



Roshni started with the passionate belief that Art is a great gift that comes with a great responsibility. It has the power to Uplift, Heal and Inspire.

Roshni was founded on Nov 8, 2016, a significant day for America and started operating in March, 2017.

The underlying intention that we steadfastly work towards is to share stories (make mainstream Performing Arts Accessible) to the historically under-represented Cultural groups of New Americans (Refugees/Asylees/immigrant) African/Asian/Arab/Hispanic/Latin Americans, People with disabilities, and seniors but more importantly help them tell their own stories.



In Memory of **Getrude Strauss**

25 March, 1915 - 15 October, 2022

Holocaust Survivor, Piano teacher and master Potter,
Culture and Nature love, lifelong Curious and Creative,
Trudy was a big supporter of **Roshni** and inspiration
behind our first project, '**Tell my Memory**'

Roshni started with three projects, ***Tell my Memory*** and two dance projects with Refugee youth



‘InTandem - A Flashmob of Empathy’



And ‘Chance on Dance’



In 2018, we started 3 youth program, **New American Stories**, **The Empathy Project** and our annual **Theatre production**

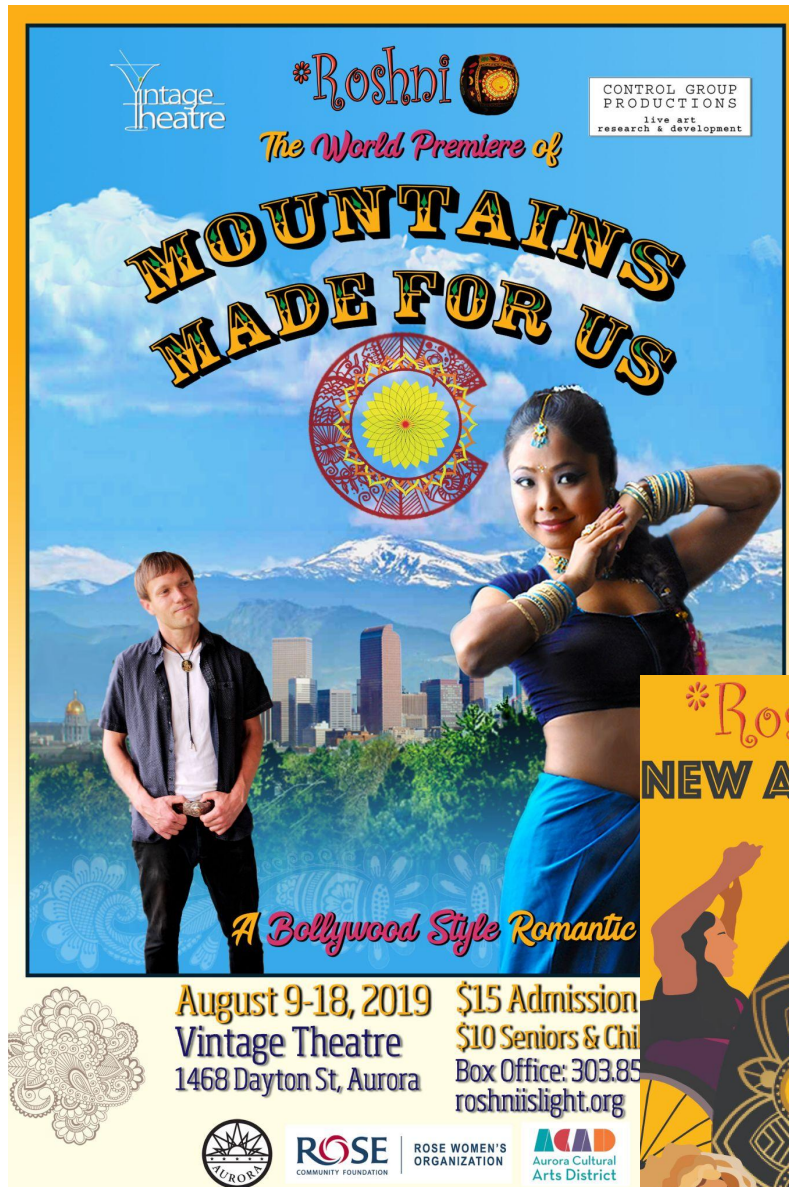


Our two current programs for women are **Sew and Sing** for stayhome refugee mothers & **I ARISE** that bring together women from diverse Cultural groups to create a play that is based on their life experiences.



In May, when all our programs end, we gather to present our Artworks, which is a result of process-based creative journeys over a period of 22-24 weeks.





We started with our first theatre production in 2019 that had cast and crew from 14 different ethnicities, with 8 of them being our mentored refugee youth, who was participating in their first professional American theatre.

In 2020 we started the pilot edition of the New American Arts Festival with the intention to present original and diverse stories to the under-represented cultural groups but more importantly give them the platform to tell their own original and diverse stories





The theme for our the third edition will be:

In War and in Peace

From 9 - 30 September, 2023

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