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By Lexi Marshall

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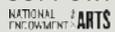
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**THE SLOW FADE OF SUMMER**

**THERE'S SOMETHING** bittersweet about August in Colorado. The sun still hangs high, the days remain long and the tomatoes are finally perfect—but the shift is undeniable. School bags hang near the door. Early mornings creep back onto the calendar. The final stretch of summer is here, and with it comes a quiet invitation: slow down, soak it up and make it count.

This issue of AvidLifestyle is your guide to doing exactly that. Whether your end-of-summer tradition includes funnel cakes and Ferris wheels or simply savoring a few more backyard dinners, I'm here for all of it! In our feature story, The Insider's Guide to the Colorado State Fair (page 44), writer Lexi Marshall takes you behind the scenes of one of the state's most cherished celebrations. From agricultural education to deep-fried Pueblo chiles, this fair truly has something for everyone—and marks a time-honored close to summer's carefree days.

As families across the area gear up for the school year, we're offering a gentle reminder that connection matters more than perfection. Writer Kristen West shares how to stay grounded and present amid the back-to-school chaos, with easy, meaningful rituals to keep your family tethered to what really matters in Hustle Time, Slowed Down (page 18).

Of course, school isn't just about books and bells anymore. We spotlight educator Mike Deditis and the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (Teaching Trades, page 22), where students are building real homes, real futures and gaining the kind of hands-on experience that's changing what career readiness looks like in our community.

And finally, because supporting your team should never mean sacrificing your style, Kastle Wasserman shows us how to elevate game-day colors in a way that says "Go team!" without screaming it from a sweatshirt (Elevated School Spirit, page 54).

So yes, summer's winding down—but there's still time to catch that sunset, linger a little longer at the farmers market or squeeze in one last weekend getaway. Here's to finishing the season on a high note—and heading into fall with renewed vigor and a sense of peace.

Heather Shoning

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# Chef on the Farm

ERIC SKOKAN'S home-sourced feasts may be Colorado's coolest ever farm-to-table experience

*By John Lehdorff*

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**FIRST-TIME DINERS** at Black Cat Farmstead may be puzzled: they drive winding rural roads north of Boulder to a farm dinner with a surprise menu. But once they arrive near Table Mountain, a sense of calm sets in. Glass-walled cabanas dot the hillside beside old farm buildings, and guests begin the evening in a pergola with drinks and farm store goods like heirloom meat and fresh flour.

Owned by Eric and Jill Skokan, who also run Boulder's Bramble & Hare, the Farmstead hosts summer dinners with unmatched intimacy. Seven private dining cabanas, each with wood stoves and antique furnishings, are set in gardens of berries, flowers and fruit trees.

Diners don't see a menu beforehand—not for show, but because it's created fresh based on the week's harvest. Skokan begins crafting the menu days before, offering four main courses with surprises from the kitchen. One meal featured foie gras, smoked trout, duck prosciutto, farm-raised lamb and cheese with house-made crackers.

#### **LINGERING AT THE TABLE AND LIVING THE FARM LIFE**

Black Cat Farmstead isn't just about farm-to-table—it's farm-to-farm-table, with a strong sense of place and pacing. Guests dine on their own schedules, lingering over multiple courses, sometimes wandering off to admire sunsets before resuming dinner under the stars. Skokan encourages a casual approach: no fancy shoes, just an appetite for nature, dirt and good food.

Skokan and his wife Jill moved the restaurant to the farm to be closer to family life. The property—one of the region's oldest—was once Blacksmith Ridge Farm. An 1883 barn now houses a commercial kitchen where the evening's menu is hand-written and taped to the wall.

Unlike many chefs focused solely on logistics and staffing, Skokan juggles 500 acres of farming, menu planning months in advance and serving meals on-site. The farm supplies their Farmstead dinners, their Bramble & Hare restaurant, local farm stands, and the Boulder and Longmont farmers markets.

#### **CSA, CATS AND THE CABANAS: THE REST OF THE STORY**

Black Cat Organic Farm grows more than 200 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers, along with raising 500 sheep and 100 heritage hogs annually. Skokan recalls 2013's floods as a low point—when bursting tomatoes turned fields into soup.

The Farmstead dining experience was born during the pandemic, after Black Cat Farm Table Bistro closed. Skokan turned to the farm itself, designing and building the glass cabanas used today. While construction only took eight months, the red tape around permitting and restaurant codes was overwhelming.

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Eric Skokan



Since launching in late 2024, demand has soared—reservations are booked six weeks out. Skokan and his wife Jill, who runs the admin and kitchen logistics, have no plans to expand. “This is just the way we like it,” he says. The couple’s focus remains on hospitality, sustainability and keeping the experience intimate. Even their cats have jobs—keeping the mouse population in check.



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# Cruisin' Cuisine

Come for the great cause and the cars, but the food is a real showstopper

By Heather Shoning

**EACH YEAR**, Wheels of Dreams Charity Experience rolls into town as more than just a luxury car showcase—it's a high-octane celebration of community, connection and compassion. Hosted by *AvidLifestyle* and *Colorado AvidGolfer* magazines, this much-anticipated charity event combines the thrill of exotic vehicles and the power of philanthropy. This year's new beneficiary is FullCircle, a local nonprofit dedicated to helping at-risk teens and young adults find purpose, healing and direction through outdoor adventures and therapeutic mentoring. But if the cause draws you in, the cuisine might just make you stay. And we want to celebrate the dedicated professionals who help make this event so tasteful—literally.

This year's culinary lineup reads like a dream team of south Denver's finest eateries, from smoky barbecue and sizzling Brazilian steak to artful charcuterie and decadent desserts, the event promises to deliver not only fuel for the soul, but something unforgettable for the taste buds, too.

## HICKORY HOUSE RIBS

A local legend in Parker and Aspen for more than two decades, Hickory House Ribs is known for sticking to its smoky, slow-cooked roots. Its barbecue is the real deal—no shortcuts, no fuss. For Wheels of Dreams, they're bringing out a comfort-food triple threat: Pig's (pork BBQ) paired with baked beans, potato salad and fresh rolls. It's a plate that practically demands you grab a cold drink and get down to business.

## TED'S MONTANA GRILL

Classic Americana gets an upscale, sustainable

twist at Ted's Montana Grill, which has made a name for itself with its ranch-to-table approach. Their offering for the evening? Bison short ribs served with creamy garlic mashed potatoes—a dish that's hearty, rich and deeply satisfying. It's a nod to its mission and menu: bold, respectful of the land and always made with care.

## THE ORNERY OLIVE

Equal parts elegance and attitude, The Ornerly Olive is a boutique catering company known for turning platters into art. While the exact cheese lineup is still a surprise, guests can expect a stunning display of artisan cheeses, cured meats and creative accompaniments—think marinated olives, dried fruits and spiced nuts—all arranged with Instagram-worthy flair. There may even be a few trendy butter boards on hand, making this the perfect stop for grazers and gourmands alike.

## FOGO DE CHÃO

Denver diners know Fogo de Chão as the go-to spot for a Brazilian steakhouse experience that delivers bold flavors with upscale flair. At Wheels of Dreams, the restaurant is bringing its signature fire-roasted flavors straight to the crowd with three distinct offerings: a refreshing watermelon and jalapeño salad, smoky Linguiça sausage and the crown jewel—Picanha, the prized, perfectly marbled prime cut of top sirloin that Fogo has turned into an art form. It's a bold, global punch of flavor in every bite.

## SEASONS 52

Leave room—seriously—for Seasons 52, the event's official dessert sponsor. This stylish, seasonal kitchen has a knack for balancing indulgence with finesse, and they're pulling out

all the stops. Among the bites guests can savor: Key Lime Pie (a zippy, creamy showstopper), a rich Belgian Chocolate S'more, crisp Raspberry Chocolate Chip Cannoli and a gooey Pecan Pie that'll have you reconsidering dinner entirely. Each dessert is served in elegant, single-serve portions that somehow make it feel totally reasonable to try one of each. (Do it. No judgment.)

