

Miners Alley Performing Arts Center Presents the Tony Award-Winning Assassins

A darkly funny, provocative, and unforgettable look at the American dream gone sideways

GOLDEN, Colo. (Aug. 6, 2025) — Miners Alley Performing Arts Center is proud to present *Assassins*, the Tony Award-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim, running Aug. 8–Sept. 14, 2025. Directed by Warren Sherrill, with music direction by David Nehls, this provocative, hilarious, and unflinching production couldn't be more relevant to the moment we're living in.

Assassins explore the lives of nine real historical figures who attempted—or succeeded—in assassinating U.S. presidents. But this is not a show about violence. It's a piercing exploration of the "why": the alienation, disillusionment, and human need to be seen, heard, and remembered.

"Assassins is one of the most daring pieces of musical theater ever produced," said Producing Artistic Director Len Matheo. "It's bold, unsettling, darkly funny—and absolutely necessary right now. We chose Assassins because it's not just entertainment—it's important. It invites us to look at some of the darkest chapters in American history through a lens that's theatrical, insightful, and unforgettable."

Through razor-sharp storytelling and sardonic wit, *Assassins* invites audiences to laugh one moment and squirm the next. Nehls brings Sondheim's score to life with a blend of American musical styles—folk, country, Sousa marches, and classic Broadway—heightening the tension between absurdity and unease. The result is a production that's sharp, unsettling, and uncomfortably relevant.

"Assassins doesn't celebrate these figures—it interrogates them," said Director Warren Sherrill. "It holds up a mirror to American culture and asks, 'What happens when people feel forgotten by the dream they were promised?"

Bringing these complex and controversial characters to life is a powerhouse cast of Colorado-based performers, each diving headfirst into the emotional depth, irony and intensity the show demands:

- Jake Bell Guiseppe Zangara
- Damon Guerrasio Samuel Byck
- John Hauser John Hinckley
- Drew Horwitz John Wilkes Booth
- Matthew Murry Charles Guiteau
- David Otto Leon Czolgosz
- Julia Tobey Proprietor
- Kira Wendland Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme
- Sharon Kav White Sara Jane Moore
- Clark Destin Jones Balladeer / Lee Harvey Oswald
- Kelly Alayne Dwyer Swing
- Matthew Combs Swing

CONTENT ADVISORY:

Assassins is recommended for ages 14 and up. The production includes mature themes, simulated gunfire, strong language and references to political violence, mental illness and systemic oppression. Patrons with concerns are encouraged to contact the Miners Alley box office for more information.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS:

Assassins
Miners Alley Performing Arts Center
1100 Miners Alley
Golden, CO 80401
Aug. 8–Sept. 14, 2025

Performance schedule: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. and special matinee on Wednesday, September 10th at 2 p.m.

TICKETS:

Standard tickets start at \$50 are available for purchase at <u>MinersAlley.com</u> or by calling 303-935-3044. Members of the media interested in attending may contact beth@minersalley.com.

Post-show community conversations will be offered on select dates to explore the themes raised by the production.

MAKE IT A NIGHT OUT IN DOWNTOWN GOLDEN:

For the perfect opening act—or encore—*Assassins* guests can enjoy a bite at one of downtown Golden's unique restaurants, all just a one-minute walk from MAPAC.

On the day of a performance, participating restaurants offer 15% off meals for Miners Alley patrons. Guests simply mention they are attending *Assassins* at Miners Alley and show their ticket confirmation email upon arrival. Participating restaurants include Table Mountain Inn Grill and Cantina, Old Capitol Grill and Smokehouse, Miners Saloon, Buffalo Rose, Bridgewater Grill, Abejas and Nosu Ramen.

About Miners Alley Performing Arts Center

Founded in 1993 as the Morrison Theatre Company, Miners Alley Performing Arts Center (formerly Miners Alley Playhouse) relocated to Golden in 2003 with support from the Golden Civic Foundation and the broader Golden community. In 2021, the organization purchased the iconic Meyer Hardware building, and by December 2023, it proudly opened the doors to its new, state-of-the-art facility.

Named *Best New Theater* by *Westword*, Miners Alley Performing Arts Center is a vibrant cultural hub in the heart of downtown Golden. Dedicated to producing high-quality theatre that entertains, educates, and inspires, MAPAC offers a diverse lineup of performances for audiences of all ages. With a strong focus on artistic excellence and community engagement, it continues to be a cornerstone of Golden's thriving arts scene.

Each year, Miners Alley presents six mainstage productions, and five Theatre for Young Audiences shows—offering something for everyone.

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