



HOTEL TEATRO

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## PACKAGE SPOTLIGHT



Hotel Teatro's **Live Like A Pharaoh Package** puts an exotic spin on a fabulous spa experience. Thanks to human ingenuity, your chariot will await you, but this time in the form of Hotel Teatro's luxury hybrid SUV provided by our valet team.

One of our drivers will whisk you away to *Spa Universaire*, where you will be treated to a 60 minute Egyptian Aromatherapy Wrap in the Egyptian Room, followed by an aromatherapy or bubble bath. With your bath you may enjoy fresh grapes and a bottle of champagne. Cleopatra never had it so good!

This package is available any day of the week, beginning on July 1 and running through December 30, 2010.

Please visit us on line at: [www.hotelteatro.com](http://www.hotelteatro.com) to book your reservation or call us at (303) 228-1100 to reserve your **Live Like A Pharaoh Package** at Hotel Teatro. Package rates are based on room type and availability.

## DENVER:BIKE CENTRAL

Move over Montreal and Paris. Here comes Denver to take a seat beside you in the effort to lessen everyone's carbon footprint and get some easy exercise in the mean time. On April 22, Earth Day, Denver began the first large scale bike-sharing program in the United States, offering bicycle access to hundreds of downtown sightseers and people doing business in the city.

The program is called Denver B-Cycle and offers hundreds of bikes at 38 kiosks placed near high traffic areas such as light rail stations and bus stops. Locations include the downtown area, Cherry Creek, Capitol Hill, the Golden Triangle neighborhood and University of Denver.

Intended as a "multi-modal" prototype, Denver's goal is meant to encourage leaving the car at home, using light rail or bus transportation, picking up the bike upon arrival at the station and reversing the order for the return trip home.

The Denver B-Cycle program enlists the assistance of 400 volunteers. The cost for an annual pass is \$65 with fees decreasing commensurate with use. Student and senior discounts are available. If you can get on a bike, run your errand and return the bike within



30 minutes, it is free of charge. *You must provide your own helmet.* For full details, visit: [denverbikesharing.org](http://denverbikesharing.org)

*Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride.*  
- John F. Kennedy

## CONCERT SPOTLIGHT

Not everyone knows that Beethoven was completely deaf when he composed his renowned **Symphony No. 9**. It was written between the years of 1818 and 1824, Beethoven completing the masterpiece at the age of 54. Fortunately, the entire world has come to know the piece over the past centuries and may tie it most closely to its choral movement, commonly known as *Ode To Joy*. From May 28—30, the Colorado Symphony, along with the Colorado Chorale and Colorado Children's Chorale will perform this classic in its entirety.



Under the direction of maestro Jeffrey Kahane, another stirring piece of music is being featured. Shortly after 9/11, The New York Philharmonic and an anonymous New York family commissioned composer John Adams to write a piece. The result is **On the Transmigration of Souls** for orchestra, chorus and children's choir. While carrying a melancholy title, it is not meant as a requiem or memorial but rather, as the composer explained, "a memory space... a place where you can be alone with your thoughts and emotions..." Adams won the Pulitzer Prize in music for the piece in 2003. Intended to honor those lost on that day and those who remain behind, *this is a stunning work which we, as those who remain, should not miss.* Please ask the concierge for ticket details.

## MAY EVENTS, CONT'D ON NEXT PAGE

### LIVE MUSIC/PERFORMANCE TOURS

May 5	Pat Metheny Orchestrion Tour	@ The Paramount
May 6	Flogging Molly	@ The Fillmore
May 7	Thirty Seconds to Mars	@ The Fillmore
May 8	Tony Bennett/CSO Fund Raiser	@ Sheraton Downtown
May 13	Shinedown	@ The Ogden
May 15	Ira Glass	@ The Paramount
May 17	Drake	@ The Ogden
May 19	Ratt	@ The Ogden
May 20	THE EAGLES	@ The Pepsi Center
May 20	Martin Sexton	@ The Ogden
May 21	3oh!3 and Cobra Starship	@ The Fillmore
May 22	Angels and Airwaves	@ The Fillmore
May 22	Taylor Dayne & Wilson Phillips	@ The Paramount
May 29	Disco Biscuits and Friends	@ Red Rocks
May 30	Foreigner & Styx w/ Kansas	@ Red Rocks
May 31	Insane Clown Posse w/ Kottonmouth Kings and More	@ Red Rocks

### COLORADO SYMPHONY AT BOETTCHER HALL

May 1	THE BEATLES' SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND Tribute, with the CSO Chorus
May 7	BROADWAY ROCKS; Phantom to Dreamgirls; with guest vocalists
May 14-16	BAROQUE MASTERPIECES: Purcell, Handel, Bach & More; Nicholas Kraemer, harpsichord and conductor
May 22	SOCK HOP 50's: CSO Pops Concert; Marvin Hamlisch, Principal Pops Conductor
May 23	SCHEHERAZADE: CSO Family Series; Scott O'Neil conductor
May 28-30	BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY #9 and ADAMS' ON THE TRANSMIGRATION OF SOULS, commissioned to honor those lost on 9/11; Jeffrey Kahane, music director; guest vocalists featuring the CSO Chorus and Colorado Children's Choral

## FROM RELAXING TO EXPERT: DENVER'S FAVORITE BIKE TRAILS

**RELAXED:** **Cherry Creek Trail** is just a block and a half from Hotel Teatro's front door. You may enjoy a terrific day on two wheels right here in the city. Cherry Creek Trail, also a favorite walking, jogging and rollerblading trail, runs north and south throughout Denver proper, meeting up with more extensive trail systems on the outskirts of the city. The cooling sounds and air rising from Cherry Creek provide a soothing backdrop for a half hour or half day ride.