## ZIG ZAG SMOKIN' BURGER AND MEATBALL EATERY AND LIBATIONS

Greenwood Village's dining duo, Zig Zag Smokin' Burger and Meatball Eatery and Libations, is known for eclectic menu, including creative, tasty burgers, wings, lasagna and more. At Wheels of Dreams, they'll be serving classic beef meatballs topped with homemade marinara.

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The Parker and Littleton-based local favorite, Black + Haus Tavern will be serving Black Haus Burger Sliders with blackening spice, bacon jam, caramelized onions, cheddar cheese, arugula and garlic aioli. Regular and gluten-free buns will be available.

Additionally, P. F. Chang's China Bistro will be supporting the event. Creative Living will be showcasing its unique, luxury outdoor grills with its live grilling station.

As much as Wheels of Dreams is a culinary playground, it's also an event rooted in real impact. It's a full-sensory experience. And whether you're coming for the Picanha or the Pecan Pie—or simply to support a life-changing cause—one thing's for sure: you'll leave full—heart and belly alike.



# Hustle Time, Slowed Down

When schedules heat up from BACK-TO-SCHOOL activities, here's how to stay connected

*By Kristen West*

**ENGAGING IN QUALITY** family time—whether it's reading or singing with young children, or sharing meals, conversations and activities with teens—is strongly linked to secure attachment, resilience, better learning and a greater sense of well-being. It sounds ideal, but how do we make time for meaningful connections when back-to-school routines barrage us with tight schedules and after-school commitments?



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Thankfully, staying connected doesn't require hours of free time. Kayla Crane, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Denver, emphasizes the importance of being present, even briefly. "Ten minutes of being intentional with no phone or technology can be so much more meaningful than spending two hours next to each other on your phone or not engaging at all," she says.

Start by building connection time into your routine, just as you would schedule an event or meeting. A review published in the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* found that consistent family rituals—such as regular mealtimes or bedtime routines—significantly support children's development. These routines help regulate sleep, improve behavior and foster emotional security.

If your family's schedule doesn't allow for long dinners or drawn-out evening rituals, Crane suggests finding pockets of time to connect. In the morning, ask your kids to set a goal for the day or ask them what they're looking forward to, she says. In other words, pause the rushing for a moment to be present. Instead of playing music in the car, talk about your day, play a guessing game or perform a quick mindfulness practice.

Small, consistent actions can become part of your family rhythm. Try attaching connection to something you already do. Before a morning coffee, for example, make it a rule that everyone talks about what they're grateful for, or do a five-minute meditation every day before brushing teeth. Making it a rule makes it easier to form a ritual.

Gratitude practices are particularly effective. Speaking or journaling about what you're grateful for has been shown to reduce stress, improve sleep and strengthen relationships. "Normally, we don't talk in that way," Crane says. "But taking a moment to share what made you laugh that day, or something you're thankful for, can make a big difference." One study found that people who recorded their gratitude once a week for six weeks reported increased happiness and life satisfaction, even six months later.

To make routine moments more memorable, try mixing them up. Bring dinner outside for a backyard picnic. Add music and turn chores into a dance party. Light candles for a simple weeknight meal. Small changes like these can transform everyday moments into intentional, shared experiences.

Setting boundaries around work, school and technology is also essential. "When you're home, be home," Crane says. "I always suggest boundaries around work because it can bleed into everything. It starts by checking a quick email, and before you know it, two hours have gone by." Determine a consistent time when everyone finishes homework and work and turns off their screens.

And finally, let the kids take the lead sometimes. Asking a teen to choose a playlist on road trips or letting a younger child plan a weekend breakfast menu can foster cooperation and create small but meaningful leadership moments. When kids feel heard and included, they're more likely to open up.

With a bit of planning and intention, even the busiest families can find time to reconnect. Whether it's five minutes before bed or a quiet conversation during a car ride, those moments add up—building trust, emotional safety and lasting memories along the way. 

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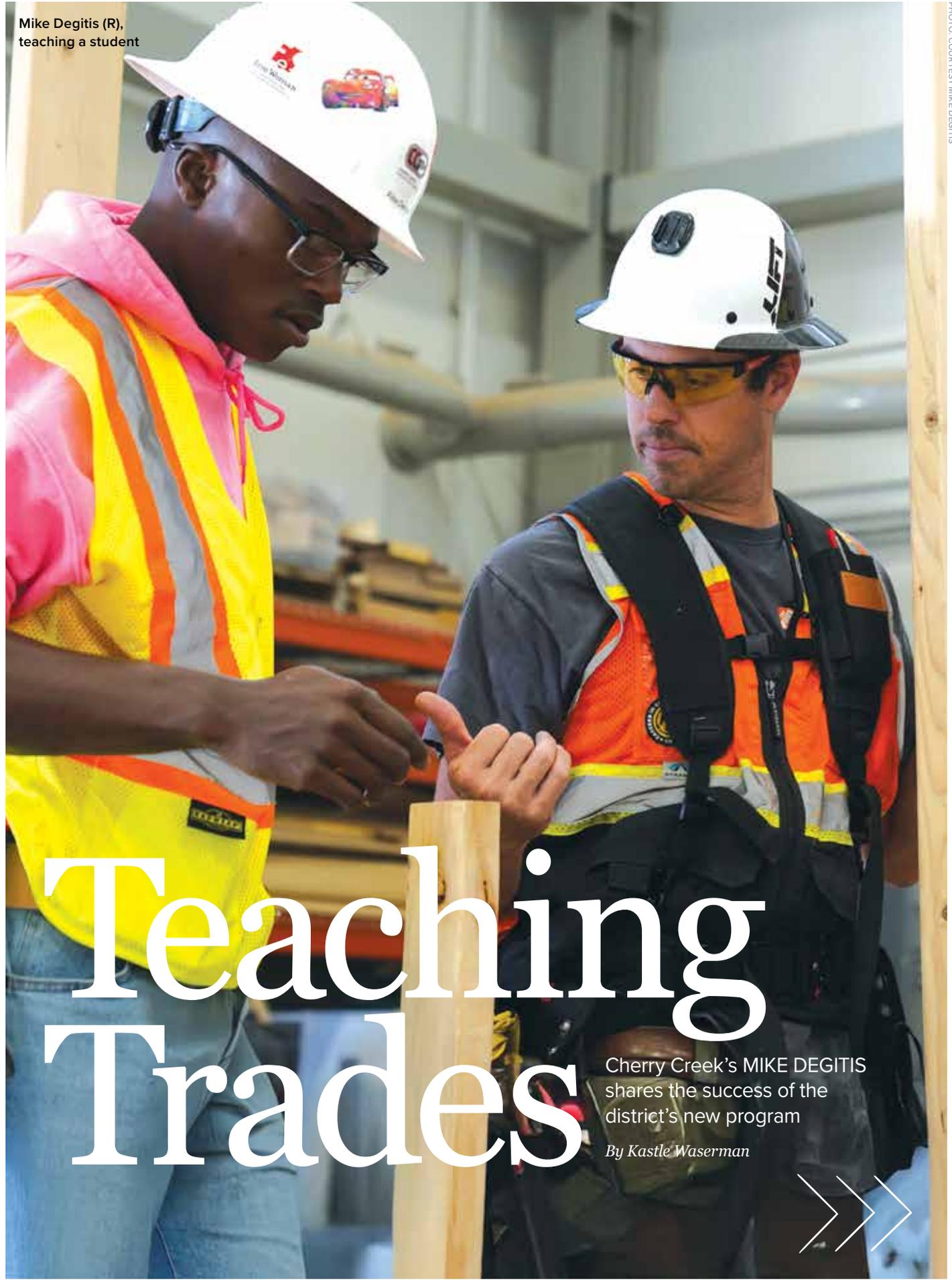
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**TRADITIONALLY**, career success meant graduating from high school, earning a college degree and securing a good job. However, college graduates currently face an increasingly challenging job market, along with being saddled with student debt. Seeing the writing on the wall, the Cherry Creek School District recognized that there are other routes to a successful career.

