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There's Magic in Moab at the Backyard Theater



Magician Rick Boretti

Everybody knows that Moab is a magically cool place, even in the heat of June. But did you know that Moab has its very own magic man? Rick Boretti has been wowing audiences throughout the west for years, and his Moab downtown magic show has become one of the longest-running outdoor magic shows in America. He performs his acclaimed jaw-dropping illusions every Saturday at 8pm to Moab Backyard Theater, an outdoor venue located in the heart of downtown Moab, just behind Zax

"I love doing magic at the theater," Rick says. "It's great to see people laugh, have a good time and the adults become kids again. People come back that have seen me over the years and become like family."

A working member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Boretti has been perfecting his craft over the years at festivals, theaters and private functions. He also specializes in the difficult sleight of hand known as "close-up magic", creating illusions that can leave audiences gasping. His fascination with magic started early.

"I was bitten by the magic bug when I was 6. Later when I learned to do a cut and restored rope, my life was never the same. I like to have fun and for people around me to have fun. Magic is one great way to do this."

When he's not doing magic, Boretti is a Ranger and wildlife biologist in the heart of the Canyonlands wilderness, helping keep people and animal populations safe on the San Juan river. But he's mostly famous around the Four Corners for one thing: magic.

"I'm always working on creating new miracles," he says. It is family fun with lots of laughs but hopefully strong magic."

You can catch Moab's "Magic Man" every Saturday in June at 8pm at Moab's Backyard Theater, located at 56 W. 100 South, just behind Zax. Admission is 15 dollars for adults and 8 dollars for kids 3 and over. It's worth every penny to see the premiere magician in Southeastern Utah. Wednesdays are Bluegrass nights with Quicksand Soup and the El Local Food Truck is there for bluegrass night.



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