ 1 ½ oz. Willett 4 Year Rye Whiskey

#### Directions

Stir all with ice and strain into a coupe glass. Garnish with an orange twist or maraschino cherries, if desired.

\*For an easy at-home version of this cocktail, substitute the above with ½ oz. Golden Moon Amer Picon, ¾ oz. Luxardo Maraschino, 1 oz. Cocchi di Torino sweet vermouth, and 1 ½ oz. rye whiskey (Knob Creek, Wild Turkey, and Old Overholt work well).

#### Foie Gras Hot Dog

- ♦ 850 g. foie gras
- ◆ 23 g. salt
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- ★ 3 g. pink curing salt★ 3 g. sugar
- ✓ 3 g. finely ground white
- pepper ◆ 12 g. fino sherry
- ◆ 8 g. brandy

#### Directions

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients with a spatula until fully incorporated. On mini hot dog buns, add foie gras mixure and top with citrus marmalade or maraschino cherry juice. Finish with a sprinkle of salt.



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#### Apple Spiced Margarita

♦ 1 ½ oz. Sauza tequila

- ♦ ¾ oz. lime juice
- ♦ ¼ oz. agave nectar
- ♦ 1 ½ oz. Journeyman Old Country Goodness Apple Cider Liqueur

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker and shake for 10 seconds. Strain into a rocks glass with a rim coated in cinnamon sugar. Garnish with an apple slice.

#### Tamales

"In Mexico, we have a large range of tamales all of them different and unique, savory and sweet, made with meat and without."

-Chef Cesar Tamariz



#### Unwind at the Maven Hotel

Has the stress of the holiday season left you in dire need of a quick getaway? Indulge in a rejuvenating staycation this winter at Dairy Block's 172-room Maven Hotel, which recently rolled out a new **"Mavens of Relaxation"** package. Upon your arrival, you'll find a bottle of wine or champagne waiting in your room, two Mary's Nutritionals CBD Transdermal Patches, and a CBD Calm Bomb. Our advice? Enjoy these treats while soaking in one of The Maven's modern, relaxing tubs. **THEMAVENHOTEL.COM** 

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#### Sazerac

- ◆1<sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> oz. rye whiskey
- ♦ Peychaud's bitters
- ♦ Absinthe (for rinse)

Add sugar cube and 4 dashes of Peychaud's Bitters to a mixing glass. Muddle, add ice and rye whiskey, and stir. Add 4 spritzes of absinthe to a chilled Sazerac glass. Strain cocktail into glass and express one lemon twist for garnish.





#### ART Immersion

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♦ The Dairy Block AIley features 11 major public art pieces, including the large Spilt Milk sculpture (an homage to Harold Edgerton) by George Peters and Melanie Walker, and murals by Michael Ortiz, Evan Hecox, Nick Napoletano, and Sandra Fettingis. Major pieces inside the Dairy Block include The Quantifiable and The *Ineffable* by Andrew Ramiro Tirado—a 10-foot open hand sculpture made from reclaimed wood that hangs in The Maven's lobby—and Homage to Maize: The Staff of Life by Emanuel Martinez in Kachina Cantina.

### Poka Lola Social Club

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#### With its nostalgic soda fountain vibe, this

"everyman's cocktail bar" is the perfect spot for a casual, friendly drink before a night out.

#### Dairy Block Punch No. 4

- ♦ ¾ oz. Maison Rouge Cognac VSOP
- ↑¼ oz. Wray & Nephew rum
- ♦ ¼ oz. Beefeater gin
- ♦ ¾ oz. Noval Black Port
- ♦ ¼ oz. St. Germain
- ♦ 0.3 oz. lemon juice
- ♦ 1 oz. Earl Grey tea
- ♦ ¾ oz. milk

Combine first seven ingredients in large heatresistant container. Heat milk in a pan until it begins to boil, then pour in with other ingredients. Wait until milk solids have separated completely, about 30

minutes. Strain 3 times through a fine mesh strainer. Serve 3 ½ oz. over ice in a rocks glass. Garnish with a dehydrated lemon slice.

#### Strawbe<mark>rries</mark> en Rega<mark>lia</mark>

- ◆ 1 ½ oz. Lola Mix (2:1:1 coconut milk, pineapple juice, sugar)
- ♦ ½ oz. strawberry cold syrup
- ✤ ½ oz. lime juice

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker and and shake for 10 seconds. Pour over ice in fountain glass and top with soda. Garnish with a mint sprig.



