

Sustainability Happenings

Award-Winning Crossroads Project: Rising Tide Part of 3rd Annual Winterlude

Following the success of its 25th anniversary celebratory season, artists will once again flock to idyllic Moab for the Moab Music Festival's third annual Winterlude. From February 5 - 10, Moab Music Festival presents an event-filled week of educational outreach events and public chamber music concerts for the Grand County community.

This year, Winterlude features multiple performances by the Fry Street Quartet, the ensemble-in-residence at Utah State University whose work has been described as "a triumph of ensemble playing." (The New York Times). A particular highlight of this year's program is the ensemble's award-winning Crossroads Project: Rising Tide, an evening-length multidisciplinary collaboration which lives at the intersection of music, climate science and visual art. The Fry Street Quartet and Dr. Robert Davies (Utah State University Professor of Physics and

program co-creator), narrator, will present the program at Star Hall on February 10th at 7pm, followed by a post-concert panel discussion with Dr. Davies; USU Associate Professor of Sustainability, Roslynn Brain McCann; a spokesperson from the Resiliency Hub; and the City of Moab's Sustainability Director, Dr. Rosemarie Russo.

Grounded in science and elevated by art, the Crossroads Project: Rising Tide uses the power of performance art to draw attention to humanity's most critical issues. The Crossroads Project: Rising Tide unfolds in a series of vignettes exploring both the natural world from which we have emerged, and the world that has emerged from us. With an original score by award-winning composer Laura Kaminsky, the music creates contemplative spaces for the audience to process these starkly different worlds.

Integral to each Winterlude is extensive educational outreach, which fosters unforgettably enriching experiences between local music students and Moab Music Festival's acclaimed touring artists. This year, the Fry Street Quartet will lead advanced strings workshops for over 20 advanced BEACON After-School String Orchestra and Grand County Strings students, offer two days of coaching sessions for students at the Grand County Middle and High Schools, and present an abbreviated rendition of the Crossroads Project: Rising Tide for upper-elementary students at Moab Charter School.



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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Friday, February 9, Tiny Station Concert, Noon - 1pm

The Fry Street Quartet and Dr. Robert Davies appear on KZMU Community Radio, 90.1 and 106.7 FM or kzmu.org (stream live). Artists are joined by local Moab sustainability experts for Q&A/discussion.

Friday, February 9, Star Hall Concert, 7PM: FREE (\$10 suggested donation). ALL ages welcome.

45 minute family-friendly concert featuring the Fry Street Quartet performing Smetana's String Quartet no. 1, and additional performances by Moab's advanced strings students.

Saturday, February 10, Star Hall Concert: 7PM The Crossroads Project: Rising Tide, \$15 ticket (\$5 ages 6-18)

Featuring the full length performance of the Fry Street's acclaimed Crossroads Project: Rising Tide. At the core of the project is a multidisciplinary performance incorporating live music, visual art, and compelling science. Using diverse and complementary languages, the Fry Street Quartet joins physicist, educator, and project co-creator, Dr. Robert Davies to explore the impacts of society's unsustainable systems, Earth's rapidly changing climate, and humanity's opportunity for a new direction. Donations will be accepted before and after the concert to benefit Moab's Resiliency Hub, a local grassroots organization that advocates for sustainability through public education events and workshops.

Tickets are available online at moabmusicfest.org, by phone at 435-259-7003, or at the door.



Photo by Andrew McAllister

Fry Street Quartet ensemble in residence at Utah State University

Utah State University Moab's Program Builder

At Utah State University-Moab (USU), Steve Hawks is referred to as "the program builder." He enjoys building new degree programs so much, he recently stepped down from serving as executive director and dean of USU's Moab campus after nine and a half years to focus on creating more academic programs.

"I get a lot of enjoyment from helping USU-Moab grow into a great resource for locals to better their careers by furthering their education," said Hawks. "Students need options when it comes to a college degree, especially in rural Utah, and we are working to meet their needs."

Several years ago, Hawks began working with leaders at USU, the faculty and staff at USU Moab, and Moab community leaders to create the Higher Education Action Team (HEAT), with the goal of "turning up the heat" on education in Moab. HEAT met regularly to get input from local businesses, school districts, and city and county officials to find out what degree programs were needed for Moab.

It's thanks to this collaborative effort, Hawks said, that USU-Moab was able to offer such a high number of programs, resulting in a growing campus and the current need for a new campus. However, these programs weren't solely created at USU-Moab, they were created with the help of USU's statewide system, with the idea of growing higher education opportunities throughout rural Utah.

One request coming from a need in the community was a hospitality and tourism management program. Hawks and other faculty members got to work, and made USU-Moab the first USU campus that offered this program as a minor from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. Another major victory was recreation resource management. Originally, this degree was only available at the Logan campus, but it was clear the program was a perfect fit for Moab due to the surrounding landscape and national parks. Now, thanks to the efforts of Hawks and USU to bring this degree to Moab, it has become one of the

most popular programs at USU Moab.

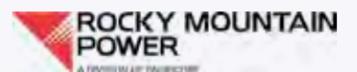
More recently, new programs USU Moab and other USU campuses around the state focus on Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs, which offer certifications in business, health, and technology fields, and can also be a starting block to earning a college degree. Hawks has also been instrumental in launching USU's new master's degree in public health, which is now available throughout the state from USU. In addition to being a key player in creating this new graduate degree, Hawks now serves as a faculty member in the public health degree program.

"The amount of work that goes into bringing a new degree to a campus is extensive," said Hawks. "Without the support and organization of USU's statewide system, many of the degrees we now offer at USU-Moab would have never been possible."

Numerous resources are required to bring new programs to a campus: new faculty, office space, overhead expenses, infrastructure, technology, and lab space. Additionally, HEAT was created in 2008, during an economic slump. At a time when budgets were being cut, investments were set aside at USU to continue growing programs where they were needed, which resulted in helping improve local economies throughout rural Utah, especially in Moab.

Because of the forward-thinking of Hawks and other university and community leaders, USU-Moab has developed into a vital component of the local economy. USU-Moab has grown substantially and resulted in the current development of a new campus.

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wattsmart® Communities Program
energy planning forum
Tuesday, January 30

Rocky Mountain Power will be helping the City of Moab reach its renewable and energy efficiency goals. To learn more about energy efficiency planning, please join us for the second wattsmart® Communities Program energy planning forum, Tuesday, January 30, 1-4 p.m. Moab City Council Chambers, 217 E. Center Street.

Free Home Energy Kit

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