



COLORADO EXPERIENCE is currently Rocky Mountain PBS's highest rated, locally produced show. Each ½ hour episode of this Emmy award-winning series sheds light on a person, place, or event that shaped the great state of Colorado.

We are committed to presenting historical stories in an entertaining, quick-paced and educational format so that viewers can personally relate to these tales from the past and come to embrace Colorado history as their own. We believe that history, presented in modern terms, is as compelling as any prime time television program and will engage viewers of all ages throughout the Rocky Mountain region and beyond. Implicit in each and every episode is the absolute necessity of historic preservation, of keeping history alive for future generations.

Style

Each episodes features 4-7 experts on the subject matter, with sound-bytes woven together to tell the story. Approximately 100 historical photos donated from our various partners (History Colorado, Denver Public Library and libraries around the state) bring the story to life.

Broadcast Details

Season runs October – February

*Airs on Rocky Mountain PBS Thursday nights at 7:30 pm (Statewide)

*Airs Sundays at noon on The World (National)

*Anytime online – Youtube and COVE

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Lincoln Hills Justina Ford, MD Keota Amache Spencer & Julie Penrose Pueblo Border Wars Ludlow Massacre The Boettchers Colorado Constitution Flygirl Colorado Philanthropy Bent's Fort The Original Coloradans	University of Denver U.S. Air Force Academy The Manassa Mauler The Dust Bowl Colorado's Cold War Pope John Paul II Living West: Water NORAD The Smaldones Sand Creek Massacre Justicia y Libertad Jewish Pioneers Hydro Power	Boggsville Speer & the City National Western Stock Show <i>The Sheriff</i> The San Luis Valley Cinema on the Plains Gateway to the High Country Colorado Coined Pleasant Hill Bus Tragedy Last Stop 'Til Denver Miss. Opportunity Indulgences of the West <i>Ladies of the Mines</i> Garden of the Gods	<i>Dinosaurs</i> Dana Crawford Trinidad Hotel de Paris Perry Mansfield Performing Arts School Centennial Farms Colorado Courthouses Big Thompson Flood Stanley Hotel KKK The Tabors LGBT in Colorado Suffrage Movement

****Topic from Viewer's Choice Contest***

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COEX IV: Episode Overview

Although the subject focus may change, the topics will not

BIG THOMPSON FLOOD (COEX 401) – Premieres 10-6-16

When the skies opened on July 31, 1979, few anticipated this summer storm would result in the deadliest flash flood in Colorado's recorded history. Over twelve inches fell in a four-hour period leading to a wall of water that swept away everything from power-lines and trees to cars and homes. 143 lives were lost and another 150 were injured on this tragic day. What remain are the survivor's stories, and a few stubborn structures displaying the evidence of nature's impact on a man-made environment.

HOTEL DE PARIS (COEX 402) – Premieres 10-13-16

Amid Colorado's booming Silver Rush, Louis Depuy, a seminary dropout and army deserter utilized his knowledge from years as a Paris restaurant apprentice to create a first-class French restaurant and hotel in the mining town of Georgetown. Marvel at the Hotel's elegant quarters, whet your palette with the elaborate menu (oysters included, and not of the Rocky Mountain variety!) and meet the wealthy businessmen, railroad tycoons and adventure-seekers who found themselves in the Wild West's lap of luxury.

LGBT RIGHTS (COEX 403) – Premieres 10-20-16

During Colorado's Gold Rush days, newspaper headlines revealed passionate letters and secret elopements between same-sex couples. Nearly two centuries later, the city of Denver hosts the third largest PrideFest in America, yet continues to struggle for equality within the state's landscape. From the 1914 underground network to the controversial laws and Amendments that made up a good part of the 20th and 21st Centuries, explore the turbulent history of the Colorado's GLBT community.

THE STANLEY HOTEL (COEX 404) – Premieres 10-27-16

Widely known as serving inspiration for Steven King's 1977 novel, The Shining, The Stanley Hotel's legacy goes beyond a history of paranormal activity. When Freelan Oscar Stanley arrived in Estes Park in 1903, he was not looking for a Hotel location, but instead the climate cure for his bout with Tuberculosis. After recovering, Stanley – of Stanley Steamer fame among others—decided to open a Hotel with every luxury catered to his circle of New England elite. Travel the haunted halls and discover the architectural glory of the infamous hotel that influenced National Parks and sparked early tourism.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT (COEX 405) – Premieres 11-3-16

On November 7, 1893, Colorado became the first state in the nation to grant women's suffrage by popular vote, and the following year the first three female state legislators were elected. This proud achievement was result of nearly 15 years of struggle and dedication. Tenacious Coloradans across the state shouted "Let the women vote! They can't do any worse than the men!" as they marched door-to-door in churches, mining towns and farming communities. Join the movement in this episode of *Colorado Experience*.