“The school district made a bold move to break the mold and build the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC),” says Mike Degitis, the infrastructure engineering pathway lead at CCIC.

Degitis worked as a math teacher in the district. He jumped at the chance to be part of the new campus when it opened in 2019, offering pathways such as construction, automotive and aviation maintenance, hospitality and culinary arts, IT and cybersecurity, aerospace manufacturing, and health and wellness.

They based the pathways on what the job market needs, Degitis says. With his background as a math teacher, the construction pathway was a natural fit for him to lead. “I identify the math skills needed for trades such as a machinist or business entrepreneur.”

He helped oversee the birth of the center’s construction project, which involved building tiny homes as part of Denver’s Colorado Village Collaborative to create micro-communities for individuals transitioning from homelessness.

“I was heavily involved in working with non-profits and helping the homelessness effort in Denver,” says Degitis. “My colleague and I were putting our heads together and thought it would be great if we could find a project that was suitable for the students, but also community-centric. The two worlds just collided.”

The students contributed 25 tiny homes over a five-year period, until the initiative came to a close in 2024. Then, Degitis says he scrambled to find another project for the students. Eventually, he connected with Habitat for Humanity in Berthoud.

“They were open to receiving modular units in their habitat communities. So, I pitched the idea of building a 1400-square-foot double-wide,” said Degitis. “We can build it in the school’s parking lot, then ship it to put in a finished basement. A new family will get a beautiful home that’s fully student-built.” Degitis says the project allows students to fully experience every aspect of home building, from the structure to the plumbing and electrical systems. “It’s a really valuable project for the students, especially since we see a lot of growth of modular homes in the construction industry,” he says.

The program has become so popular with students that there are often more applicants than can be accepted. To address this, they’re



adding more pathways to CCIC 2.0, including HVAC, welding, veterinary sciences, and media arts. They also started evening classes for adults to train as a nurse aide or pharmacy technician.

Degitis says the best part is seeing kids take their skills into the real world. “I’ve had students come back and say, ‘I haven’t made less than \$125K since I graduated high school,’” he says proudly. He and the staff at the center are ahead of the curve in addressing the labor market’s

needs. “We know sixty percent of the workforce is going to retire out in the next ten years,” says Degitis. “We’ve got one hundred and fifty kids that are ready and eager to go to work!”

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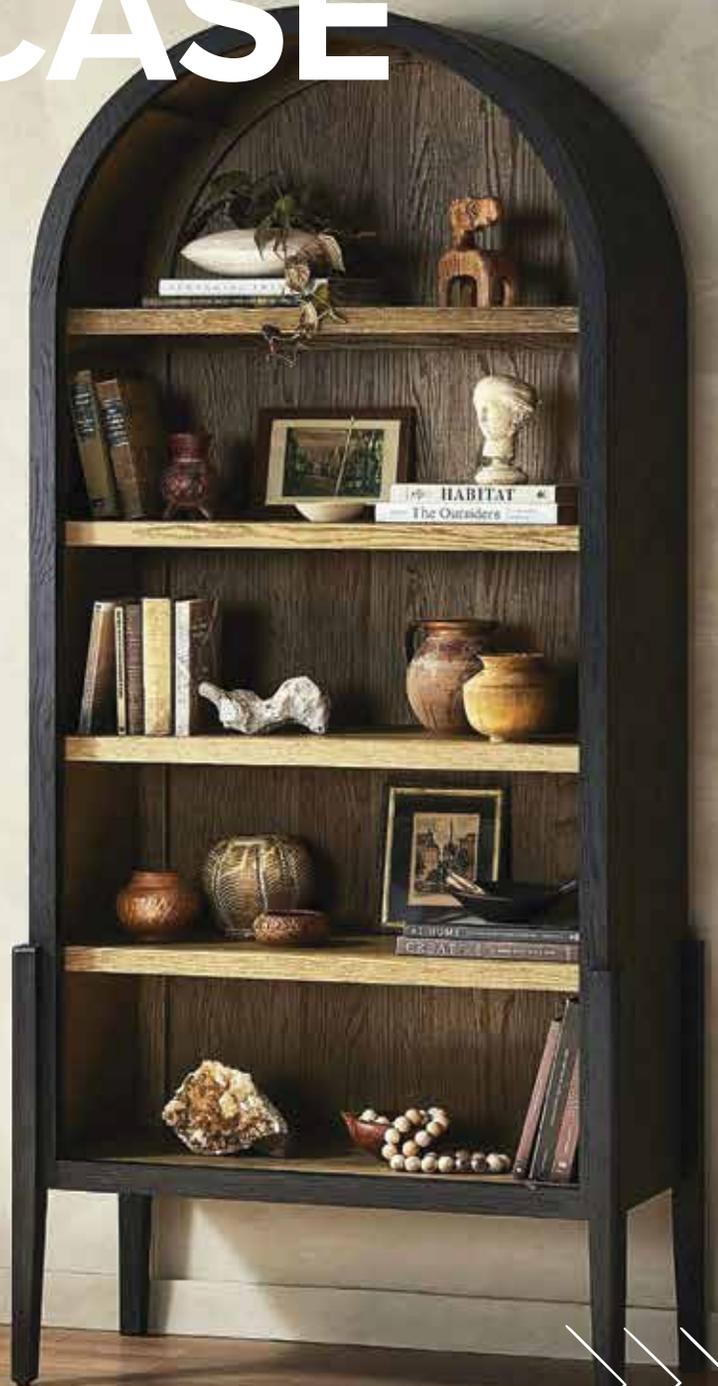
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# Golf Escape, at Home

A storage space becomes a swanky speakeasy-style getaway complete with a golf simulator

By Heather Shoning

**SOME SPACES START** with a vision. Others begin with a pile of Rubbermaid bins and a flickering shop light. Such was the case with what used to be an unfinished storage room—until the team at MaK Construction stepped in. When their client came calling, he wasn't after another run-of-the-mill basement makeover or a multipurpose rec room. He wanted a space with soul, a story, swagger. The MaK team took the challenge and designed and built a speakeasy-style retreat that tips its golf cap to the vintage charm of a private clubhouse, while hiding one hell of a modern secret inside.

From the moment you step through the disguised entrance—designed to evoke the hush-hush allure of Prohibition-era hideaways—the rest of the home disappears. Tucked inside this moody, luxurious retreat is a glitzy bar area and a full-swing golf simulator.

For MaK Construction, it wasn't just about finishes or fixtures—it was about capturing a feeling. The design leans heavily into timeless materials, including the rich, dark wood flooring, paired with tufted leather seating, elegant marble-topped tables and velvet armchairs that invite guests to settle in and stay awhile.

A bespoke bar anchors the space, with black cabinetry with mesh-front doors, an antique-style mirror tile backsplash and a bold, brushed-gold faucet that gleams beneath the dim lighting. Even the wallpaper evokes vintage charm, providing a patterned background for Prohibition-era framed photos—snapshots that suggest a storied past, whether real or imagined.

“The goal was never just to make it look good,” says Jack Rodenberger, MaK Construction marketing assistant and project manager. “It was about creating a world our client could step into—one that felt nostalgic and familiar, but also luxurious and completely custom to him.”



No gentleman's club—or modern speakeasy—would be complete without a signature indulgence. In this case, it's the fully immersive golf simulator, tucked perfectly into the far end of the room like a well-guarded secret. Outfitted by the client himself, the setup is a high-tech, high-touch ode to the sport he loves.

But rather than clashing with the room's throwback aesthetic, the simulator blends seamlessly into the environment. Plush chairs face the screen, offering prime viewing for friends gathered to watch a round—or take a swing themselves.