To the north, the trail takes you into the heart of LoDo; Elitch Gardens Amusement Park, Invesco Field, Confluence Park, Riverfront Park, REI's flagship store and a variety of art galleries, cafes and shops. All are within easy reach when exiting and entering the numerous access ramps on the trail. If you choose to head to your left, or south, you will enjoy the lush edges of the creek as you pedal through some of Denver's most historic neighborhoods. Again, easy on and off access gives you a chance



to detour to the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Botanic Gardens, Cherry Creek North shopping or just a cool down with some fresh juice from Whole Foods gourmet/organic grocery.

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www.trailsage.com  
www.singletracks.com



**INTERMEDIATE:** **Bear Creek Trail from downtown Denver to Bear Creek Lake Park** is a wonderful way to get a feel for Denver's west side neighborhoods, city parks and flora and fauna, all the while paralleling picturesque Bear Creek. While this ride runs about 40 miles round trip, the paths are fully paved with only a mild elevation gain as you head west and almost a coasting ride from Bear Creek

Lake back to Denver. City parks provide creek side picnic areas, restroom facilities and water fountains. There is occasional easy access to fast food or convenience stores. In only a few instances is there a need to cross a city street. If you get an early start you may have a chance to see foxes or coyotes as they ramble through their respective habitats that are nested in between neighborhoods.

### DIFFICULT:

About a half hour west of Denver is the **Apex Trail**. A part of Apex Park in the Jefferson County Open Space, it has a storied history. The park began as a town and camp site with roads to gold fields up in Central City. While the gold roads have disappeared, the trail system here mimics its varied history. The main path begins at the Heritage Square parking lot and heads west into the gulch. It combines steep uphill with fun downhill and is single track most of the way. Technical obstacles include water bars, loose rock, roots and some red rock.



## MAY EVENTS CONTINUED

### THEATER

<i>In The Heights</i>	May 1—May 9	@ The Buell Theater
<i>For Girls Only</i>	May 1—31	@ The Galleria Theater
<i>Mama Hated Diesels</i>	May 1—May 9	@ The Stage Theater
<i>Mariela In The Desert</i>	May 1—May 15	@The Ricketson Theater
<i>Leading Ladies</i>	May 1—May 16	@ The Vintage Theater**
<i>True West</i>	May 8—May 31	@ The Denver Vic**
<i>Up (not the film story)</i>	May 15—May 31	@ The Curious Theater**

\*\* Friday and Saturday evenings/Sunday matinees only.

### COLORADO ROCKIES AT COORS FIELD

May 10—12	v Phillies	6:40/6:40/1:10
May 13—16	v. Washington	6:40/7:10/6:10/1:10
May 25—27	v. Arizona	6:40/6:40/1:10
May 28—30	v. LA Dodgers	7:10/6:10/1:10

### GENERAL INTEREST

**Denver Botanic Gardens:** Eighteen pieces of acclaimed sculptor **Henry Moore's** works are on display throughout the Gardens. This once in a lifetime opportunity is being presented though January 31, 2011. Two of his other pieces may be viewed at the Garden's Chatfield Arboretum, approximately 40 minutes from downtown.



**THE STAGE DOOR:** Our Stage Door sheds light on people, places and things that play an important behind-the-scenes role when it comes to making our guest's visit fabulous. This month, we offer a round of

Philip Zaranka is a Denver native, a rarity these days, and an alumnus of DU where he received his degree in International Studies. With several family members in the hotel industry, Philip grew up watching them traveling the world and enjoying their lives in an ever-changing industry. When an opportunity came up at Hotel Teatro, it seems the writing was on the wall.

Philip honed his ability to anticipate guests' needs in quick fashion once he took his place behind the front desk. His affable manner and ability to get the check in process done while enjoying the arriving guest has made him a valuable member of the Hotel Teatro team. The paperwork involved with running an efficient front desk is seemingly endless. Philip's ability to balance all of the administrative duties while making the guest's visit memorable and happy made him the perfect candidate for Front Office Manager.

There seems to be a mutual admiration society when it comes to the Hotel Teatro team. Philip is a pleasure to work with, his wit often the highlight of a day. When it came to asking Philip what the favorite part of his new position was, he did not hesitate to explain that it was what it had always been — the people he gets to work with! Of course, that includes not only the Hotel Teatro staff but also the guests and

Hotel Teatro business associates who rotate through our front doors every day. He keeps it simple when it comes to his goals as Front Desk Manager: ensure a fantastic visit for the guests, have fun with the staff and guarantee a great experience for all concerned.

However, we don't want to give the impression that Philip's life revolves only around his position at Hotel Teatro. Philip is an avid athlete with a special fondness for soccer, snowboarding and hiking. As with his family members before him, he has already traveled much of the world for such a young man and intends to get to any nooks and crannies he may have missed. Philip's flipside is one of an artist. Accomplished in illustration, he is also a collector of graphic art pieces.

Philip Zaranka is a hidden gem; professional, calm and *seemingly* reserved. Best of all, he is great at what he does, enjoys it and shows it in all he accomplishes for Hotel Teatro each and every day.

Photo: Philip in Thailand at a tsunami burial site.

