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### **Two Great Events in October Celebrate Arts & Culture in Denver, with Special Guest Mayor Hickenlooper**

**Colorado Ballet, Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, Opera Colorado  
and Tattered Cover Book Store**

**Denver, Colo.**— In celebration of the Denver Art Museum Hot DAM: Arts at Altitude collaborative commemorating the opening of the new Hamilton building, several Denver institutions have combined efforts to highlight the wealth of offerings in the cultural sector of Denver. Opera Colorado and Colorado Ballet invited the Tattered Cover Book Store and the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art to create programming surrounding their upcoming productions. Both Opera Colorado and Colorado Ballet have productions designed by famed author/illustrator Maurice Sendak, which led to opportunities for the performing arts organizations to collaborate with the fields of literature and visual arts. The Honorable **Mayor John Hickenlooper** will participate in a family event at the Tattered Cover Book Store.

**Monsters in Art**

Thursday, October 12, 5:30 pm

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art, 1311 Pearl Street

303-832-8576 or [www.kirklandmuseum.org](http://www.kirklandmuseum.org)

Donation requested

Inspired by upcoming monster-themed productions, Colorado Ballet's *Dracula* and *Giselle*, and Opera Colorado's *The Magic Flute*, the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art is hosting a revealing look into haunting and mythical imagery from this genre in its modern art collection with commentary from Kirkland Museum Director **Hugh Grant**, Colorado Ballet Artistic Director **Gil Boggs**, and Opera Colorado General Director **Peter Russell**. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Gourmet Fine Catering and spooky libations will also be served. RSVP's are required due to space limitation, 303-832-8576. A \$20 suggested donation is requested.

**From the Page to the Stage, with Special Guest Mayor John Hickenlooper**

Saturday, October 21, 5:00 pm

Tattered Cover Book Store, 2526 E. Colfax Ave.

303-322-7727 or [www.tatteredcover.com](http://www.tatteredcover.com)

Free

Hosted by the new Tattered Cover Book Store on Colfax, Colorado Ballet and Opera Colorado are celebrating the works of famed children's author and illustrator, Maurice Sendak. The Honorable **Mayor John Hickenlooper** will read *Where the Wild Things Are* and other Sendak stories. Opera Colorado and Colorado Ballet will have costumed characters from their upcoming Sendak-designed productions of *The Magic Flute* and *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Sendak fans young and old are encouraged to attend for this **free**, family oriented event. With Halloween approaching, costumes are encouraged and souvenir toys will be on hand for young Sendak enthusiasts.

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**Hot DAM: Arts at Altitude** is a six-month celebration showcasing Denver's thriving cultural scene utilizing the Denver Art Museum expansion as a catalyst to inspire and unify local arts organizations and art galleries to create simultaneous events and programs, focusing national and international attention on Denver. From September 2006 through March 2007, over 100 participating organizations will offer creative programming exemplifying the energy and innovation of the new Hamilton Building and the Denver Art Museum's collections. The initiative is intended to increase public awareness of Denver's cultural amenities through a focused promotional effort.