"This wasn't an afterthought," Rodenberger says. "The entire layout was designed with the simulator in mind, so it would feel like an intentional part of the story, not just a gadget dropped into the corner." And while MaK handled the build and aesthetic execution, they also made room for their client to put his stamp on the project—especially in installing the simulator, tailoring its features to his preferences for game modes, lighting and swing-tracking metrics.

Despite the drama of the design, there's an ease to the space—a warmth that invites both celebration and solitude. It's a place where you could just as easily host a poker night as you could retreat for a solo bourbon and a few rounds of digital tee-time.

What began as an underutilized room—an afterthought in a bustling home—is now the ultimate retreat. It's where tall tales unfold, rounds are played and style meets substance in the coziest, coolest way.

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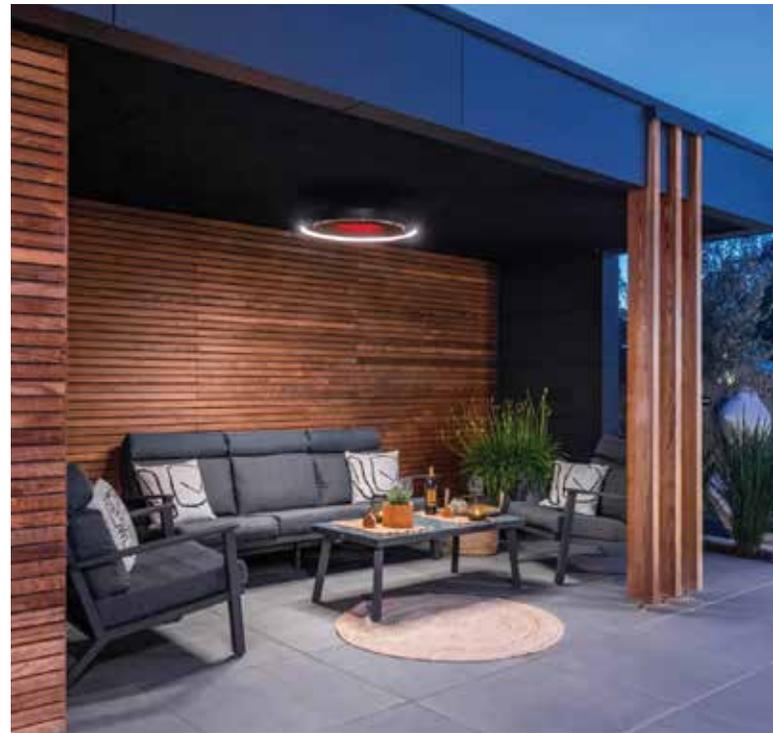


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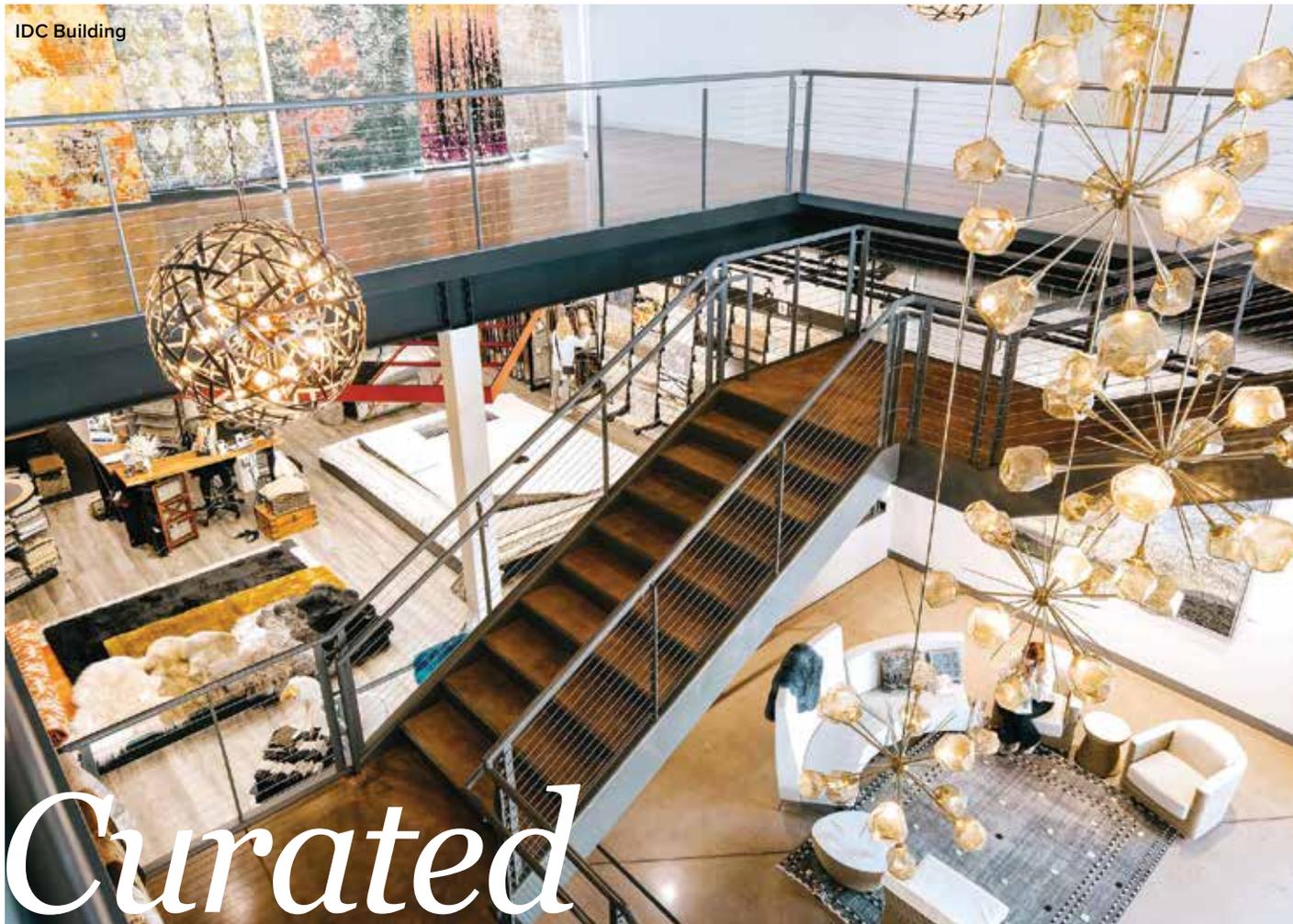




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# Construction Help

How **KEVIN CASTELO** is reinventing the showroom experience at the IDC Building

By Harper Thomas

**WHEN KEVIN CASTELO** opened Ultra Design Center in Denver in the early 2000s, he quickly discovered a pain point that nearly every homeowner, designer and builder encountered: visiting multiple showrooms across town to gather materials for a single project. It was a frustrating and inefficient experience—one he decided to solve with a bold new idea.

Enter the IDC Building, a three-story design hub located at the nexus of 6th Avenue and I-25, where convenience, collaboration and construction innovation converge. “We wanted to create a destination where somebody could come and get a lot done,” Castelo says. “Before the IDC, people would drive all over town to cobble together samples just to get comfortable that everything worked together.”

Castelo, who now owns and operates both Ultra Design Center and the IDC Building, envisioned a curated collection of showrooms under one roof, each representing a distinct product category essential to residential construction—plumbing, lighting, flooring,

cabinetry, rugs and more. But unlike Home Depot’s one-size-fits-all approach, IDC focuses on high-quality materials and expert-level design guidance.

“Home Depot solved the convenience part of the equation,” Castelo explains. “But what we wanted to offer was that same level of convenience—but for people building custom or semi-custom homes.”

From the start, the IDC Building was intended to stand apart from other industry staples like the Denver Design District. While it focuses primarily on furnishings and operates as a trade-only destination, IDC Building opens its doors to everyone involved in a construction project—whether they’re an architect, installer, designer or homeowner. “The IDC is welcoming to anybody and everybody working on a project,” Castelo says. “You don’t need a designer to escort you through the door.”

