

MUSIC FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

Moab Music Festival

Musical Excursion Spanning Appalachia to South America

Now celebrating 25 years of music in concert with the landscape, opening weekend is sure to delight audiences from near and far. The Moab Music Festival's opening weekend, September 1 - 4, most certainly lives up to this reputation, with globetrotting programs in some of Moab's most celebrated locales.

Celebrating Labor Day with music is the Rocky Mountain Power Family Concert, a free outdoor concert at Old City Park of traditional musics from three continents (Monday, September 4th at 2pm). The brothers Granados and the sisters Haas put the "family" into this family concert, sharing their Venezuelan and Celtic musical heritages. The Requite Trio takes audiences south of Venezuela for a bit of Brazilian music and Jesse Blumberg adds his resonant baritone to the American Songbook to round out the program. This program is made possible through the generosity of Rocky Mountain Power.

The Requite Trio makes its Utah debut opening weekend with a unique musicality born of its varied cultures and musical experiences, resulting in a soulful blending of enormous talent. The star studded cast of jazz giants include Janis Siegel, of the Manhattan Transfer, Nanny Assis, Salvadorian percussionist/vocalist/composer, and revered NY pianist John di Martino. Joined by Leo Traversa on bass, Requite offers its elegant taste of Brazil in an additional solo performance opening weekend at Red Cliffs Lodge (Sunday, September 3rd at 6pm).

Audiences will certainly recognize the fiddling prowess of Brittany Hass, who returns to Moab performing an array of Celtic traditional music. With accolades ranging from a

Grammy, to features on Saturday Night Live, and even a degree from Princeton, Brittany's performances of Celtic fiddle tunes at the Rocky Mountain Power Family Concert are sure to delight.

In addition to the Rocky Mountain Power Family Concert, festival attendees have a rousing assortment of other performances to choose from. "The king and queen of the banjo" (Paste Magazine), Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, make a royal appearance at Red Cliffs Lodge (Saturday, September 2nd at 6pm), musical hikes take audiences on intrepid wilderness journeys ending in joyous musical celebration, and the Festival's opening night "25 and Counting" concert features works by Mozart, Beethoven, Bernstein, and Festival violinist Tessa Lark written when each composer was twenty-five years old (Friday, September 1st at 7pm; Star Hall).

For tickets to any of the season's events, go to www.moabmusicfest.org or stop in at the Festival office at 58 East 300 South right in Moab. You can also reach the festival by email at info@moabmusicfest.org or by phone at (435) 259-7003.

"This might possibly be the most stunning place backdrop for music, ever. There are musical walks on trails, concerts in rocky grottos, music on ranches and in grassy parks. We can't think of a better place to enjoy Mozart, Schumann, and Chopin, not to mention Appalachian-style folk".
(Salt Lake Magazine)



Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn

Concert Schedule

Friday, September 1 Star Hall, 7 pm
Opening Night: 25 & Counting

Saturday, September 2 Red Cliffs Lodge, 6 pm
Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn

Sunday, September 3 Red Cliffs Lodge, 6 pm
The Requite Trio: Elegantly Brazilian

Monday, September 4 Old City Park, 2 pm
Rocky Mountain Power Family Concert: Music of the Americas Free

Thursday, September 7 Star Hall, 7:30 pm
Marcus Roberts

Friday, September 8 Star Hall, 7 pm
Composers We Have Known

Saturday September 9 Sorrel River Ranch, 6 pm
Pedrito Martinez Group

Sunday, September 10 GCHS Auditorium, 7 pm
Closing Night: Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration

Tickets are \$25 - \$45 adults, \$5 - \$20 children
The Rocky Mountain Power Concert is Free.



Requite Trio - Janis Siegel, Nanny Assis and John DiMartino

Music Student Scholarship Opportunity

As part of its 25th Anniversary Season, the Moab Music Festival is excited to announce that it is now accepting applications for 5 individual \$300 scholarships for Grand County students entering grades 2-12 to help fund private music lessons or attend an accredited music camp between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018. Applicants must have 1 year of previous experience or more with their instrument to receive funding.

A link to the application form can also be found online at www.moabmusicfest.org/outreach (bottom of page) or picked up in person at the Festival Box Office, 58 East 300 South in Moab. Applications can be submitted to the MMF Box Office (58 East 300 South, Moab, UT 84532) now through Monday, August 28, 2017. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Festival's annual Rocky Mountain Power FREE Labor Day Family concert, which will take place at Old City Park on Monday, September 4 at 2pm.

This one-time scholarship opportunity is part of the Festival's Education and Community Outreach Program. Throughout its 25 year history, the Moab Music Festival has remained dedicated to its mission to culturally enhance the lives of the community through year-round education outreach opportunities through initiatives like this one, as well as its annual music assembly program for all Grand County public school students grades k-12, its Education Initiative Awards program that helps music teachers fund classroom needs, and its Artist/Ensemble-In-Residence program, which, in recent years has hosted Winterlude, a week of student strings workshops in conjunction with faculty from the University of Utah's School of Music and the BEACON and Grand County Strings Programs..



25TH ANNIVERSARY
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August 31 – September 11, 2017

Michael Barrett, Music Director • Leslie Tomkins, Artistic Director

Westwater Musical Raft Trip tickets are available for August 28-30, 2017!

Chamber music, jazz, Latin,
and traditional music
with exceptional artists among
the unforgettable red rocks
of Southeastern Utah

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