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7th Annual Moab Free Concert Series

Friends of the Moab Folk Festival is proud to announce the return of our free summer concert series.

Four free concerts will be held on select Fridays throughout the summer at Swanny City Park. The free concerts are open to the public, and folks are encouraged to come with their friends and families. Beer and wine will be available for the adults. The concert stage will be set up adjacent to the pavilion, providing a perfect picnic spot for all under the large cottonwoods and a playground for the kiddos. We encourage everyone to walk, bike, or use the MAT to attend the concerts. Showtime is 6 to 9 PM. KZMU Community Radio will livestream on 90.1 FM and kzmu.org.

The Series opened on June 28th with **Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience**. On July 19th we will present **Cordovas**, a Tennessee-based band that embraces the sound of classic Americana and country-rock in their own energetically freewheeling style. Their latest album *Destiny Hotel* is a work of wild poetry and wide-eyed abandon, set to a glorious collision of folk and country and groove-heavy rock-and-roll.

On August 2nd **Missy Raines & Allegheny** will take the stage with their traditional yet innovative bluegrass music. Raines is the most awarded bass player in the history of the International Bluegrass Music Association. On her new release *Highlander*, Raines gives a tip of the hat to the region of West Virginia.

On August 16th **Madeline Hawthorne** and her band will close out the Series. Her signature style includes an artful fusion of roots, country, rock, and soul. With her guitar in hand, fire in her voice, and stories in her heart, Madeline asserts herself as a 21st century troubadour. Her songs have a novelist's level of depth and detail, while unbridled attitude and wide-eyed adventurousness turn every show into a celebration. After building buzz independently, packing shows, and honing her craft, the Montana-based singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist welcomes everyone into her world.

Each show will feature local/regional opening acts including Sunflood, Talia Keys, Ancient States, and Toni Sicola & the Black Hats. Opening acts begin at 6 PM. Main Stage performers will start at 7 PM. www.moabfreeconcerts.com or <https://www.facebook.com/moabfreeconcerts/>

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Friends of the Moab Folk Festival is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization founded in 2005. Our programming efforts include: The Moab Folk Festival, the Moab Folk Camp, education outreach programs within the Grand County school system, senior citizen outreach, and the Moab Free Concert Series. www.moabfolkfestival.com for more details.



SELECT FRIDAYS 6-9PM

MOAB FREE CONCERT SERIES
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SWANNY PARK

JUNE 28
TERRANCE SIMIEN & THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE
SUNFLOOD

STREAMING LIVE 7-9PM ON KZMU

JULY 19
CORDOVAS
TALIA KEYS

AUGUST 2
MISSY RAINES & ALLEGHENY
ANCIENT STATES

AUGUST 16
MADELINE HAWTHORNE
TONI SICOLA & THE BLACK HATS

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