



Welcome to April, Theatre Friends!

***"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe
is long but it bends toward justice."
-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Welcome to April! We look ahead to more positive, impactful changes in our community, even as we acknowledge the painful tests of the past. Despite numerous challenges, we've seen our community of artists continue to create and celebrate moments of theatre, poetry, song and film that move spirits; and highlight the social circumstances in which we find ourselves. Your Colorado Theatre Guild looks forward to supporting our members and giving our venues a platform to share their vision going forward, in addition to opening a space for more member interaction. We seek to build a coalition of diverse artists and specialists in their field who can add to our engaging workshops and other offerings our committees have in store for you. "We shall overcome!"

Confronting the Tragedy in Boulder

We are shocked and saddened by the horrific shooting in Boulder last month. As we mourn, let us focus our positive energy and actions toward the families, friends and neighbors of the victims:

Officer Eric Talley
Rikki Olds
Kevin Mahoney
Lynn Murray
Denny Stong
Teri Leiker
Tralona Bartkowiak
Jody Waters
Nevin Stanisic
Suzanne Fountain

[Click here to support the victims' families by donating to the GoFundMe campaign](#)

Or you can support them through these funds:

[The Colorado Healing Fund](#)

[The Community Foundation Boulder County Crisis Fund](#)

[Click here to share personal thoughts about the victims, for consideration in our May newsletter](#)

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Colorado Theatre Performer Suzanne Fountain. Please take a look at John Moore's article.

[Click here for John Moore's article about Suzanne in the Denver Gazette](#)

If you or someone you know needs support, Mental Health Partners provides a 24/7 [crisis link](#), or by calling 1-844-493-TALK.

Focus on Board Member T. David Rutherford

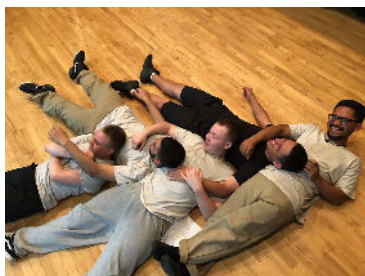
For many non-profit organizations, there are a few passionate individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes on day-to-day activities that sometimes go unnoticed and unappreciated. Whether managing our CRM database program Neon, advising on the website, or participating as Vice President of the CTG board, the stalwart, conscientious and consistent presence of T. David Rutherford has made him one of the Guild's unsung heroes. In those bygone days of in-person meetings, he was always the first to arrive and the last to leave as he set up the video equipment so non-local board members could participate using a program no one paid attention to at the time – a little known video conferencing program called Zoom.



[Click here to see the full article](#)

[Click here to see additional info about T David](#)

Mirror Image Arts: Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline through Theatre



Mirror Image Arts passion and purpose is to DISRUPT the School-to-Prison Pipeline utilizing participatory theatre.

They work with youth (ages 7-21) in schools and juvenile detention centers. Through their work, they aim to give youth access to the arts while developing the skills and empowerment to positively impact their lives and their communities.

[Click here to see the full article](#)

Workshop Committee News

Hello, Colorado Theatre Community! We're excited to continue offering quality workshops by bringing



you more local and nationally-recognized figures and opportunities for connection during these challenging times.

This April we're delighted to present, in conjunction with IDEA Stages (IDEAs), the first of an exciting, three-part workshop series concerning racial and social justice in the Colorado theatre community. "Breaking The Ice: Racial and Social Justice in Theatre" premieres April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm MDT. We will have facilitators and panelists made up of professionals and leaders in the Colorado theatre community. In Part 1 of the series, we'll explore "Definitions and Discoveries," to help foster mutual understanding in the pursuit of social justice in the Colorado theatre community. In Part 2 (June, 2021) we'll explore "Community in Action," as we

seek to create social justice action as a theatre community. Part 3 (September, 2021) explores "Healing and Recovery," and how Drama Therapy can be used to promote emotional and psychological healing for individuals and for the theatre community. **Register for Part 1 by April 18th** by clicking the link below. Parts 2 and 3 registrations will be available at a later date.

BONUS: Join us for a Pre-Workshop Virtual Mixer at 6:00 pm MT!

[Click here to see the full article](#)

[Click here to register for Part 1 of the 3 part series](#)

[Click here to join the Colorado Theatre Guild](#)

Introducing New Board Member Scott RC Levy

We are excited to welcome Scott RC Levy as the newest member of CTG's Board of Directors. Scott's passion for the Colorado's theatre community is a matter of record, and we look forward to his leadership and contributions in the coming months.



CTG Deep Dive: Addressing Past and Present Harms: Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Theatre

It's been over two weeks since the murders of 8 people in Atlanta, 6 of them Asian women. A number of articles and resources have been shared to help overall, and we wanted to provide a list of resources that members of the Colorado theatre community will find useful. The targeted list provides insights to the experiences of theatre artists and arts workers, as well as many others, who are Asian American, immigrants from Asia, refugees from Asia addressing a variety of harms they have experienced and achievements worth celebrating here in the United States.

[Click here for links to resources](#)

Thank you!

Your love and generosity during such difficult times continue to show the resilience and beauty of this community. Your continued support with your participation and donations is a vital part of this organization! We look forward to continuing our work in supporting and engaging with you.

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