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# /////// Holiday events at Dairy Block

#### Santa's Dairy Block Workshop

Kris Kringle will be spreading holiday cheer and posing for free family photos on Saturday, Dec. 7, 14, and 21 from noon to 4 p.m. Santa's Dairy Block Workshop will feature a complimentary photo booth where families can take pictures with Santa, a chance to meet his reindeer, live entertainment by elves and carolers, complimentary candy canes, and more.

#### Knockout Art Gallery

A pop-up art installation featuring new neon works by acclaimed Denver artist Scott Young and others. Dec. 1–Jan. 3 at 1821 Blake Street.

#### **Story Time**

#### and Crafts

The Denver Milk Market will host a special bilingual story and craft time on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m.

#### **NYE Dinner**

Ring in the New Year with Kachina Cantina's NYE Dinner featuring a special menu of Crispy Fried Oysters, Pepper Crusted Prime Rib & Spiced Chocolate Mousse. Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 5 to 11 p.m.

# 'Round the bend

In 2020, Dairy Block is excited to welcome new retail outlets and will continue to host a schedule of special events, including popup shops, concerts, art celebrations, summer group fitness classes, food tastings, the annual Fall Flannel Festival, and more.

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### That's a wrap!

Want to liven up—and warm up—your winter outfits? The perfect scarf can add pizzazz and personality to any getup. At **Five Green Boxes**, we found these unique, Bohemian silk options for women and attractive cashmere neutrals for men. Unsure how to tie a scarf properly? There are dozens of methods, from the simple once-around to the Parisian-style Hoxton knot. Just Google "how to wear a scarf" for page after page of tutorials.

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 1570 S. Pearl St., 1596 S. Pearl St., and 1701 Wynkoop #130
 5greenboxes.com

1. Men's Cool! Solid Grey Scarf, \$32; 2. Men's Cool! Striped Scarf, \$27; 3. Women's Aratta Golden West Shawl, \$49; 4. Women's Asian Eye Sakura Red Dots Scarf, \$96; 5. Women's Fraas Patchwork Floral Scarf, \$66

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# Light on your feet

STYLE MEETS COMFORT WHEN THESE DRESS SHOES HIT THE DANCE FLOOR. BY SUSAN FORNOFF

Il too often, busting a move on the dance floor also busts a foot, and first thing Monday morning the Saturday night hip-hoppers are in the offices of Eugene Rosenthall, lead physician at the Center for Foot and Ankle Care in Denver.

"The biggest injuries are twisted ankles and sprained feet tendon issues that'll happen from turning your foot inward," says Rosenthall. "I think high heels or unstable, unsupportive shoes can cause the injuries." So we're not klutzy. We just need to shop smarter for shoes with a better balance between cuteness and security. Rosenthall recommends a stiff shoe that's well supported and not too highheeled, has a back for stability, isn't flat on the inside, and doesn't expose the toes to a partner's missteps.

Ryan Dardano, a buyer and manager in the fourth-generation business Dardano's Shoes, says over-the-counter orthotics, floor-gliding chrome suede soles, and a lowered heel can make even *Sex and the City*-style Manolos dancer-friendly. But these are probably better choices.



Naot Brava in Black Velvet "The beautiful thing is they come with a footbed that's made of cork and has cushion, which is good for all-day use. And cork will shape to a person's foot as they wear it, which means the shoe will become more and more supportive as it's worn."



**Gabor Black Suede Criss Cross and Dark Grey Ankle Pump Dress Shoes** "Gabor in the U.S. isn't a huge company, but in Europe it's massive, and for comfort and quality, they're fantastic. Some people might need additional support from an insert in a shoe like that."



**Dorking Abril Lace Heel** "Very similar to the Gabor in comfort and may have a little more cushion in the footbed. They're a Spanish company, high quality."



**BeautiFeel Gia Leopard Print Pumps** "BeautiFeel's going to have a lot more cushion in their footbeds, and now they're integrating fashion. A lot of customers come in to have us put the dance sole on BeautiFeel shoes for specific dancing options, just because they are so soft and fit so well to the foot."



**Dansko Marlene in Wine** "In the comfort shoe industry, Dansko is pretty much the leader of the pack with support systems and comfort systems. And now they are making styles that are a little bit cuter, a little more on-trend."