That open-door philosophy isn’t just symbolic—it’s baked into the building itself. The IDC’s

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60,000 square feet flow like a well-designed department store, with showrooms seamlessly blending into one another. “We’ve designed the whole space to be about discovery,” Castelo says. “You can touch and feel products, walk through different applications and actually experience the innovations firsthand.”

Even the operational bathrooms, entry lobbies and common areas serve as working displays, constructed with showroom products that help clients visualize materials in context. This creates an environment where browsing isn’t only welcome—it’s intuitive.

“We want people to come in and learn what these products can do,” Castelo says. “Some of the bells and whistles in modern construction are genuinely innovative, and it’s hard to understand them without seeing them in action.”

Since opening in early 2019, the IDC Building has filled more than 90 percent of its showroom space. Tenants include top-tier names like T&G Flooring, Classy Closets,



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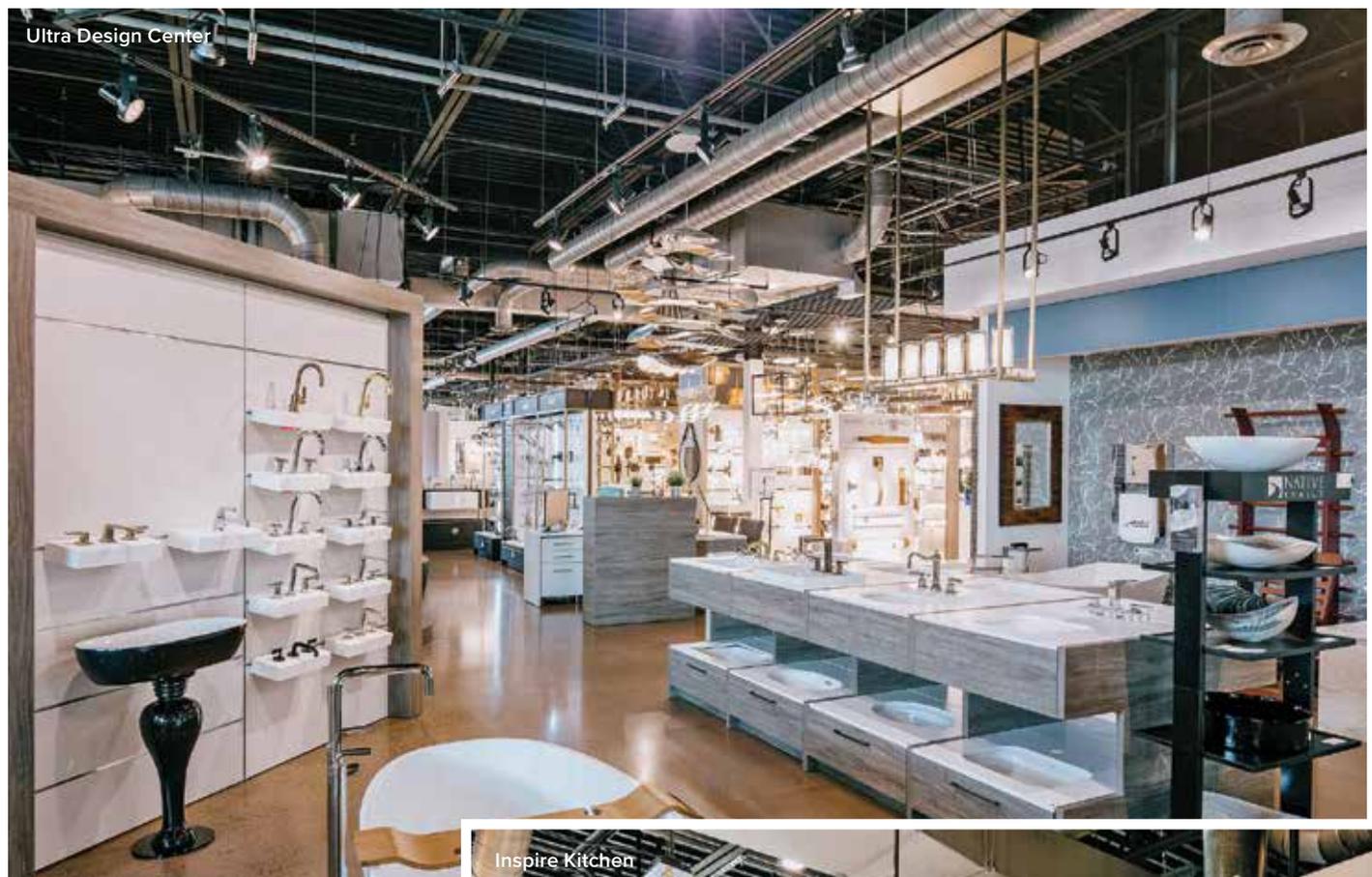


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Inspire Kitchen Design Studio and Aztec Carpet and Rug. However, Castelo has made a strategic decision to exclude furniture showrooms due to space constraints and the building's targeted focus on construction materials.

"We want to maintain that identity," he says. "And honestly, furniture showrooms just take up a lot of space. Our mission is to represent all the fixtures and finishes needed for construction—without duplication within categories."

With an open floor plan, the layout must evolve organically, and collaboration between neighboring showrooms is critical, and an emphasis on cohesion extends to the building's vibe. The IDC Building now offers nearly everything needed for a residential construction project. And Castelo isn't just overseeing operations—he's hands-on in shaping its growth. In 2024, he became sole owner of the property and took over all leasing efforts, resulting in six new showrooms opening in 2025 alone.

"The most exciting part has been finding tenants that are complementary," he says. "We've got a great set of showrooms coming in, and everything is working really cohesively."

Clients can come in with a designer or browse solo. They can visit during the week or pop in on a Saturday to sign off on selections. "We're very customer-centric," Castelo says. "We really try to accommodate however people want to experience the space."

More than just a place to browse samples, the





IDC is becoming a networking hub for Denver's residential construction industry. Monthly events—ranging from Valentine's Day markets to holiday vendor fairs—create opportunities for trade professionals to build relationships and keep up with industry trends.

"Construction is tricky," Castelo acknowledges. "For most homeowners, it's a once-in-a-decade or even once-in-a-lifetime experience. But for trade pros, it's their day-to-day. We focus our events on that trade customer—the designer or builder doing four or five projects a year."

Despite its central location and impressive roster of showrooms, Castelo says many in the industry still haven't heard of the IDC Building. Rather than seeing that as a shortfall, he sees it as opportunity. "To know that there are still designers and builders out there who haven't even heard of us—that's what's exciting," he says. "We have a strong base, but there's so much room for growth."

Whether it's the thoughtfully integrated warehouse space, the curated product categories or the democratic approach to customer experience, Castelo's vision is clear: Make construction easier, smarter and more connected. 

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# Your guide to the state's greatest celebration of all things Colorado

BY LEXI MARSHALL | PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE COLORADO STATE FAIR

**THE COLORADO STATE FAIR** isn't just an event—it's a storied tradition predating Colorado's statehood itself. Since 1872, this agricultural exposition has evolved from a simple livestock show into a vibrant 11-day celebration of all things Colorado— August 22–September 1 this year. The fairgrounds moved to its current location in Pueblo in 1901, and today, it serves as the epicenter for what general manager Andrea Wiesnemeier describes as “the memories we create.”

With more than \$200,000 in free entertainment, world-class rodeos, chart-topping musical acts and culinary delights that will have you loosening your belt, this year's Colorado State Fair promises something for everyone. “We still keep agriculture at the heart of everything we do,” Wiesnemeier explains, “but we're also finding new ways to welcome and entertain people who may not come for the ag. The hope is that while they're here, they walk away having learned something about it, too.”

Consider this your ultimate guide to “fair your way” through one of the state's most beloved annual traditions.

