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Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



Coronado Named as Finalist in AOL's Top Wonders of the United States Contest Cast your vote online by June 30

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ROCKFORD, IL —Rockford's own Coronado Performing Arts Center could be named one of the *Top Seven Wonder of the United States* by AOL – but it needs your vote, and it must be cast by June 30.

The Coronado is one of the final nominees in AOL's Explore America program, in partnership with U.S. Travel Association. The program allows web users to select the greatest wonders of the United States by casting their vote online at www.news.travel.aol.com/explore-america.

RACVB nominated the Coronado in the architectural wonders category in May. Other categories include historical, natural, water, wildlife and unusual wonders. The highest vote-getters in each category will be featured in AOL's "Top Wonders" gallery in July.

The theater was chosen from among more than 100 submissions by AOL Travel's editorial staff. Sr. Manager of AOL Travel Properties Diane Tilton says they were drawn to the unique, one-of-kind atmospheric style. "It's visually appealing with its opulent interior and its inclusion of Spanish castles, Italian villas and Chinese dragons," said Tilton.

The Coronado is competing against such top attractions as the Arch in St. Louis, Mo., and the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Calif.

"We're thrilled the Coronado is being recognized in this way and hope many people will go online to vote for Rockford's 'Crown Jewel,'" said Heather Carr, Director of Marketing & Development at the Coronado Performing Arts Center. "The Coronado's inclusion is another opportunity for people in our community and region to realize they can see the highest quality of performances and concerts in a unique, historic environment that's truly world-class."

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This is the third year AOL Travel and the U.S. Travel Association have partnered to bring this program together.

For information on accommodations and things to do, visit www.gorockford.com. The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit organization that champions efforts to promote and further develop the Rockford Region as an overnight visitor destination. RACVB generates positive economic impact for the community through investments in tourism marketing, sales, promotion and advocacy.

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