

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

There's Magic in Moab at The Backyard Theater

Everybody knows that Moab is a magical place. But did you know that Moab has its very own magic man? Rick Boretti has been wowing audiences throughout the west for years. Now he brings his jaw-dropping illusions every Thursday and Friday to Moab's Backyard Theater, a new outdoor venue located in the heart of downtown. On Saturdays, Rick is also a part of the Moab Dog and Pony Show, a variety show featuring magic, music, comedy and fire dancing.

"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 these parts 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 this May every Thursday, Friday at 7pm at Moab's Backyard Theater, located at 56 W. 100 South, just behind Zax. Admission is five dollars and worth every penny to see the premiere magician in Southeastern Utah.

Live Music in September

Sep 1 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm	Sep 8 Blu Bar, Steward & Brown, 7pm	Sep 16 Blu Bar, Matt Rouch, 7pm	Sep 23 Blu Bar, Jack Henry Ellis, 7pm
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Sep 3 Blu Bar, TBA, 7pm	Sep 11 Blu Bar, Jon O, 7pm	Sep 19 Blu Bar, Jasper Groff, 7pm	Sep 27 Backyard Theater, Bluegrass Night w/ Quicksand Soup, 7pm
Sep 4 Blu Bar, Jon O, 7pm	Sep 12 Blu Bar, Jasper Groff, 7pm	Sep 20 Backyard Theater, Bluegrass Night w/ Quicksand Soup, 7pm	Sep 27 Blu Bar, Community Music Night with Scott Ibex, 7pm
Sep 5 Blu Bar, Jasper Groff, 7pm	Sep 13 Backyard Theater, Bluegrass Night w/ Quicksand Soup, 7pm	Sep 20 Blu Bar, Community Music Night with Scott Ibex, 7pm	Sep 28 Blu Bar, Lost Buffalo, 7pm
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Sep 7 Blu Bar, Josh Fields, 7pm	Sep 15 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm	Sep 22 Blu Bar, Jack Henry Ellis, 7pm	Sep 30 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm
Sep 8 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm	Sep 15 Blu Bar, Eric Shaffer, 7pm	Sep 22 Star Hall, Antoine Dufour & Scott Ibex, 7:30pm	Sep 30 Blu Bar, Heath & Molly, 7pm
	Sep 16 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm	Sep 23 The Alley, Country Music & Dancing, 8:30pm	Oct 1 Blu Bar, Heath & Molly, 7pm

Live Music Locations	The Alley Sports Pub & Grill 1078 Millcreek Dr. 435-259-4748	The Backyard Theater 56 W. 100 South Behind Zax	Blu Bar 811 S. Main Street 435-259-3333	Star Hall 159 E. Center
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David DaVinci, Local Celebrity, Guest Stars in Las Vegas

By Jillian Collet

Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada was greeted by the sound of cooing doves and the boisterous conviviality of camelot macaws, as Moab's Thrillusionist David DaVinci entered the casino during the final week of August to guest star in Murray The Magician's show.

With the house packed full of celebrities, showgirls, and vacation goers, David stunned the audience with his gold medal, world champion dove act, where doves materialize from thin air; then visually morph into a large macaw at the end of his act.

"David is pure class and entertainment! Vegas loves him!" said Murray SawChuck, Las Vegas headliner, YouTube celebrity and reality TV star.

With more than 5,000 performances over the past 15 years of touring six continents and more than 50 countries, DaVinci has honed his craft for audiences of all ages and demographics, making him the perfect fit to headline on the Las Vegas strip. But fortunately for Moab, he put roots here.

"For the past ten years, my wife and I have been coming here to fly our exotic parrots in Castle Valley, letting them



be free to do what birds were meant to do; fly freely. With just one call, they fly back to us. It's a true testament to our relationship with these magnificent animals," DaVinci says as he casually resets for another performance. "Now we're blessed to live here and raise our daughter in the most

beautiful place in the world, Moab."

Thrillusionist David DaVinci, performs live Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays through October 13 at the David DaVinci Theater inside of Canyonlands By Night on the north end of Moab. Tickets are available online at www.BestShowInMoab.com or by calling 435-259-5261.

Please be sure to mention that you read about David DaVinci in the *Moab Happenings*.



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