

Live Music Events

Tickets on Sale for the Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival in Western Colorado

By Sharon Sullivan

If you enjoy listening to live music in beautiful outdoor settings, consider the Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival, which takes place in the town of Palisade's Riverbend Park in western Colorado, June 14-16.

Riverbend Park sits alongside the Colorado River, with views of Grand Mesa and the Book Cliff Mountains, and the shade of majestic, old cottonwood trees.

Saturday's headliner band is Railroad Earth – a New Jersey-based band with a strong Colorado connection. Railroad Earth performs 75-90 shows per year nationwide, including Colorado's renowned Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, Colorado, and the Telluride Bluegrass Festival.

John Skehan, who performs mandolin, bouzouki, piano, and vocals for the band, describes Railroad Earth as a rock band made up of bluegrass musical instruments. Although they've always been "plugged in," the band has become even more electric since keyboardist Matt Slocum and Mike Robinson, who plays banjo, pedal steel and acoustic guitar, joined the group, Skehan said. Other members include Dave Speranza performing upright and electric bass, Todd Sheaffer on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, Tim Carbone on violins, electric guitar and vocals, and Carey Harmon performing drums, hand percussion and vocals.



Railroad Earth

Railroad Earth has a fan base that often follows them from town to town, including multiple nights on Colorado's Front Range this past year, where concertgoers attended a different concert every night. "We always mix it up," Skehan said. "After all these years, we have a repertoire where we can play four nights in a row and not repeat songs."

"The Palisade festival has a great lineup," including banjo player Tony Trischka, whose Sunday "Earl Jam" performance is a tribute to Earl Scruggs, said Skehan.

Skehan is also a huge fan of Rapidgrass, who performs on Friday.

Saturday's lineup also includes Mild Goose Chase, Two Runner (who's performed at the Moab Folk Festival),

Tray Wellington, and Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley. And on Sunday, in addition to the Earl Jam performance, the Main Stage will feature Good Morning Bedlam, The Last Revival, and Mipso.

The festival kicks off Friday with Grand Valley favorite Stray Grass, followed by The Fretlines, Rebecca Frazier's Grateful Strings, closing out the day with Rapidgrass.

Between acts the music continues on side stages where that weekend you'll find Deer Creek Sharp Shooters on Sunday, Still House String Band on Saturday, and Tone Wood String Band performing on Sunday.



Two Runner

While you're allowed to bring food in, (but no alcohol) why not leave the cooking to someone else? As always, there will be a variety of food trucks onsite as well as, artisan cocktails, crafted with spirits distilled locally at Peach Tree Distillers in Palisade. There will also be locally-brewed beer from Palisade Brewery for sale. Plus, there's plenty of free water for people to fill up their water bottles.

Kids age 12 and under are free, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, or for tickets, visit: www.palisademusic.com.

Moab Downtown Entertainment Starts A Big Season

Yes Moab's known for being hot! But Moab has some hot entertainment as well. Not only are there plenty of natural wonders to see in Moab, there's also lots of fun entertainment available right downtown. Moab hosts a thriving music scene. If you're looking for something totally different, there's the Moab Backyard Theater, located right in the heart of downtown. It's open to all ages and great fun for grown-ups and kids alike. In May, shows are every night Wed. to Sat. at 7 pm, offering a nice cool evening summer activity.



old west days when traveling shows entertained culture-starved pioneers on the dusty streets of the frontier towns. Located just a half-block off Main street in downtown, The Backyard Theater features Magic and Music four nights a week. The stage sits beneath a giant cottonwood tree that is older than the town itself. In its 12th year of operation, the theater has entertained thousands of people from all over the world. They come to see an old-fashioned type of American entertainment that has all but vanished in the rest of the country.

Every Wednesday, traditional bluegrass music returns to the theater. The band Quicksand Soup performs old-time standards and unique originals starting at 7 pm. The free show has become a downtown fixture over the last few years and it's common to see both locals and tourists alike tapping their toes.

Thursday, it's country night with Moab's own honky-tonk fusion/ Americana outfit, Juniper Drive takes the stage for a free show at 7. Fridays is the new "Original" night, often featuring Sand and Sunnie Sheff. Friday May 3rd has Local funk band Sun Flood

Saturdays, Moab's Magic show returns with the award-winning magic of Rick Boretti. Rick's hilarious routine changes constantly, but always involves lots of wisecracks and mystifying magic tricks. Folks have been known to return year after year for the show. Kids love Rick's magic, but adults are often amazed at how much they love it too. If you haven't caught a real magic show in a while, then you might have forgotten how fun they can be. Shows start at 7pm. Music is always free. Magic Prices are 10 dollars for folks over 12 and 5 dollars for kids over 3. 3 and under are free. The El Local food truck

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MAY SCHEDULE 6-9 PM

05.02-03	DUSTIN BURLEY
05.04-05	JAMIE & THE DREAMERS
05.09-10	DOWN IN THE ROOTS
05.11-12	CLAYTON YEAZLE
05.16-17	NEAL MIDDLETON
05.18-19	VALERIE & ALAN BROWN
05.23-24	DAVE MENSCH
05.25-26	DAVE STEWARD
05.30-31	ALAN SNOW

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Downtown Entertainment!

Moab's Backyard Theater

Bring food (and drinks) to go and see a show!!

SHOWTIMES 7PM

OPEN IN MARCH!

WEDNESDAYS	BLUEGRASS
THURSDAYS	COUNTRY & GOSPEL
FRIDAY	ORIGINAL MUSIC
SATURDAY	MAGIC

fun for all ages!

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56 W. 100 S. (1/2 Block off Main next to Zax)

Moab Arts Festival Live Music Schedule

Swanny City Park

Saturday May 25

Time	Artist
10:30am	Juniper Drive
12 Noon	Taiko Drummers
1:30pm	Alan and Valerie Brown
3:00pm	Ryan and Jeff
4:30pm	Quicksand Soup
6:00pm	Pete Sands & The Drifters

Sunday May 26

Time	Artist
10:30am	Dave Steward Quintet
12 Noon	The Nanites
1:30pm	Green Light
3:00pm	Toni and the Black Hats
4:30pm	The Butch Cassidies

Artists schedule subject to change.