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

**When to Go:** Each day of the Colorado State Fair offers something unique, but none quite like Fiesta Day. Held on Sunday, August 31, this beloved tradition has been one of the fair's longest-running cultural celebrations since 1967. The day begins with a mariachi Mass and continues with vibrant Folklorico dance performances, live mariachi music, a lively downtown parade and thrilling rodeo shows featuring skilled charros and beautifully trained horses. Fiesta Day transforms the fairgrounds into a celebration of Colorado's Hispanic heritage, filled with color, energy and deep cultural pride.

**Pro Tip:** Save money by purchasing your tickets ahead of time—advanced purchases come with significant discounts and, if you're attending a grandstand event or concert, include your fair admission. For the best bang for your buck, don't miss One Price Wednesday, when you can enjoy the Ranch Rodeo, Ned LeDoux's free concert and a variety of other attractions all for one flat price.



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#### Start Your Day Sweet

Begin your fair adventure at Stubby's for their legendary cinnamon rolls. Getting there early means shorter lines and fresher pastries—the perfect fuel for a day of exploration.

**Navigation Tip:** Stubby's is located near the Main Gate off Prairie Avenue. Arriving early also means easier parking in the Main Lot.

#### Colorado Proud Farm Trail

While the crowds are still manageable, head to the interactive Colorado Proud Farm Trail in the small animal building—one of Wiesenmeyer's top recommendations and a hidden gem many visitors miss. This hands-on agricultural education experience showcases everything Colorado from beef to peaches to melons, with new aquaculture exhibits this year.

"It's an interactive way to learn about agriculture, featuring all of our key commodities," Wiesenmeyer says. "And if you make it through all the activities, there's a fun prize waiting for you, courtesy of our friends at Colorado Proud."

**Navigation Tip:** The Farm Trail is best experienced early in the day when the interactive stations are less crowded.

#### Ag Pavilion

Looking for a quieter corner of the fair with family-friendly learning? Head to the Ag Pavilion, where agricultural education gets a

creative twist. This year, a brand-new library space adds a literary element to the experience, inviting guests to slow down and engage with the roots of farming culture.

"We're creating a library where visitors can stop in daily and hear a well-known guest read a children's book," Wiesenmeyer says. "And we'll have plenty of hands-on, take-home activities that weave in some fun educational elements as well."

**Navigation Tip:** From the Farm Trail, cut through the central corridor to reach the Ag Pavilion. Early visits allow you to catch the first reading session of the day.

## ANIMALS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Livestock Barns

If seeing animals is at the top of your to-do list, plan to go during the first weekend, when the barns are buzzing with activity and the widest variety of livestock is on display. That's when youth competitions begin, and it all builds toward one of the fair's most anticipated traditions: the Junior Livestock Sale, held Tuesday, August 26, at 2 p.m. in the Southwest Motors Events Center.

"Our youth shows kick off that first weekend," Wiesenmeyer says. "It's definitely the best time to see the most animals on the grounds, all leading up to the Junior Livestock Sale."

To catch specific animals in action, time your visit around their competition events. Horses compete in the 4-H Arena or Rodeo Arena. Beef and dairy cattle have designated show

days, while goats, swine and lambs are featured heavily during the opening weekend. Poultry and rabbits are housed in their own viewing areas, open daily, and longhorns make special appearances—check the daily schedule for those limited-time exhibits.

**Navigation Tip:** The livestock barns are located on the southwest side of the fairgrounds. Moving counterclockwise through them allows you to see all the animals efficiently before they settle down for afternoon rest.

### The Magic Bean Show

After exploring the barns, catch the agriculture-focused magic show at The Magic Bean. This entertaining performance combines fun with education, perfect for all ages.

Don't miss the little kids' tractor pedal pulls happening nearby— Wiesenmeyer specifically mentioned these as a fun activity for youngsters.

**Navigation Tip:** The Magic Bean Show takes place next to the Ag Pavilion, which you may also see listed as "Adventure Land."

### Catch Strolling Entertainment

Keep an eye out for Rocket the Robot, an eight-foot crowd favorite and perfect for photo ops. "If you Google him, he's fantastic," Wiesenmeyer shares.

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### CREATIVITY & COMPETITION

#### Fine Arts & Creative Arts Buildings

Often overlooked, the Fine Arts and Creative Arts buildings highlight some of the fair's most impressive showcases of Colorado's local talent. From award-winning quilts to culinary masterpieces, these air-conditioned spaces offer a welcome respite from the afternoon heat.

"We have an incredible fine arts exhibit featuring work from talented competitors across Colorado," Wiesenmeyer says. "It's an amazing place to see the wide range of things people are creating themselves."

#### 4-H Exhibitions

Just beyond the Creative Arts area, the 4-H buildings showcase a diverse array of youth-led projects that highlight the skills and creativity of Colorado's young innovators. From robotics and model rocketry to cake decorating and photography, these exhibits reflect months of dedication and hands-on learning. "It's another great space to explore what young people are accomplishing around the state," Wiesenmeyer says.

*Navigation Tip: Moving from the Creative Arts Building to the 4-H area creates a natural loop back toward the food vendors for dinner.*

#### Explore the Colorado Building

Before heading out to the evening festivities, step inside the Explore Colorado Building,



presented by the Colorado Tourism Office, to get inspired for your next adventure. This interactive space highlights the state's eight tourism regions—from the towering Rocky Mountains to the rolling Eastern Plains—and encourages visitors to "Do Colorado Right" through sustainable and responsible travel. Open select hours throughout the fair, it's an informative stop for travelers and locals alike.

### FOOD & FESTIVITIES

#### Dinner With a View

As the sun sets, it's the perfect time to dive into some serious fair food exploration. The Colorado State Fair offers a few exclusive

treats you won't find anywhere else. First up: the Deep-Fried Pueblo Chiles. "We have deep-fried Pueblo chilies, and that is obviously going to be unique to Colorado and to the Colorado State Fair," says Wiesenmeyer. "Grown here in southern Colorado, they bring a zesty kick—and yes, they're deep-fried and perfect for dipping in cheese or ranch dressing." You'll find them at Giodone's, located in the State Fair Plaza.

Another local favorite is The Slop—another smothered burger that's typically a sit-down dish but is available at multiple locations throughout the fairgrounds in a

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And of course, no fair food adventure is complete without the classics. “You can't go wrong, obviously, with a corn dog and lemonade,” Wiesenmeyer adds. “That really is the quintessential fair food combo.”

**Pro Tip:** The lines for popular food vendors are shortest during grandstand events, so time your culinary adventure accordingly.

#### Evening Entertainment

As night falls, the Colorado State Fair comes alive with lights, music and nonstop entertainment. This year's lineup offers something for everyone. The first weekend kicks off with PRCA Rodeo events—a beloved tradition since 1964—followed by high-energy country concerts from Cooper Allen, Lee Brice and Clay Walker. Comedy

lovers won't want to miss Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias, performing on the first Sunday in the Southwest Motors Events Center, where most headlining acts take place.

For fans of major music acts, the Colorado State Fair is bringing big names to the stage. Flo Rida headlines on Friday, August 29. On Thursday, August 28, the My Generation Tour takes over, featuring The Lovin' Spoonful, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, and The Hollies Greatest Hits with Terry Sylvester. Then on Saturday, August 30, country star Russell Dickerson performs with special guest Drew Green.

But the entertainment doesn't stop there. Live music and performances also light up other venues like the PB&T Bank Pavilion, the AFW Amphitheater and the Pepsi Stage—all offering free shows from regional and local acts. Free attractions such as high dives, pig races and stunt shows also offer evening performances, ensuring something exciting is happening every night, all across the fairgrounds.

#### The Fair's Future

As the Colorado State Fair continues to evolve, Wiesenmeyer and her team remain committed to balancing agricultural heritage with contemporary entertainment.

“We like to joke—and some even use it in their marketing—that it's ‘fair your way,’” she says. “There's really no wrong way to experience the fair. Everyone's interests are different, and what you see can change with every visit.”

