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The Denver arts scene is booming. From aspiring artisans to established performers, musicians, opera singers, literature experts, comedians and more, we've got the scoop on what makes our city the place to get artsy!

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Where art meets adventure

KICK UP YOUR HEELS

Stylish cowboy boots from ranch to runway

DYNAMIC DINING

Glo Noodle House fills guests with gratitude and good food

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Fine Art Curator Courtney Olson hones her craft at Relévant Galleries

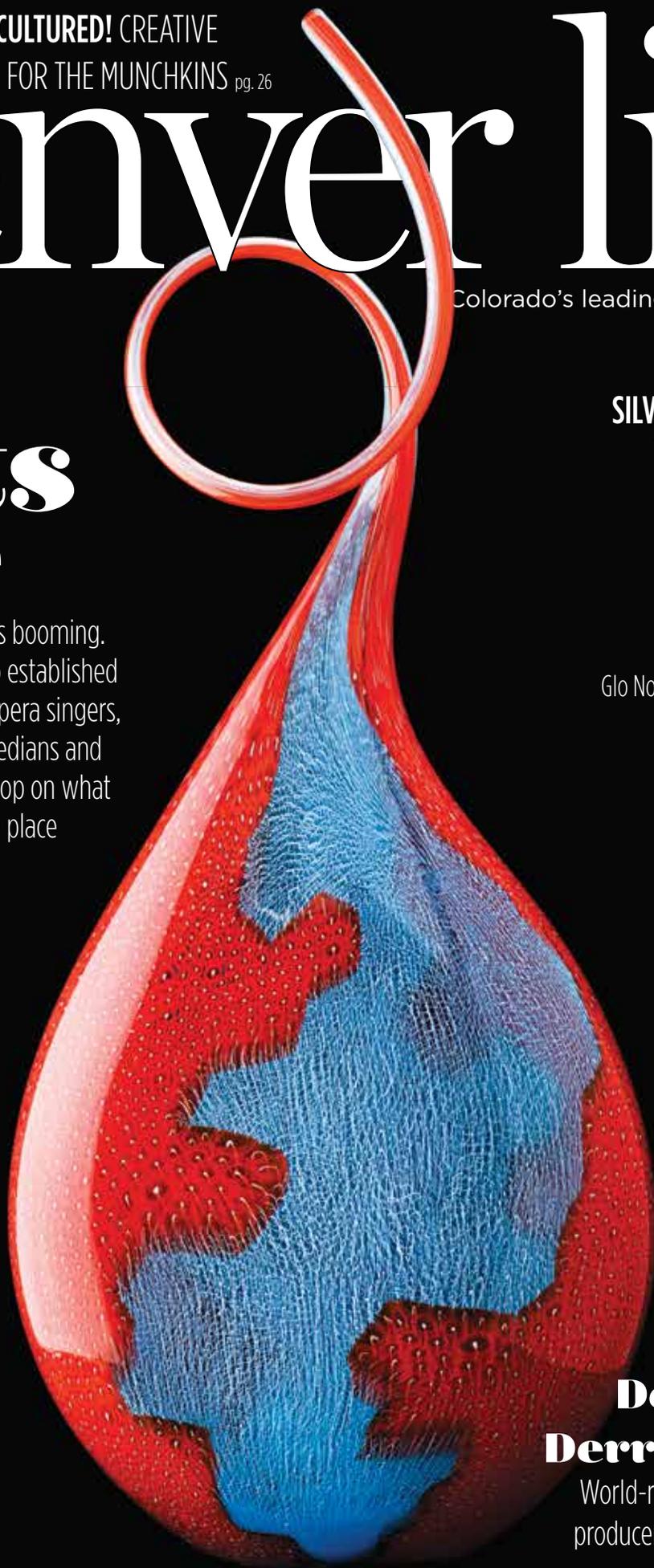
BAKING BREAD

LoDough Bakery shares a scrumptious herb focaccia recipe

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Denver's Derrick Hodge

World-renowned composer,
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Learn & play

The Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus helps children explore and learn at every age. *by Sahale Greenwood*

The exhibits at The Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus are perfect for transitioning kids back into their learning environments after a long Summer break. “As children settle into classroom routines, it’s important to remember that learning happens in all types of environments,” says Sarah McManus Christie, Director of Education. “Here at the Children’s Museum, we commit to creating those unique learning opportunities that are fun for the whole family!”



EXPLORING THE SPACE

The exhibits are divided into four themes: investigate, imagine, explore and create. Investigate refers to the exhibits: Water, Kinetics!, Bubbles and Energy. At Water, you can trigger a thunderstorm overhead, float boats and play with pipes. The giant physics playground of Kinetics! will get kids testing out Newton’s principles of motion and gravity early in

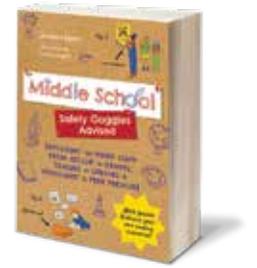
their education. Get soapy with science as different machines pump out rainbows and foam at Bubbles.

Then, head to Energy to play with rockets and hot air balloons. Explore the indoor areas Box Canyon and Early Learners’ Oasis when it’s too hot outside, or on a nice day, bring your kids to play in the outdoor areas Joy Park, Adventure Forest and Altitude climbing tower.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

The Children’s Museum also gets kids thinking about their future. Each exhibit encourages kids to imagine growing up to become a firefighter at Fire Station No. 1, a pet doctor at Ready Vet Go, a farmers market vendor at My Market or a librarian at Book Nook.

Finally, we all love to leave with souvenirs, especially ones we make ourselves. Join your kids and have some fun while you make special creations together at the Teaching Kitchen, Art Studio and Assembly Plant. **DM**



Helpful hints for middle schoolers

Local author Jessica Speer who penned *BFF or NRF (Not Really Friends)? A Girls Guide to Happy Friendships* just released her newest book, *Middle School - Safety Goggles Advised*. The book explores all the “weird stuff” middle schoolers deal with like gossip and grades, cliques and crushes, popularity and peer pressure. “By shining an honest light on middle school, this book validates kids’ experiences so they feel less alone, less awkward and more informed,” says Speer. “Most importantly, this book reminds readers that they can influence positive change through their choices and actions.” Each chapter includes a choose-your-own-ending story that gives readers a chance to experience common middle school scenarios and shape the ending. Mini quizzes in each chapter help readers gain self and social awareness. The book is written for middle school level readers and is available on Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, Tattered Covers and Speer’s website, jessicaspeer.com.