DANA CRAWFORD (COEX 406) - Premieres 11-10-16

In the early 1960s, Denver's Larimer Square was known for its homeless population and abandoned buildings. When Denver's Urban Renewal Authority publicized its plans to raze the area in an effort to modernizing the city, preservationist Dana Crawford interceded and launched her own plan to preserve the historic buildings dating back to the 1860s. Crawford's efforts helped to revitalize Larimer Square, leading to the thriving hub of commerce and community it is today. But her influence did not stop there, over 50 years later her legacy can be seen throughout Denver from modern lofts to the historic Union Station. Meet one of the country's most influential preservationist.

THE TABORS (COEX 407) - Premieres 11-17-16

Twenty years after the Gold Rush, the Colorado Silver Boom occurred in 1879 causing hordes of silver seekers to rush the Rockies. Horace Tabor, known as “The Bonanza King of Leadville,” joined the crowds and landed in the Centennial state becoming one of the richest silver barons in history. His story, though, took numerous unexpected turns as he left his wife, Augusta, for the younger and more beautiful Elizabeth “Baby Doe” Tabor, only to lose his fortune and die poor and alone. Discover the extravagant lives of Colorado’s most famous love triangle.

CENTENNIAL FARMS (COEX 408) - Premieres 12-15-16

With a rich history in homesteading, farming and ranching, Colorado boasts nearly 500 hundred Centennial Farms, which remain in operation and are run by descendants of the original families. This is no small feat considering the numerous challenges to farming over the past century including the Dust Bowl, increased mechanization of farm and ranching equipment, and the economic hardships faced by each generation. These structures capture the rich history of Colorado, from the fighting Trujillo Brothers and their battle for ranch ownership, to Marie Guiraud’s tenacity as she ran the Buffalo Peaks Ranch with the help of her ten children. Explore the beauty of Colorado’s rich agricultural history.

TRINIDAD (COEX 409) - Premieres 12-22-16

As an early city on the Santa Fe Trail, Trinidad played host to numerous Spanish and Mexican traders before Colorado was even a territory. Since its incorporation in the 1860s, Trinidad has continued to attract a diverse population, first as a coal-mining city of immigrants, and later as the “Sex Change Capitol of the World.” The echo of past people and events lies within Trinidad’s rich architectural history, with structures ranging from adobe homes to the state’s oldest temple. Take a walk on the “Trinidad” imprinted brick-paved city sidewalks dating back to 1910 and discover the beauty of this Southern Colorado town that is constantly reinventing itself.

COLORADO COURTHOUSES (COEX 410) - Premieres 12-29-16

The courthouses across Colorado are much more than judicial landmarks, their placement represents power and land status. In some cases, such as the Bent County Courthouse, the oldest continuously used in the state, the location of this Victorian structure solidified the county seat in Las Animas instead of nearby Boggsville. From Huerfano County’s solid stone design, to Wray’s house-like structure, discover the beauty, legacy and legends of Colorado’s Courthouses.

PERRY-MANSFIELD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL & CAMP (COEX 411) - Premieres 1-5-17

In 1913, Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield, two women dedicated to the performing arts, opened the “Rocky Mountain Dancing Camp” near Colorado’s Eldora Lake. A year later, the camp became the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School and Camp and moved to the scenic Steamboat Springs. Known today as the oldest continuously-operated performing arts school and camp in the nation, Perry-Mansfield boasts alumni from Jose Limon, a pioneer of modern dance, to actors including Julie Harris and Dustin Hoffman. The camp continues to operate today in many of the original – and rustic – cabins first built when Perry and Mansfield developed the unique institution.

DINOSAURS (VIEWERS CHOICE WINNER) (COEX 412) - Premieres 1-12-17

This episode was submitted by Rick Wallner and the 7th Graders of Century Middle School.

Once a tropical landscape inhabited by Dinosaurs, Colorado has a fascinating history of paleontology. Discover the “Bone Wars” of the late 1800s and the major fossil finds across Colorado.

KKK (COEX 413) - Premieres 1-19-17

From the Grand Dragon to known KKK appointees in the police, mayor’s and governor’s office, Colorado once had the 2nd largest Klu Klux Klan Membership in the United States. Discover the sordid history of the KKK in Colorado and the impact they had on Catholics, Jews and African Americans in early 1920s, and the courageous individuals who fought against their establishment.