**DARDANO'S SHOES** 1550 Colorado Blvd. dardanos.com **CENTER FOR FOOT AND ANKLE CARE IN DENVER** 4500 E. 9th Ave. footdoctorindenver.com





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### Party eyes

MAKE THEM EXTRA-SPECIAL WITH THESE TIPS FROM CELEBRITY MAKEUP ARTIST **KATELYN SIMKINS**. BY MARTHA BRINKMAN

ou're invited to a holiday gala and you've picked out the perfect outfit, but now you're searching for makeup inspiration. We turned to Denver-based celebrity makeup artist Katelyn Simkins for trends, tips, and takeaways for this season's parties. Her first commandment: "Party eyes should be fun and extra-special."

#### **(1) BOLD IS BEST**

"The biggest trend that I'm seeing with eye makeup is inspired by the HBO television show Euphoria," Simkins says. "I think that a lot of people like the idea of doing something unique. I'm seeing a lot more play with color, glitter, and shape." Simkins proposes using a graphic liner or even a colored mascara to create the look. But, that's not all: Monochrome is the keyword, she says, so choose one dominant color to stand out and look striking.

#### **② BALANCE THE LOOK**

If you're going for bold party eyes, Simkins advises balancing the rest of your makeup. When you do a creative eye, lessen the amount of makeup you use for your lips or face. Go more minimal and selective. For example, keep your glamorous party eyes, but play around with no foundation, contour, or lip color for a look she describes as "edgy" and on trend.

#### ③ KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

Many invitations specify appropriate attire, and Simkins suggests using this as your guide. For example, for a release party for the new Quinton Tarantino movie, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, she noticed "a '60s theme to the whole thing," and styled her eyes accordingly, with a "Twiggy-meets-Edie Sedgwick black line" in the crease of her eye.

#### **(4) LESS TO MORE**

For the perfect party eye look, Simkins advises using less at first and adding more if needed. It's pretty much impossible to remove the one layer too many we've put on without taking everything else off, right?

#### ⑤ JUST EXPRESS YOURSELF

Above all, Simkins declares that makeup should be about expressing your individuality, not covering yourself up. She says, "Makeup should be about gilding the lily where we already feel confident and beautiful." When you're deciding how to style your eyes for an event, just remember to do what makes you feel your best. Emulate Miss Fame of RuPaul's Drag Race, who Simkins says "goes by the beat of her own drum." Whether your look is minimal, glamorous, classic, or bold, you can create a party eye that fits your style...and you should! DLM

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KATELYN SIMKINS Makeup artist katelynsimkins.com



# Photo by El Velo Photography DR. GARY M. RADZ

A SMILE WITH STYLE



# Happy ending to a horror show

A SCARY TV SHOW INSPIRED THIS COUPLE TO TURN THEIR UNFINISHED BASEMENT INTO A FUN BAR AND MOVIE ROOM. BY MARTHA BRINKMAN

ave you ever been so captivated by a film or show that you decorated your living space to reflect it? A North Park Hill couple did just that, and to extremes. Mandil, Inc. designer Sean Hughes transformed the unfinished basement in their spec home into a bar and movie room inspired by the Hotel Cortez reception area and lobby from the fifth season of *American Horror Story*.

"This was a fun and unique project," Hughes says. "It's unusual for a designer to be given such a specific jumping-off point."

The unfinished basement had a previous life as the contractor's band's practice space, an exercise equipment area, and a storage place. Now, revived as a glamourous bar and entertainment area through the unorthodox inspiration, the space takes on a life reminiscent of earlier times. Hughes and his team also created a guestroom, modeled after one of the hotel rooms where murders occurred in the show: a bathroom, decorated in a basic black and white color scheme suggestive of the 1940s; and another storage area. Hughes even had a custom door sign modeled after the hotel room markers in the show, "just for kicks."

The main space features an Art Deco design. The custom

red, black, and cream checkerboard carpet replicates the carpet in the show and gives the space a vintage feel. Taking inspiration from the metal motif in the reception area of the Hotel Cortez, Hughes found custom-made tin tiles for the basement ceiling. The lighting is also special: The sconces on the columns of the wall are vintage, and the custom-made, ziggurat-stacked lights over the back bar look like those seen behind the TV hotel's reception desk.

Hughes used mostly tin for the metal elements. He chose rosewood for the cabinetry because of its popularity in the designs of the period. The bar was built of rosewood and ebony-stained wood. Most of the furniture was taken from what the homeowners already owned. The black chairs and cream leather chairs were purchased from Room & Board. The sectional was an online purchase from Wayfair.

