



Happy February, Theatre Friends!

This month, as we celebrate Black History Month and random actions of love, we are once again reminded of how important it is to celebrate the beauty of this community! We are also reminded of how important it is to represent and embrace that idea all year around. As your Colorado Theatre Guild, we look forward to supporting our members and giving our venues a platform to share their vision; in addition to encouraging a space for more member interaction while we continue to build a coalition of diverse artists and specialists in their field - who can add to our engaging workshops and other offerings that our committees have in store for you.

Focus on Board Member Lisa Young

Lisa Young is an absolute force of nature! If you have ever witnessed her lively and effervescent energy in person (or even online), you will know that her powerful voice cannot be ignored or silenced. Lisa defies easy classification, but one is immediately struck by her trio of identities as talented theatre artist, engaging educator, and dynamic diversity advocate.



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Workshop Committee News



Hello, Colorado Theatre Friends! We are thrilled to continue to bring members a free, monthly workshop to provide an opportunity for connection during these challenging times. This month, we're pleased to present a special two-part exploration: "The Good Director with Christy Montour-Larson," February 10 & March 10th at 7pm. What actually is GOOD Directing? Like an iceberg, many theatre makers and audience members only see a portion of what a Good Director does. Colorado's acclaimed and award winning director, Christy Montour-Larson, will explore good directing, bad directing and why Good Directing might be better than great. Christy will share how she works: Preparing, Working with Designers, Casting, Table Work, Blocking, Pacing, Working with Actors, Rehearsals, Tech and Opening. Plus, Christy will take your questions. All experience levels welcome!

Join us for a special Pre-Workshop Virtual Mixer with Christy at 6:30pm!

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[Click here to register for the February Workshop!](#)

Actions of Love: Becky Toma Drive-By Appreciation Celebration



As many know, the central communication hub of the Colorado Theatre Guild is our website which works hard to promote, advocate and celebrate all things Colorado theatre. What some do not know is that central to the successful operation of the website is the tireless efforts of the incredible Becky Toma – CTG's one remaining contract employee. Becky has been a part of the Colorado theatre community for decades, working in front of house and props and design for numerous area theatres.

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Welcome To Emancipation Theatre

... where roleplay is ritual and the stage is sanctuary. We are guided by the words of Marcus Garvey: "We must emancipate ourselves from mental slavery, for though others may free the body, none but ourselves can free the mind". We believe that storytelling frees the mind. As it frees the mind, it amplifies us. When storytelling amplifies us, it turns the volume down on the "not us", it hits the mute button on the "us against them" and it pulls the plug out on the narratives of the so-called "other". We know the power of storytelling and we are not afraid to use it. Our mission is to gather the community to share stories and inspire action.



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Navigating Unemployment with Erin Joy Swank



Erin Joy Swank is an Aurora based Equity stage manager and head of the Denver chapter of the Stage Managers Association who has worked in many theatres in Colorado and across the country. Since the pandemic began, Erin has become an expert at navigating Colorado's unemployment system. She has provided some insight in the interview below.

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For a suggested donation of at least \$10.00 per video, one of the listed actors will send a special video message to your chosen recipient by 5:00 pm on February 14.

Hurry and order your Val-A-Grams before 5:00 pm on February 11 - the suggested donation will increase after the deadline! Thank you for supporting CTG!

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