Whether you're coming for the agricultural education, the unique foods or the star-studded entertainment, the Colorado State Fair continues a tradition that's been bringing Coloradans together for over 150 years—creating memories that last long after the fairgrounds close.

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# Elevated School Spirit

Keep it professional while cheering on your favorite team

By Kastle Wasserman

**IT'S GAME ON** when it comes to cheering for your favorite team. While high school and college students are perfectly comfortable wearing their school team sweatshirts and baseball caps, you can't exactly show up at your job or other functions dressed so casually. We've got you covered for how to up your game (pun intended) and say, "Go team go!" on the inside with sophisticated style on the outside.

## SYMBOLIC COLOR CHOICES

First, whether you're rooting for high school or college, what are your team colors? If they're black and gold, try pairing black pants with a metallic gold top or a dress with gold metallic detail in the print or buttons. If metallic is too flashy, you can also opt for a mustard or honey-yellow color as a dupe for gold. If your team colors are a brighter combination, such as primary blue and red, try pairing a red blouse with a blue blazer. Most teams also have a neutral color, such as grey or white, that you can use to ground your separates. Use it as a base color for skirts or slacks so you don't

come across as clownish when wearing all team colors, especially if those bright colors aren't part of your typical color palette.

## ACCESSORIES

Many team colors incorporate gold and silver. You can take your look a step further by wearing earrings, necklaces, rings and bracelets in the corresponding metal. Stones are another way to bring team colors into jewelry choices, such as red rubies, topaz and fire opals, green emeralds and jade, or blue sapphires or turquoise.

For women, scarves are an easy way to bring in your team colors in an understated way. Look for scarves with prints featuring the right color scheme that you can tie around your neck. Then, keep the rest of your outfit neutral. It will add a fun pop to show what team you're on.

For men, try a belt or tie in your team colors or incorporate a subtle shout-out with a team logo belt buckle.

## FUN ADDITIONS

Don't forget to think about your team mascot! If it's a buffalo, falcon, dolphin or burro, you can wear a subtle nod in the form of jewelry. Look for a gold pendant or charm to dangle off a bracelet or earrings featuring your team mascot. You can even select a blinged-out version with small diamonds or rhinestones. Socks are another fun way to subtly cheer for your team by wearing them with loafers under slacks. Whenever your sock peeks out when you sit, people will know you're ready for the big game!

While you may not have your school team name and logo emblazoned across your forehead or chest, those who are in the know and share your team spirit will immediately spot your color choices as "one of them," and they may be a conversation starter to bond with a new friend to go to games with.





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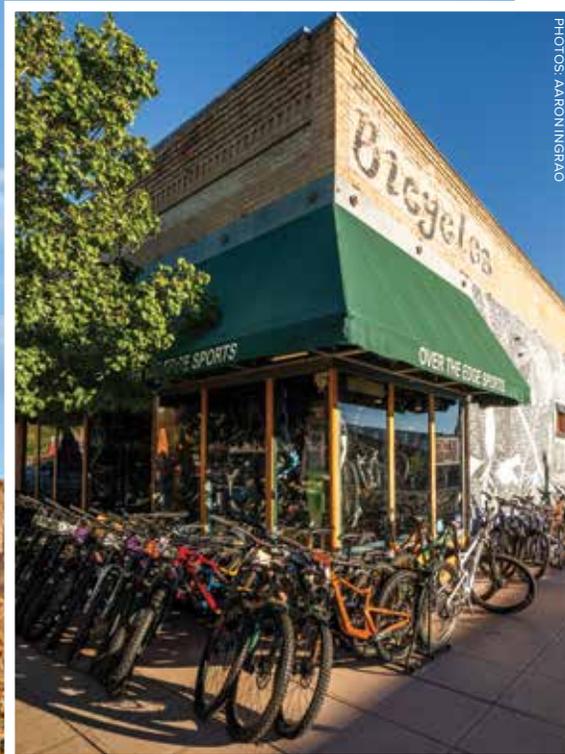
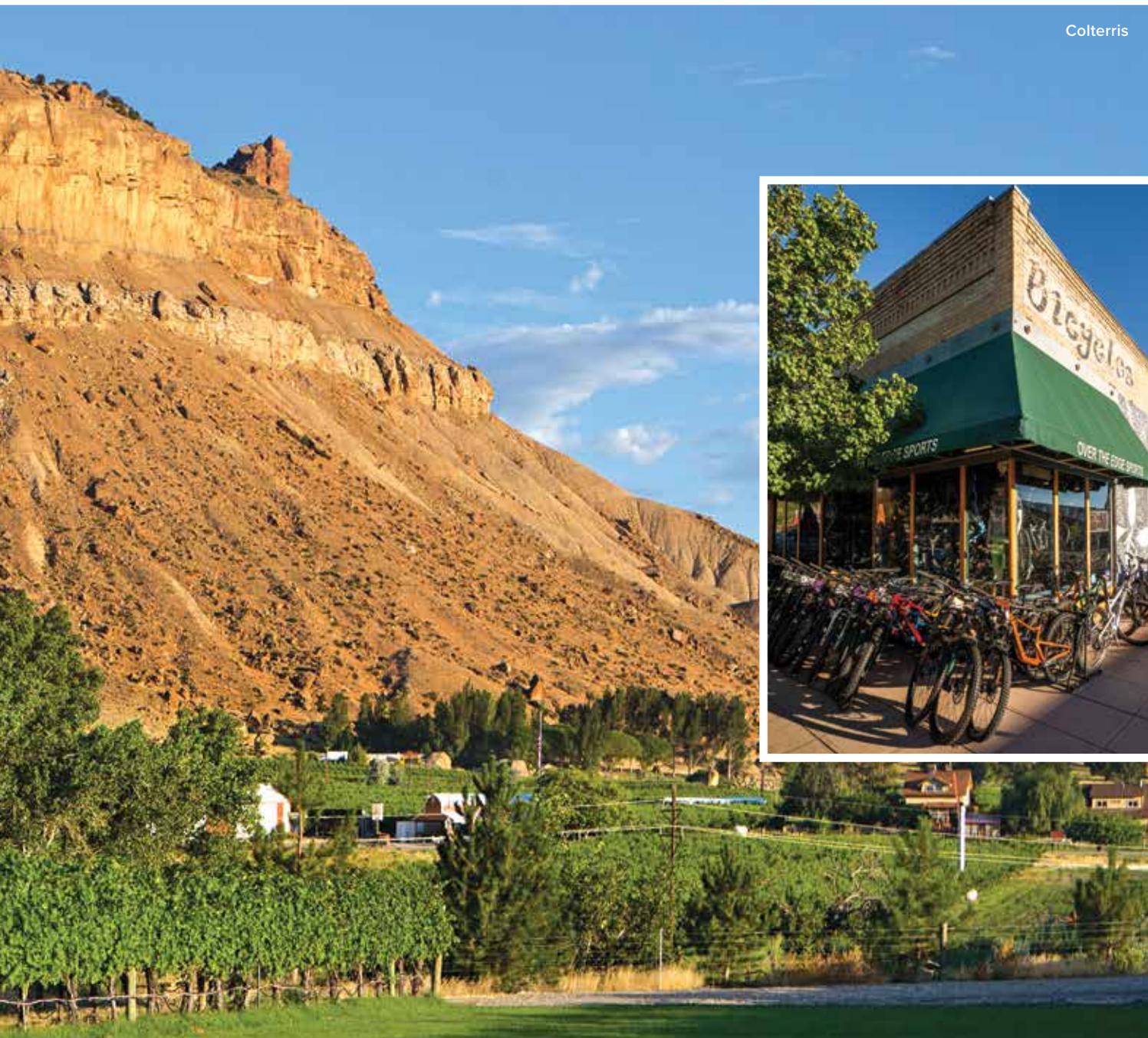
From rugged dirt trails for biking and hiking to sipping wines and bubbly, **FRUITA AND PALISADE** set the bar high for a weekend getaway

*By Lexi Marshall*

Fruita, CO

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**WHEN THE FRONT RANGE** heat starts to simmer, savvy Denverites know it's time to head west. About four hours along I-70, the Western Slope towns of Fruita and Palisade offer the kind of summer escape that blends red rock adventure with sun-warmed fruit, excellent wine and a slower pace of life. Whether you're a mountain biker, wine enthusiast or simply seeking a scenic escape, these towns promise a refreshing getaway.