The renovation took about eight months and cost \$75,000. Of course, the space wouldn't be complete without a projection screen, on which the homeowners can watch their favorite show.





## Company comfort

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# Enticing ice

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icecastles.com



#### **Three places to...** Take the kids to see holiday lights

Rev up your family's holiday spirit by visiting one of the spectacular Christmas lights destinations in Colorado. Yes, there are several popular light displays in Denver, but for something different, gas up the car and get out on one of these roadtrips. —*Caroline Gregor* 

#### YULETIDE LIGHTS DRIVING TOUR ESTES PARK

Enjoy beautiful Estes Park and the lights displayed by houses and businesses in the area, all from the warmth and comfort of your car. This driving tour's online map and PDF with directions to the different light displays make it both fun and easy to navigate. Afterward, stroll along the Riverwalk in the village for some food or hot chocolate. **visitestespark.com** 

#### SANTA EXPRESS AND THE NORTH POLE CAÑON CITY

Take a ride on the Royal Gorge Route's Santa Express Train and see thousands of beautiful lights amid views of Royal Gorge. The train takes families to the "North Pole," where they are greeted by Santa and his elves. The 90-minute rides have three daily departures, with food service available aboard the train, accompanied by Christmas music and stories. **royalgorgeroute.com** 

#### GARDEN OF LIGHTS FORT COLLINS

The Gardens on Spring Creek in downtown Fort Collins is home to a beautiful holiday tradition every winter. Thousands of twinkling lights cover the municipal botanic gardens in holiday-themed displays. On weekends, visitors of the garden can meet Santa, listen to live music, watch performances, and make seasonal crafts. **fcgov.com/gardens** 



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#### **KIMPTON HOTEL MONACO**

1717 Champa St., monaco-denver.com

WHY GO NOW? Pair the Monaco with Monet and you'll have an unforgettable downtown overnight or weekend. This one's a make-your-own package: Book your Denver Art Museum visit for late afternoon, after the busloads of kids have left, or early on a Friday evening. It's a 20-minute walk (or about \$10 by rideshare) from the Monaco.

WHAT YOU GET: The Monaco set the bar for boutique hotels in Denver, opening in 1998 on a historic corner comprised of two buildings, the 1917 Railway Exchange and the 1937 Art Moderne Title Building. If you've stayed here before, you may remember the funky animal-themed rooms. They've recently been beautifully renovated in contemporary Kimpton style, but you can still grab the giant bull statue by the horns on your way to the elevator. Fitness center, noon checkout, 5 p.m. daily guest social hour, complimentary morning coffee and tea, and a primo location are Monaco perks.

**THE EXTRAS:** It's the kitchen and bar at Panzano that will bring us back to the Monaco again and again. Plan on a Friday night and book a cooking class at Panzano for Saturday morning, or just pop into the bar in the morning for your pick of an array of \$4 house-made pastries and a \$4 mimosa made with house-squeezed orange juice. But don't miss dinner. Sit at the counter and watch the staff at work under personable chef Logan Stephenson, and we hear you're likely to receive a bonus bite or two.—*Susan Fornoff* 



Ski in and out to **Gravity Haus**, Breck's new, eco-friendly boutique property designed for outdoor enthusiasts. Perks include a Japanese onsen. gravityhaus.com Just in time for New Year's resolutions, Laguna Beach has launched **"Pathway** to Zen," a 12-stop wellness trail of experiences from free to 5-star. visitlagunabeach.com

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POWDR has introduced **Woodward Mountain Parks**' learning and freestyle experiences, including Red's Backyard, at its mountains this winter. powdr.com



#### gear and gadgets If the snowshoe fits the terrain, wear it!

Try these shopping tips on for size

Gone are the days when snowshoes were little more than clunky tennis racquets strapped to your feet. Today's snowshoes are sleek, high-tech tools that facilitate access to your favorite hiking spots and hidden backcountry gems during winter months. Are you yearning to experience the elements on foot this season? Before swinging by your local outdoor retailer, where prices will range from \$100 to \$300 a pair, decide what type of terrain you want to traverse. That will determine what category of shoe you need. Some examples:

- Recreational snowshoes are ideal if going on a walk in the foothills with family sounds like the perfect way to spend a winter day. Affordable and with a short frame designed for shallow snow, these are beginner-friendly and complement any gentle-terrain hike.
- If rough terrain piques your interest, you need backcountry snowshoes. Equipped with rugged crampons, ultra-durable bindings, and large surface areas to keep you afloat in deep snow, these are essential for intermediates/experts itching to tackle steep, icy slopes.
- If walking isn't your forte, try racing snowshoes. Runners who take to groomed tracks will appreciate the speed and ease of their light, slim build.
- And if you're just out to get your hands on the hottest new tech, try Crescent Moon's dual-density EVA foam snowshoe. The first foam alternative, it's made recent waves in the industry.

