



**We can explore the world to open our imaginations
and we can use our imaginations to change the world**



University of Colorado Medical Student, Annie Cao with art and science students from Downtown Aurora Visual Arts

Kids who join programs at Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA) are encouraged to engage with their own creativity in every way possible.

A bastion of visual arts for students of all ages, DAVA has found ways to expand on its already broad scope, offering creative approaches to health and wellness rooted in scientific discovery. Kids are eagerly exploring subjects like microbiology and oceanography as the non-profit heads toward its 30th anniversary in May.

“We’re focused on bringing every word of our mission statement to life,” said Krista Robinson, DAVA Executive Director. “We engage diverse youth in

meaningful arts education that sparks creativity, increases opportunity, and strengthens community.”

For 7-year-old Luis and University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Student Annie Cao that meant an unusual learning experience together.

After pandemic closures, DAVA expanded its college intern program to provide more opportunities for hands-on learning for all ages. The interns were not only diverse, emerging leaders and incredible role models for DAVA kids, they were also able to bring best practices and research from their own degree programs to deepen student learning. Recently, The University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine selected DAVA to host a medical student intern as a part of their service-learning program. That’s where Luis and Annie met.

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We fund culture.

Thanks to the voters and residents of the seven-county metro area, [SCFD](#) has come a long way in its more than 30 years of existence. SCFD is the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, a tax collected and distributed to more than 300 cultural organizations in our seven-county Denver metro region including Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Just one penny on every \$10 spent in the district creates vibrancy for us individually and collectively.

An infographic with a green background. On the left, a white starburst shape contains the text "Real Impact" in pink. In the center, the text "2,397,418 people attended arts and culture virtually" is displayed in white. Below the text is a graphic of a computer monitor showing a grid of 15 colorful bear heads. In the bottom right corner of the green area, it says "*2021 data". At the bottom, a black bar contains the SCFD logo in pink and the hashtags "#WeFundCulture" and "#CultureForAll" in white.

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National recognition for Colorado cultural treasure

The already internationally lauded Cleo Parker Robinson, founder of Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, recently received one of our nation's highest arts honors along with four other groundbreaking dancers of color who together founded the International Association of Blacks in Dance. Along with her colleagues, Parker Robinson received the National Medal of the Arts from President Joe Biden in a White House ceremony. The association was founded to focus on creating opportunities for funding Black-led organizations as well as creating career opportunities for dancers of color. This effort led to the growth of Black dance in individual communities, the country and internationally.



SCFD Free Days

Organizations from across the metro area provide hundreds of free days and free programs each year made possible, in part, by funding from SCFD.

Some organizations are free every day such as Broomfield Veterans Museum, Foothills Art Center, Colorado Music Hall of Fame, and The Aurora History Museum, Louisville History Museum.

- Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave – April 5
- The Art Garage – April 7, 14, 21, 28
- Longmont Museum – April 8
- Denver Zoo – April 9
- Denver Art Museum – April 11
- Dinosaur Ridge – April 17
- Molly Brown House Museum – April 18
- Denver Botanic Gardens – April 22
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science – April 30
- Clyfford Still Museum – April 30
- Denver Art Museum – April 30

Don't miss Boulder Arts Week

The City of Boulder is the home to thousands of artists and over 140 arts organizations. In fact, Boulder has the nation's third-highest concentration of artists, right behind Los Angeles and Santa Fe, according to the National Endowment for the Arts. This year, the Boulder's arts community will demonstrate the reason they are nationally ranked with an incredible array of cultural

experiences from murals and installations to music and dance. Join Boulder's only large-scale, inclusive celebration of arts and cultural offerings at the 10th Annual Boulder Arts Week from April 7 through April 15. In 2023, Boulder Arts Week will feature digital and in-person arts and culture offerings, including art walks, exhibitions, performances, dance, music, theater, public art, lectures, readings, and workshops at venues throughout the city. [You can learn more.](#)

SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will occur virtually at 1 p.m. on April 27. [Get information for attending meetings and see the full calendar of 2023 board meetings.](#)