

Music Happenings

Moab Backyard Theater Returns for Its 2026 Season, celebrating 13 Years!

The Moab Backyard Theater returns for its thirteenth season of bringing open air live music and magic to locals and visitors alike. The Theater, located at 56 W 100 South, just behind Zax, opens for business this year on Saturday March 14th.



Magician Rick Boretti will be bringing his internationally acclaimed magic show back to the Theater Stage every Saturday starting on March 14. Rick's hilarious and mystifying show is one of the "don't miss" selections on Trip Advisor and Yelp. A member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Rick blends lots of humor with great illusions in a one of a kind family-friendly show.

The Backyard Theater Free Bluegrass Wednesdays starts again March 18th, bringing their tradition of



live bluegrass music for the 13th straight year with local "legends", Quicksand Soup, a five piece high energy band with lots of traditional and contemporary influences and tons of original songs and favorites. The band consists of

David Steward on lead guitar, Eric Jones on mandolin, Sunnie Holland Sheff on bass, Tamara Freida on fiddle and songwriter Sand Sheff. All five band members sing. They play old time style in front of a single old time microphone. The shows start at 7pm sharp, and seating for the popular show is first-come, first serve. The show is free.

Also onsite this year is the beloved local family food truck, El Local, with southwestern and Mexican taste sensation specialties all made fresh to order.

So if you want a trip to yesteryear, when live entertainment outdoors was



part of the American experience, come on down and join the one-of-a-kind Moab Backyard Theater. See you There! Located at 56 west 100 South, behind Zax.

And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.

KZMU Community Radio Offers Wide Range of Music, News Programming

By Sharon Sullivan

Tune into the nonprofit KZMU Community Radio (90.1FM, 106.7FM, or 90.7FM) to hear a wide variety of musical genres played throughout the week – all without the commercial jingles of commercial radio. Depending on the DJ and time of day, you'll find Americana, bluegrass, reggae, indie, hip-hop, and pop – different shows programmed by more than 70 volunteer DJs.



The station also features various local and national news programs, as well as a rich slate of public affairs programming. KZMU is broadcast in Grand, Emery and San Juan counties – and is available worldwide via the web.

"We have listeners all over America and across the world," said KZMU Station Manager Jenna Whetzel. "People visiting Moab listen to KZMU while they are here, and love our eclectic music, vibrant public affairs programs, and our funky, home-grown DJ personalities so much, that they stream us online when they get home."



The station's KZMU News program covers city and local government, and local culture, the environment, business, nonprofits and community happenings, every Thursday at noon and 6 p.m. Topics include regional interest news such as public land management, public health and indigenous rights. KZMU News also airs on 20 different partner radio stations throughout the Rocky Mountain West, including in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado.

On Mondays at noon and 6 p.m. you can listen to The Regional Roundup, featuring the week's best stories from the Rocky Mountain Community Radio Coalition, of which KZMU is a member. The Weekly Newsreel on Fridays at noon and 6 p.m., is a collaborative project between the radio station and local news outlets such as the *Times-Independent*, *Moab Sun News*, and *The Green River Observer* that takes a deeper dive into print stories concerning the region.

National Native News airs stories about Native American communities across the nation, Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. Another show, "Democracy Now," is a

national independent, non-profit news program hosted by Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez that airs Monday through Friday, 8-9 a.m.

Check the web site: www.kzmu.org to see a schedule of musical genres,

as well as public affairs programming such as the Radio Book Club, where staff members from Grand County Public Library and Back of Beyond

Books discuss books they're reading, interview authors, and note new books coming out. Another show, The Juniper Hour features host Ricky Begay, of the Native American Club,



covering indigenous culture, language, history, traditions, art and other issues.

KZMU additionally hosts "Tiny Station Concerts" where artists are invited to perform live at the station, over the airwaves, and in front of anyone who wants to come to the station.

KZMU is supported via donations and business underwriting. Be sure and tune in March 20-27, during its on-air spring fund drive – which also happens in the fall – for some high-energy, special

programming that week. It's also a good time to stop by the station, at 1734 Rocky Road, to say "hi" and drop off your donation, said Whetzel.



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MAR 20-27

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

KRAY-ZEE-M-U ENERGY!

FIRE DJ SETS, RAD NEW MERCH, SPECIAL PROGRAMMING!

MAR 21

TRANSOM WORKSHOP LISTENING EVENT

7 PM | HELIPAD

WORLD PREMIERE OF MOAB-BASED AUDIO PRODUCTIONS!

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A Showcase and Workshop for New Public Radio

MAR 27

TINY STATION CONCERT: JOSIE LONER

6 PM | KZMU

LOCAL SINGER/SONGWRITER EXTRAORDINAIRE!

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