Pay attention to the weight your snowshoes will carry. Each pair comes with a load limit; exceed the limit and you will probably sink. Avoid that rookie mistake by adding your weight to the weight of additional gear you anticipate carrying. For a next-level experience, splurge a little on accessories: Poles, heel lifts, and flotation tails can enhance the adventures you embark on in your new, winter kicks. *—Erin Malcolm* 



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#### taking flight FEARLESS FACTS FOR TIMID TRAVELERS

Fellow Coloradans, ever get a little nervous about flying? You're lucky: Denver International Airport, named the top U.S. airport by both Skytrax and the Wall Street Journal, takes many steps to ensure the safety of its customers. So take comfort in these facts:

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A groundbreaking navigation system created in 2013 allows aircraft to fly more certain, less turbulent routes into Denver. This reduces the necessity for what we'll just call "comfort

bags" during our typically bouncy descents.

DIA aircraft have the technology to judge the precision of satellite-based routes. This reduces pilots' dependence on air traffic control and enhances their situational awareness. Passengers can take solace

knowing that their pilot has command of the aircraft.

In 2015, innovative methods spread arrival traffic more evenly across DIA's runways. And who wants to sit on a runway? Fewer traffic jams means happier fliers. *—Michelle Timmins* 

# Georgetown's 6th Street

TAKE A BREAK FROM I-70 TRAFFIC WITH A STROLL THROUGH THIS CHARMING TOWN

**BY MICHELLE TIMMINS** 



#### **Stonehenge**

This expansive shop exclusively features Colorado artists. From pottery to watercolor paintings to glass, metal, and woodwork, they have it all, but their stoneware pottery is easily the most popular. 514 6th St., stonehengecolorado.com

#### **2** Buckskin Trading Company

If you're looking for something high quality that you won't find at the mall, Buckskin has you covered. They cater to 35- to 80-year-old women and pride themselves on displaying full outfits, not just single pieces. Their store is spacious yet homey, and the friendly staff are happy to give honest opinions about what looks good on you.

506 6th St., buckskintradingcompany.com

#### **3.** My Lovely Company

If the welcoming pink exterior doesn't draw you into this mother-daughter shop, the scent of their handmade bath products certainly will. With fragrances ranging from Caribbean Sea to Cranberry Chutney, you're sure to find a few favorites. The store is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, however, so stop by later in the week or on the weekend. 504 6th St.

#### **4**. Happy Cooker Restaurant

This year the Happy Cooker celebrates 45 years of business. Their popularity must be due to their delicious homemade bread, which they make daily. This family-owned, Georgetown landmark also serves fresh waffles, soups, and cobblers daily.

412 6th St., happycookerrestaurant.com

#### 5. Hotel de Paris Museum

• This historic landmark opened as a hotel in 1875 and became a museum in 1954. Today, you can take a guided tour of the building (90 percent of which is original) and see the old bedrooms, cellar, and more. You can also opt for a wine tour where a docent will share the culinary history of the hotel while you enjoy French and Californian wines. 409 6th St., hoteldeparismuseum.org

#### **6**. Georgetown Rock Shop

This charming rock shop serves as a reminder of Georgetown's mining history, and the rocks they bring in today are still spectacular. From mix-and-match necklaces to stunning geodes, the shop is the perfect place to grab a gift for anyone on your list. 501 6th St., georgetowncolorado.com

#### /. End of the Line Colorado Wear

Stop in for a souvenir T-shirt and quench your thirst with a root beer float! You can find whatever keepsake your heart desires as well as sit down and refresh at their adorable soda fountain. 503 6th St.,

georgetownloopgifts.com

#### 8. Railroad Art by "Scotty"

• Owners Marcela and Bryan carry on H.L. Scott III's legacy of railroad art, with Marcela's gorgeous vintage prints of railroad scenes from all over the country that you can purchase in poster or greeting card size. You can also find Scotty's intricate pen and ink dot illustrations on display. 509 6th St., railroadartbyscotty.com