#### **FRUITA: RIDE, REFUEL, REPEAT**

Perched near the edge of the Colorado National Monument, Fruita is a magnet for mountain bikers, hikers and road trippers who prefer dusty trails and small-town charm over crowds. Often referred to as Moab's laid-back sister, the town's casual vibe is matched

only by its obsession with good food, great coffee and bikes—everywhere, always bikes.

Begin the day with a honey lavender iced latte from Bestslope Coffee Company, a stylish café that punches well above its weight in caffeine and community. For a hearty breakfast, Camilla's Kaffe, now under new ownership, serves all the morning classics—think green chile burritos, omelets and French toast on a laid-back patio.

Once you're fueled up, it's time to hit the trails. Colorado National Monument offers hikes for every energy level and ability, many of them just minutes from Fruita's downtown core. Devil's Canyon Loop is a favorite among locals for its well-maintained path, scenic overlooks and

approachable terrain. For an easy introduction to the monument's stunning rock formations, Otto's Trail is a mellow one-mile out-and-back that rewards with views of Sentinel Spire, Pipe Organ and Praying Hands. Devil's Kitchen Trail, a moderate hike that ends at a cluster of massive boulders, is a hit with families and kids eager to explore. If you're craving something longer and more immersive, Monument Canyon Trail is an 11-mile trek with up-close views of the canyon's rugged walls and a final payoff at the base of Independence Monument—the tallest free-standing formation in the monument.

Later on, hit up Base Camp Provisions, a walk-up kitchen slinging nourishing grain bowls, house-smoked meats and creative

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tacos. Or cool down with a colorful açai bowl from the bright Mountain Berry Bowls Fruita food truck, always a hit post-trail.

No trip to Fruita is complete without a slice from Hot Tomato Pizza, the town's beloved bike-and-pie institution. Founded by two former pro cyclists, the place is as much a local hangout as it is a pizzeria—try The Bob Steve or Peach Pie if it's in season. Grab a beer and settle on the patio, where there's always a good conversation brewing. Don't leave town without stopping at Skip's Farm To Market, a small but mighty shop packed with local produce, snacks and provisions that make any hike or

#### PALISADE: PEACH COUNTRY MEETS WINE COUNTRY

A 25-minute drive from Fruita, Palisade is Colorado's Napa Valley. Nestled along the Colorado River and surrounded by vineyards and orchards, the town is known for its juicy peaches, laid-back energy and surprisingly sophisticated wine scene.



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Rent a cruiser or e-bike and spend a day pedaling the Palisade Fruit & Wine Byway, a scenic loop that winds past lavender farms, fruit stands and more than two dozen wineries. It's an easy, mostly flat ride that's best taken at a leisurely pace with frequent stops for tastings.

Pop some Colorado bubbles at Sauvage Spectrum, known for its experimental sparkling wines and sleek, modern tasting room. Carboy Winery, a Front Range favorite, brings its signature style to the Western Slope with estate-grown wines and a shaded patio perfect for lingering. Colterris Winery pours bold reds and bright rosés on one of the state's most scenic patios, with sweeping views of the Colorado River. Plus, the tasting menu service is top-notch.

Just a few blocks off the byway in nearby Clifton, TWP Winery focuses on creativity and sustainability with small-batch wines that showcase the Grand Valley's terroir. The winery also offers farmhouse lodging, providing a luxurious stay while exploring Colorado's wine country.

Come harvest season, Palisade's famous fruit stands overflow with peaches, cherries and plums. If you're lucky enough to visit on a Sunday, hit the Palisade Farmers Market, which runs June through October and features live music, local crafts, baked goods and—naturally—plenty of peaches. Even outside of market days, roadside stands dot the town, often operating on an honor system.

Each September, Palisade hosts the Colorado Mountain Winefest at Riverbend Park. Since 1992, this acclaimed event has drawn visitors from around the world to celebrate Colorado's vibrant wine culture, featuring tastings from local wineries, live music and food

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When it comes to restaurants, Fidel’s Cocina & Bar in downtown Palisade brings a vibrant, modern twist to traditional Mexican cuisine, with flavor-packed dishes like Oaxacan tacos, chile relleno and mezcal-forward cocktails that hit the spot after a day of wine tasting. Housed in a cozy brick building with a sidewalk-adjacent patio, Fidel’s offers an inviting atmosphere perfect any time of day.

Just down the street, Pêche. offers one of the most refined dining experiences on the Western Slope. Helmed by chef Matthew Chasseur, whose diverse culinary background instilled a deep respect for local, seasonal ingredients, this elegant spot highlights the best of the region’s produce through thoughtfully crafted dishes that change with the seasons. The intimate setting and attentive service make it a go-to for a romantic evening or special occasion.



Whether you’re chasing singletrack, sipping sauvignon blanc or just savoring a slower pace, Fruita and Palisade offer a slice of Colorado that’s often overlooked but never

underdelivered. Bring sunscreen, an appetite and an empty cooler—you’ll want to bring a little bit of this high desert heaven back home.



# AUGUST



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## Ongoing Through August

### COLORADO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

If you enjoy watching live theatre acts while outside under the stars, then you should put Boulder's annual Colorado Shakespeare Festival on your calendar. Plays will run through August at the Performing Arts Theater at the University of Colorado Boulder. Expect stellar performances from actors and actresses showcasing the best works of William Shakespeare and other legendary authors. This will be great for anyone who loves watching, enjoying or learning more from performing arts. Please note: The Hellems Building, which houses the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre, is undergoing major renovations. During this time, CSF will hold its performances in the newly updated Roe Green Theatre. **BOULDER**, [cupresents.org/series/shakespeare-festival](http://cupresents.org/series/shakespeare-festival)

## Ongoing Through August

### COLORADO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Those with the urge to travel back to the 16th century should make sure to include the Colorado Renaissance Festival in their summer festival lineup. Taking place annually in Larkspur, the festival is normally held on Saturday and Sunday from mid-June to early August. A great event for the family, there will be plenty of turkey legs, mead, wine and sweets to go around. The Colorado Renaissance Festival spans acres of land and runs rain or shine. Guests are encouraged to dress up and there are outfit rentals on-site. **LARKSPUR**, [coloradorenaissance.com](http://coloradorenaissance.com)

## August 2

### HERITAGE FIRE SNOWMASS

The town's largest annual culinary event, Heritage Fire is a live-fire, open-air tasting experience featuring some of Colorado's most talented chefs who take attendees on a delectable journey set against the stunning backdrop of the Roaring Fork Valley. Event guests get to engage with the participating chefs as they grill flavorful delights – from heritage-breed animals to heirloom vegetables – en plein air, with ingredients sourced from local farms and sponsors. More event information and tickets can be purchased online. **SNOWMASS**, [heritagefiretour.com/snowmass](http://heritagefiretour.com/snowmass)

## August 3

### YOGA IN THE PARK

Yoga means “union” and when practiced outside, you can experience union with nature, humanity and the universe. Being outside deepens the yoga experience in many ways and helps focus awareness, breathe deeply and practice stillness. Join in for these free classes at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park on Sunday mornings to find a deeper meaning to your yoga workout. Led by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department, each week a different format is featured including Yoga Foundations, Hatha, Flow to Yin, Elemental, Yin Yoga. **PHILIP S. MILLER PARK**, [ergov.com/SummerFitness](http://ergov.com/SummerFitness)

## August 5

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## August 6

### JAZZ IN THE PARK

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## August 7

### GLOBAL SESSIONS: AN EVENING WITH MIGUEL ESPINOZA FUSION

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