

Live Music

The Mavericks, Dwight Yoakam to Perform at Las Colonias Amphitheater in Grand Junction

By Sharon Sullivan

It's that's delightful outdoor music time of year again, and two great acts - country music artist Dwight Yoakam as well as the Latin-influenced country band The Mavericks – will both take the stage at the Amphitheater at Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction on Thursday, May 8.



Yoakam was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in the Songwriter/Artist category in 2019. He's also a two-time Grammy winner, and an 18-time Grammy nominee. The Americana Music Association named him Artist of the Year, and he also won Broadcast Music Inc.'s President's Award. Plus, he has released 12 Gold and nine Platinum or multi-Platinum albums, five of which topped Billboard's Country Album charts.

Yoakam is promoting his 21st studio album *Brighter Days* during The Cosmic Roundup and Rodeo Tour 2025. The album is the first in nearly a decade of new original music by Yoakam.

Touring with Yoakam is The Mavericks, who fuse traditional country music with multiple other genres. For decades the band has created a type of multicultural Americana that blends rock and roll, country, rhythm and blues, with Tex-Mex twang, Cuban rhythms, Jamaican ska, and other Latin influences.



The Miami, Florida-based band won the Trailblazer Award at the 2021 Americana Music Honors and Awards. The online quarterly roots music journal *No Depression* describes each of the songs in The Mavericks' most recent album *Moon & Stars* (released May 2024) as a "perfect little gem, reflecting the brilliance of The Mavericks' music. It's one of the best albums of the

year so far."

The band consists of vocalist and guitarist Raul Malo, Paul Deakin on drums, Jerry Dale McFadden performing keyboards and vocals, and Eddie Perez as lead guitarist and vocals.

For tickets visit this site: www.theampgj.com/upcomingevents. Tickets range from \$85 - \$174 plus fees. Check the web site to see what you're allowed to bring into the venue regarding bags and purses. Beware of unofficial web sites that charge more for tickets

Gates open at 6 p.m., and show starts at 7 p.m.

Moab Downtown Entertainment starts another Big Season



Located just a half-block off Main street in downtown, The Backyard Theater features Magic and Music four nights a week. The stage sits beneath a giant cottonwood tree that is older than the town itself. In its 12th year of operation, the theater has entertained thousands of people from all over the world. They come to see an old-fashioned type of American entertainment that has all but vanished in the rest of the country.

Every Wednesday, traditional bluegrass music returns to the theater. The band Quicksand Soup performs old-time standards and unique originals starting at 7 pm. The free show has become a downtown fixture over the last few years and it's common to see both locals and tourists alike tapping their toes.



Not only are there plenty of natural wonders to see in Moab, there's also lots of fun entertainment available right downtown. Moab hosts a thriving music scene. If you're looking for something totally different, there's the Moab Backyard Theater, located right in the heart of downtown. It's open to all ages and great fun for grown-ups and kids alike. Not only is it fun, but all shows are performed without the use of Artificial Intelligence.

The Backyard Theater is one of the only open-air entertainment venues in the west, a throwback to the old west days when traveling shows entertained culture-starved pioneers on the dusty streets of the frontier towns.





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Thursday, It's country night with Juniper Drive, a trio of world-class musicians who showcase the great American songbook.

Saturdays, The southwest's only outdoor downtown Magic show returns with the award-winning magic of Rick Boretti. Rick's hilarious routine changes constantly, but always involves lots of wisecracks and mystifying magic tricks. Folks have been known to return year after year for the show. Kids love Rick's magic, but adults are often amazed at how much they love it too. If you haven't caught a real magic show in a while, then you might have forgotten how fun they can be. Shows start at 7. Music is always free. Magic Prices are 15 dollars for folks over 12 and 8 dollars for kids over 3. 3 and under are free. The theater often features the authentic cooking of El Local Cocina Food Truck, and always allows outside food and drink.. It is located just behind Zax at 56 W. 100 South

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