

Musical Happenings

Join the Moab Music Festival for Winterlude The Festival’s Community and Education Week

Running January 26 through February 2, the week is filled with concerts, a local musician and student showcase at historic Star Hall, social events, adult and youth workshops coached by professional teaching artists, a children’s event for families, and more!

Two concerts over one weekend kick off the festivities. First, on Friday, January 26, the Alison Shearer Quartet performs a follow up to last year’s sold-out concert the Hoodoo Moab at 7 pm. Led by saxophonist Alison Shearer, this New York City-based jazz quartet performs



Alison Shearer Quartet performs at the Hoodoo Moab on Friday, January 26 at 7 pm

the soulful, rich and groovy music that has been winning over audiences since 2016.

JazzTimes calls Shearer “a force on the rise.” Tickets are pay-what-you-wish \$30-\$50.

The next night, on Saturday, January 27, the Warp Trio performs at Star Hall at 7 pm. The trio is equal parts chamber music, rock band and art project, with a truly unique sound. Tickets are pay-what-you-wish \$20-\$50.



W4RP performs at Star Hall on Saturday, January 27 at 7 pm

The following weekend, on Friday, February 2, come cheer on local musicians and students as they perform pieces they’ve perfected at the week-long Winterlude workshops. The free event is back at Star Hall. The showcase promises to be a great time and includes performances from the professional teaching artists the Alison Shearer Quartet and W4RP.

Other events include a free informal concert, a tiny station concert on KZMU, and the ever-popular children’s event, Musical Story Hour. See the full schedule of events and visit moabmusicfest.org for tickets and more information.



COME WARM UP WITH WINTERLUDE!

Friday, January 26
Alison Shearer Quartet
Hoodoo Moab • 7 pm • \$30-\$50

Saturday, January 27
CHILDREN’S EVENT
Musical Story Hour
Star Hall • 10:30 am • FREE

Saturday, January 27
W4RP Concert
Star Hall • 7 pm • \$20-\$50

Sunday, January 28
MMF Informal with Mikael Darmaine
Gallery Moab • 3 pm • FREE

Monday, January 29
ADULT WORKSHOP #1:
Intro to Improvisation
Star Hall • 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30
ADULT WORKSHOP #2:
Chamber Music Masterclass
Star Hall • 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31
ADULT WORKSHOP #3:
More Improv!
Star Hall • 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 1
ADULT WORKSHOP #4:
Crafting Stories: Music & Film
Star Hall • 6:30 pm

Friday, February 2
WINTERLUDE SHOWCASE
Star Hall • 7 pm • FREE •
All Ages Welcome

The Infamous Stringdusters to perform in Grand Junction

By Sharon Sullivan

The Infamous Stringdusters are coming to western Colorado, Sunday, January 28, for a performance at the Mesa Theater, 538 Main St., in downtown Grand Junction.

The Grammy-award winning band is currently on a nationwide tour to promote their most recent album *Toward the Fray*, a collection of songs inspired in part by the social justice movement and uprising that occurred after the murder of George Floyd. The musicians wrote the songs collaboratively during the pandemic by sending phone demos to one another during lockdown. The album was released on the band’s own label – Americana Vibes – in February 2022.

“We couldn’t even see each other, yet we still connected to the music we were all writing,” said fiddle-player Jeremy Garrett, during an earlier interview. “That’s what this record is about – it’s a reflective, art piece. We wanted to make a statement about the world we live in; it’s our view of how it’s hitting us.”



Andy Falco, who plays guitar, added, “I hope people who hear these songs will feel like they’re not alone. That’s what we always hope that people can relate to in our songs -- that we’re all in it together.”

The Infamous Stringdusters additionally include Travis Book on bass, Andy Hall performing dobro, and Chris Pandolfi playing banjo. The Nashville-based band says it blends old-timey bluegrass with indie jam-grass, also known as “progressive acoustic bluegrass” – a sound the group has developed since it formed 17 years ago.

The current tour includes regional shows in Aspen, Telluride, Steamboat Springs, Crested Butte, and Salt Lake City. The Stringdusters have additionally performed on late-night television, as well as at the renowned Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, Colorado. Also, in 2022, the Stringdusters performed at the Moab Folk Festival.

The Infamous Stringdusters’ *Laws of Gravity* won a Grammy award for “Best Bluegrass Album” in 2017. The group has additionally been nominated for several other Grammys, including for *Tribute to Bill Monroe*, an album nominated last year for “Best Bluegrass Record.” *Tribute to Bill Monroe* contains seven covers associated with the bluegrass legend. In April 2023, the group also released “A tribute to Flatt and Scruggs.”

At Mesa Theater, doors open at 7 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30-\$35.

For tickets or more information visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-infamous-stringdusters-tickets-715761169927?aff=oddtcreator>

