



Partnership Awards and Honors

The Aurora Asian/Pacific Community Partnership was a recipient of the **2006 International City/County Management Association Program Excellence Award in the category of Community Partnership** for demonstrating innovative, multi-participant involvement between and/or among a local government, businesses, individuals, or nonprofit agencies to improve the quality of life for residents.

Aurora Asian Film Festival Awards

A program of the Aurora Asian/Pacific Community Partnership and the Denver Film Society, in collaboration with the City of Aurora

2003 Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence: At a luncheon and ceremony held on September 19, 2003, in Montrose, Colorado, the Aurora Asian Film Festival won the **Colorful Colorado Merit Award**, which recognizes a downtown project that provides an opportunity to showcase creative and inspiring efforts. The award stated, "Celebrating its sixth year in 2003, the Aurora Asian Film Festival brings to life the beauty and cultural expression of Asian cinema, art, culture and cuisine over a four-day period in June..."

In **2004** and **2006**, the *Rocky Mountain News*' 'Top of the Rocky' named the **Seventh** and **Ninth Aurora Asian Film Festivals**, held the first of June each year, as "**Top Specialty Film Festival**", stating that "(the films)...create an intriguing blend of ethnicity and art."

Westword's 'Best of Denver' named the Festival "**Best Specialty Film Festival**" in 2000.

Walter Chaw, film critic of *Film Freak Central*, wrote in 2004, "There is possibly no other film festival, Denver's own included (Denver International Film Festival), that has more local flavor than the Aurora Asian Film Festival". He went on to refer to Original Aurora as a "...revitalized portion of East Colfax that is beginning to take on the look and feel of Boulder or LoDo..." and concluded by saying that the Seventh Aurora Asian Film Festival is something to be proud of—"it's the big time."

Gateway to the Rockies Parade Awards

A program of the Northern Aurora Business Association

There were nine entries by the Aurora Asian/Pacific Community Partnership from 1995 through 2005, and the nine awards are noted below:

Annual Year	Theme	Award
28 th	1995 "Strength in Unity"	Mayor's Trophy for Best Overall Entry*
29 th	1996 "Circuses Around the World"	Mayor's Trophy for Best Overall Entry*
	A Magical Asian Partnership	
30 th	1997 "Mardi Gras"	Mayor's Trophy*
	Share the Spirit & Join the Fun	
31 st	1998 "Nifty Fifties" – War & Peace in Asia	Participant*
32 nd	1999 "Hollywood" – The King & I	President's Trophy for Best Expression of Theme*
33 rd	2000 "Gateway to the Future"	Participant*
35 th	2002 "USA – Land of the Free..."	2 nd Place, Floats*
37 th	2004 "Music, Music, Music"	1 st Place, Walking Unit - Non-Performing 3 rd Place, Walking Unit – Performing
38 th	2005 "Celebrating Cultural Diversity"	2 nd Place, Walking Unit; 3 rd Place, Novelty

* Float designs by Shirley Hibbs, member, Filipino American Community of Colorado (FACC).