**9**. Georgetown Loop Train Ride

A Rocky Mountain staple, a ride on the historic Georgetown loop completes your experience. The train ride is just over an hour long and includes the option to stop for a mine tour near Silver Plume. Tickets frequently sell out, so book online to guarantee your spot. 646 Loop Dr., georgetownlooprr.com

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## Colorado's chill winter

RELAXED **RIDGWAY** PROVIDES ACCESS TO SPORTS AND PLAY WITHOUT PRETENSE. **BY LOIS FRIEDLAND** 

ingerly stepping over warped floorboards, I reach shreds of faded rose wallpaper surrounding a buckled, empty doorframe. It's the only color left in a room that had housed a miner and his family through harsh winters. My husband and I are exploring Ironton Park, once a thriving town of gold seekers eight miles above Ouray.

I'd been told cross-country skiing in Ironton Park promised a scenic trifecta: a ghost town, remnants of silver and gold mining operations, and 360-degree mountain views. We decide to drive up the Million Dollar Highway, which has more twists than a pret-

WINTER WONDERLAND: BOTTOM LEFT, OURAY HOT SPRINGS. MIDDLE RIGHT OURAY ICE PARK. BOTTOM RIGHT, SNOWSHOEING IN YANKEE BOY BASIN. TOM, CHIPETA SOLAR SPRINGS RESORT. zel, to see if the raves were true.

We hike along rough dirt-and-stone paths that snowfalls will turn into Nordic trails. Walls of sienna-colored tailings stripped from the

mines frame broken-down shacks, splintered walls of wooden homes, and even a covered walkway to an outhouse. At times we walk alongside a stream where iron oxide from the mines has colored the rushing water reddish-gold.

Tired from hiking, we return to our suite at the Chipeta Solar Springs Resort in Ridgway, passing Ouray's Hot Springs' multi-story waterslides. An hour in the resort's tranquil spa, where magic hands and CBD relax sore muscles, and I'm ready for the evening. I join my husband at the rooftop bar and watch a yellow and orange streaked sunset over spiky San Juan peaks. Sushi at the resort's Four Corners restaurant ends our day.

Ridgway, with its historic heart, is a lowkey hub for travelers eager to explore this beautiful region. It has a small-town vibe, feeling like a place where your dog lies beside you while you're dining with friends on a restaurant patio, and a town park where kids play at dusk. The rustic buildings in the historic center house stores and restaurants. Plaques on building walls and photographs of the town in the early 1900s impart Ridgway's history. The original *True Grit* movie starring John Wayne was filmed here.

Located in the Uncompany Valley at 6,985 feet, Ridgway is a gateway to Ouray, nicknamed Little Switzerland, while upscale Telluride's slopes are a 50-minute drive south when roads are clear. Look out the window of your lodging to realize how quickly you can reach dramatic wilderness settings for backcountry skiing, snowmobiling, and mountaineering.

In the winter, sheets of ice cling to a mile of the Uncompahyre Gorge's steep walls in Ouray's Ice Park. The 100-plus ice and mixed climbs, created by 250 sprinklers and ice farmers, attract climbers of all abilities. If you'd rather watch than put on crampons and heft an ice axe, go to the top of the gorge. Ice climbers from around the globe will show up for the 25th Annual Ouray Ice Climbing Festival, Jan. 23-26. Ever watch a person on skis trying to stay upright while being pulled by a horse? If not, head to Ridgway during the 3rd annual San Juan Skijoring festival, Jan. 10-12.

The Ironton Park hike is a trifecta, as promised. But be cautious visiting in the winter. We've heard tales from shaken travelers describing their drive. Some days the highway is dangerous or closed due to bad weather and avalanches. We were told the Nordic trails are maintained by a volunteer group and skiers must confirm there's no avalanche danger before heading out. When we visit Ridgway this winter, we'll opt for Top of the Pines, a high-country wilderness setting with Nordic trails. During a snowfall, we'll ski alongside Ridgway State Park's reservoir. Afterward, a dip in the clothing-optional Orvis Hot Springs will wrap up the day.

