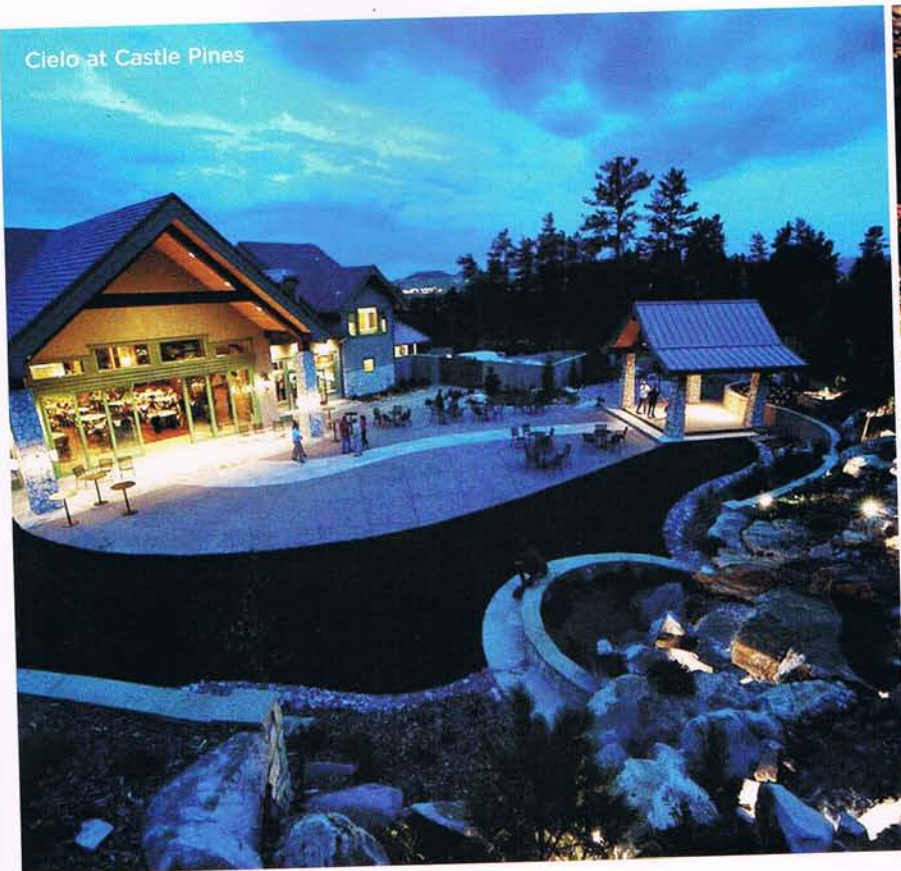


Cielo at Castle Pines



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Meeting/Event Venue, Hotel or Resort
(holds less than 500, outside Denver Metro area)

THE WINNER IS:
Cielo at Castle Pines

This first-time winner has only been in business a few years, but shot to the top with their six acres in Castle Pines Village combined with natural beauty and the right space to create the perfect harmony for events. "Cielo was created because we saw the need for an upscale venue in Douglas County that could accommodate more than 150 guests. We are very committed to service. It is paramount to us to surround ourselves with the best in the business, which I feel we have done. In this day and age where people can communicate within seconds, it is extremely important not to let one client or guest leave without an exceptional experience," notes Roz Schroeder, director. (Cielo at Castle Pines // Castle Rock 303.688.0122 cielocastlepines.com)

RUNNERS UP:
Garden of the Gods Club
The Stanley Hotel

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THE WINNER IS:
The Curtis Hotel

Another new winner this year, The Curtis Hotel has launched in front of the competition with whimsical and functional conference spaces, lobby, guestrooms and bar/restaurant. "The Curtis has always strived to offer a unique meeting experience with a big focus on having fun, which clients of all types seem to be embracing even more in these tough times. Our new affiliation with Hilton in early 2010 and the addition of a state-of-the-art LED light system in our ballroom last summer are definitely helping us to attract a wider demographic to The Curtis. And once we get them in the door, our staff is so dedicated to delivering an exceptional experience that we're seeing strong increases in repeat bookings," states JoAnn Elston, director of sales and marketing. (The Curtis—a DoubleTree Hotel Denver // 720.889.4714 // thecurtis.com)

RUNNERS UP:
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek
The Brown Palace Hotel & Spa

Destination Marketing Organization
(Town/Area 25,000+ in pop.)

THE WINNER IS:
VISIT DENVER

Denver has hosted many legendary events, conventions and grand affairs with grace, class and the highest level of hospitality. There is a certainly a key player in all of these accomplishments and it's no surprise to hear that it's five-time winner VISIT DENVER. "In the tough times our mission doesn't change; we continue to bring meetings and visitors to Denver and Colorado while delivering outstanding service. We also worked with our 1,200 members to deliver a great experience for our customers. During these challenging times, we tried to be more flexible and worked with planners to increase attendance and help minimize attrition," states Richard Scharf, president & CEO. (VISIT DENVER, The Convention & Visitors Bureau Denver // 303.892.1112 // Denver.org)

RUNNERS UP:
Experience Colorado Springs
Grand Junction Visitor & Convention Bureau