

Around Moab

Broadway Series Tour Comes to in Grand Junction

By Sharon Sullivan

Theatre-lovers no longer must travel to Salt Lake City or Denver to attend Broadway-caliber theatrical performances. Colorado Mesa University (CMU) in Grand Junction is kicking off its Asteria Theatre Broadway Series inaugural season December 1-2, with a performance of the musical comedy *Mrs. Doubtfire*.

While those tickets will likely sell out by December, coming up in late January is *Tina – The Tina Turner Musical* and in early February, *Mark Twain Tonight!* As of mid-November, tickets were still available for those two shows.

Tickets for three other upcoming productions – *The Book of Mormon*, *Chicago*, and *Hadestown* – sold out as soon as they went on sale.

“*The Book of Mormon* sold out in 10 minutes,” said Laura Bradley, CMU’s Manager of Performing Arts Marketing. Chicago was close behind, she added.

The Broadway tour shows have the same staging, choreography, “and look and feel of as the original show on Broadway,” Bradley said. For the touring productions the shows are recast with professional actors, she said.

“The Asteria Theatre (which opened last year) was built so we could do things like this – that was part of the vision,” to have touring Broadway productions, Bradley said. No other theater in town had



Darilyn Burtley as Tina in *TINA - The Tina Turner Musical*. Photo by Evan Zimmerman.



Mark Twain Tonight! Photo by T Charles Erickson.

the capacity to host these types of shows, she said.

Tina – The Tina Turner Musical, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Katori Hall, is scheduled for January 27 and 28. The show (recommended for ages 14 and over) is about the legendary singer’s “inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n’ Roll.”

Bradley described *Tina* as a “great powerful rock and roll come-back story,” featuring Turner’s “amazing music” and dancing.

On February 4 and 5, the Emmy-award-winning actor Richard Thomas (famous for his role as John-Boy Walton) will star in a new production of *Mark Twain Tonight!* The show was written and originally performed by Hal Holbrook. (Thomas is the first and only actor authorized to perform the play since Holbrook) The one-man show has Thomas portraying Twain’s “uproariously funny” and “pungently wise” commentary.

“Richard Thomas has referred to Twain as ‘America’s first standup comedian,’” Bradley said.

Ticket prices for the Asteria Theatre Broadway Series shows range from \$59 to \$129, depending on the production, and the seating. People attending from out of town may want to check out the college campus’s Hotel Maverick and Devil’s Kitchen restaurant located near the Theatre.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit: <https://cmustages.com/broadway.html>

Monticello-based Red Rock FM Radio Airs Local News, Music Throughout Four Corners Region

By Sharon Sullivan

Tune into Red Rock F.M. Radio (92.7 in Monticello, or 101.5 in Moab) for local and regional news about what’s happening in the Four Corners region. The Red Rock Morning Show is generally an hour long, Monday through Friday, starting at 9 a.m., followed by music – “classic hits” from the 1970s, 80s, and 90s – with Associated Press breaking news updates shared at the top of the hour.



“We cover extensively Grand and San Juan counties in Utah, and Dolores and Montezuma counties in Colorado, as well as the northern Navajo nation,” reaching an audience of 60,000, radio station co-owner Bill Boyle said. “We also do lots of sports broadcasting of high school basketball and football games.”

Also included in the broadcast is a community calendar of local events; area job listings; plus, local weather forecasts throughout the day.

Boyle and his son David Boyle, purchased the Monticello-based radio station during the Covid-19 pandemic. The father-son duo had already owned the San Juan Record newspaper for decades, said Boyle, editor and publisher. David Boyle is the news director. Rhett Sifford is the sports director.

“We’re a hub to get info out about the community,” Boyle said. “We’re a journalistic venture, too. We do our best with great content.”

David Boyle worked at a Park City radio station before returning to his hometown of Monticello, to work with his father.



“It’s been a lot of fun to come back and work with my dad,” David Boyle said. “I’m happy to be back.”

The morning news program is also packaged as a podcast at www.redrock92.com which allows listeners to access the show anytime. The station conducts interviews with local officials and businessmen, and shares the results of local elections.

When asked where the station is located, Boyle likes to say “we’re basking in the glow of the only spotlight in San Juan County” – at the intersection of Main and Center streets in Monticello. People are welcome to stop in to drop off a public service announcement, or simply to say “hi,” and pick up a sticker.

Both the radio station and newspaper office are located at 49 S. Main St.

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