Ask many Coloradans if they know where Ridgway is—or even have heard of it—and you may get a blank stare. But this hidden gem is the perfect spot for travelers who want a laid-back experience and quick access to exciting mountain adventures. **DIM** 

#### **TRAVEL TIPS**

#### LODGINGChipeta Solar Springs

**Resort & Spa** (starting at \$159/night) would cost twice the price if located in Telluride. Set on a quiet street a five-minute walk to restaurants, Chipeta rooms and suites range from casual to chic with kitchens, most with private hot tubs. Discuss planned activities when booking because storage space for belongings and sports gear varies. Breakfast is included. **chipeta.com** 

 Ridgway Lodge and Suites (starting at \$107/ night) is just off Hwy. 550 and has motel-style rooms, suites, and a continental breakfast. ridgwaylodge andsuites.com

#### RESTAURANTS

 Chow down on chicken-fried steaks at the True Grit Café. Find burgers and craft-brewed beers at the Full Tilt Saloon or the Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery, which also serves artisan pizzas. The Four Corners Restaurant offers more continental choices, including sushi. Thai Paradise is another choice.

#### GUIDES

 San Juan Mountain
 Guides offers ice climbing classes, back country ski or snowshoe trips, and mountaineering.
 mtnguide.net

#### **GETTING THERE**

- Both routes from Denver take about six hours when roads are clear and traffic is reasonable. You can take I-70 and turn south at Grand Junction onto Hwy 550. The more scenic route is Hwy 285, west on Hwy 50 and south on Hwy 550. If taking 285, it's worth a detour for lunch at Salida's Boathouse Cantina, to watch kayakers on the Arkansas River. boathousesalida.com
- United has nonstops from DIA to Montrose, a 35-minute drive to Ridgway.



# Magical Mumbai

A THREE-DAY GAME PLAN TO GET YOU STARTED IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST FASCINATING CITIES. **BY ANDREW WEAVER** 

ndia. The very word can throw even the most experienced traveler into fits of elation and apprehension. The colors, sounds, and smells, the sheer frenzy of more than a billion people living in an area one-third the size of the United States—there is no place on earth more overwhelming, thrilling, challenging, or intoxicating. A trip to the world's second-most populous nation is not so much a vacation as a spiritual experience. As Martin Luther King, Jr. put it: "To other countries, I may go as a tourist, but to India, I come as a pilgrim."

For most international travelers, India has two main points of entry, Delhi and Mumbai, which are often compared to Washington, D.C. and New York, respectively. Each gives a unique flavor of life in the subcontinent, but in general, Mumbai is

the better metropolis to meet first. In contrast to Delhi's ancient history and governmental power, Mumbai is the exemplar of modernized India, more accessible to Westerners, with a slightly less intense learning curve.

If you're planning a trip, consider this three-day game plan to start your journey—a perfect blend of history, sightseeing, shopping, and food. DAY DI Start with a stroll along Marine Drive, the curved coastal promenade that extends from Chowpatty Beach to Nariman Point in the southern part of the city. Begin early at Chowpatty and head south for an hour's walk along the water, a great way to take in sweeping views of the city. At the end of the stroll, you'll wind up near Colaba, a popular area full of history and old-world charm. Make



**HISTORY ON DISPLAY** TOP, THE RESPLENDENT TAJ MAHAL PALACE HOTEL. ABOVE, ANCIENT CAVE SCULPTURES ON ELEPHANTA ISLAND.

your way to one of Mumbai's most majestic landmarks, the nearby **Taj Mahal Palace Hotel**, built in 1903, and brunch at the hotel's **Sea Lounge**, where you can sample traditional Indian dishes alongside British Afternoon Tea fare in a dining room overlooking the Arabian Sea. After lunch, spend some time mingling with the crowds at the **Gateway of India**, located directly outside the hotel, a historic monument constructed in 1913 and





a breathtaking example of Indo-Saracenic architecture—a blend of Indian. Victorian. and Mughal styles. Afterward, head into the fray of the nearby Colaba Causeway market, just a few steps away, where you'll find hundreds of street vendors selling everything you can imaginefrom fine silks and bangles to antique knives and compasses. You'll even find craftsmen who will inscribe your name on a grain of rice and preserve it for you in a tiny vial of oil. For dinner, stop off at the well-known Leopold Cafe, popular with Mumbaikars and tourists alike.



On your second day, head north to the hip enclave of Bandra West, home to many of the city's resident Bollywood stars. Soak up some history at Bandra Fort, constructed by the Portuguese in 1640, a peaceful spot perfect for taking in the skyline of the city and charging up for the day. From there, head a mile northeast to the Taj Mahal Tea House for a late breakfast before taking some time to wander along Chapel Road, another third of a mile northeast, to see some of the best street art in Mumbai hidden along small, quiet byways that offer a glimpse of residential life in this quirky suburb. Grab a late lunch or early dinner at the Birdsong Organic Cafe, just a few hundred yards from the northern end of Chapel Road, before making your way four miles north to Juhu Beach, best visited in the

evening, when the popular stretch of shoreline comes alive with a head-spinning labyrinth of lively food stalls.



Today, you'll have a chance to get outside the hustle and bustle of the city, but not before starting your day at the famed Chhatrapati

Shivaii Terminus, an 1887 historic train station and UNESCO World Heritage Site located just north of Colaba, where you spent your first day. After admiring the building's soaring Gothic architecture, head south a mile and a half to grab a bite at the locally adored Olympia Coffee House (try the kheema pav, or spiced ground mutton with bread). After filling up, head a few blocks east and catch a ferry at the Gateway of India jetty (closed on Mondays) to take you one hour across Mumbai Harbour to Elephanta Island, where you can tour the ancient Elephanta Caves, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The island features seven large Hindu and Buddhist templesestimated to have been built between the 5th and 8th centuries-carved deep into the solid rock walls, ornamented with thousands of intricate sculptures depicting deities like Shiva and Parvati. After your tour, head back to the mainland for dinner at the famous Cafe Mondegar, a Mumbai landmark dating to 1932 that serves traditional Indian fare as well as international dishes. **DLM** 

#### **TRAVEL TIPS CLOTHING**

Though Mumbai is a relatively progressive city, India as a whole is still very conservative compared with the U.S., so err on the side of modesty, even if you're exercising or the weather is hot. Avoid clothing like crop tops and short shorts. One safe bet, and a great way to engage with the culture, is to visit Fabindia—a chain



you can find everywhere-and suit up in some traditional Indian clothing. A high-quality kurta (a long, loose collarless shirt) or salwar kameez (a combination of loose pants with a light tunic) won't cost more than a few U.S. dollars.

#### FOOD SAFETY

Two things are true about India simultaneously: 1) You won't get the full experience unless you sample the local food, and 2) it's very easy to get sick. This necessitates a tricky balance of caution and courage. You can avoid most issues by following two simple rules: Don't drink anything that hasn't come out of a sealed bottle, and don't eat anything that hasn't been cooked or boiled. Avoid fresh fruits and veggies; wipe dishes and silverware completely dry before using them; opt for well-known restaurants on the beaten path. And remember not to use the tap when brushing your teeth.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Auto rickshaws, or tuk-tuks, are small open-air taxis that fit three or four passengers. They're a fantastic way to get around-if you know how to



navigate them. Always state your destination and negotiate a price upfront. If a driver recognizes you as a tourist, expect the quoted fare to be at least double what you should pay. Don't be afraid to walk away if you can't haggle down the price. Chances are, there will be dozens of other rickshaws vying for your business. Though generally very safe, a ride should never be taken alone. There's no expectation to tip, but it's often easiest to let drivers keep the change when paying with paper bills, especially if the difference is something like 50 rupees (less than \$0.75 US). If you aren't comfortable with a rickshaw, Uber operates in Mumbai.



### Four feet of snow and plenty of cheer

oloradans know how to handle the occasional winter storm, but nothing could have prepared Denver residents for the blizzard that hit from December 1-5, 1913. The largest snowstorm in the history of the city piled up 45.7 inches of powder in less than a week. Without plows, snow tires, and anti-icing chemicals, everything came to a halt. Businesses and

ON THICK ICE CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE PLAY ON A SNOWY 8TH AVE. DURING THE STORM OF 1913.

schools shut down. Coal supplies dipped across the city. Nonetheless, in typical Colorado fashion, residents spread good cheer during the wintry interruption, with headlines like "Tis A Privilege To Live In Colorado, Shout Merry Gloom-Chasers In Storm" and "Denver In Mantle Of Shimmering White Stops Activity And Everybody Jollifies" splashed across the front page of *The Denver Post*.

When the storm finally stopped, teams of mules, horses, and wagons began to clear the snow-filled streets. They dumped the heavy drifts in any open spaces they could find, but it took weeks before most regular transportation routes were fully operable again. -Ashley Capoot

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