

# Performance Happenings

## Dancing with the MOAB Stars 2018

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Whether you're a native Moabite, recent arrival, or visiting tourist, Moab Valley Multicultural Center's (MVMC) version of "Dancing with the Stars" is sure to delight! You may cry, you may gasp, but no matter what, you laugh and go home feeling impressed and surprised that so much fun can cost a mere \$13 per ticket. Just like the show, a panel of 3 judges will be scoring each competing dancing couple for a chance to win a trophy for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, best costume or best production. Last year, the winning dance couple had 8 back-up dancers and set up a 20' by 10' "swimming pool" for their synchronized swimming routine. A professional lighting designer is coming from Las Vegas to donate his professional theater lighting services for the show. Don't worry for those who think that \$13 just isn't enough, MVMC will be collecting tax deductible donations at intermission for its crisis support program ;-).

Yes that's correct, when the MVMC isn't putting on fantastic community dance competitions, they're busy serving their community with crisis resource and advocacy, youth programs, and language and life skills services. To put the work of the Moab Valley Multicultural



Center in perspective, their 2017 annual report boasted 3,076 hours of direct service and had 208 volunteers. In addition to the 8 competing stars, MVMC plans to "wow" the audience with 4 exposition dance numbers. Sticking with a multicultural theme, the dance styles will vary with each and every routine, bringing something fresh and new. The Multicultural Center's mission is to build bridges across language and culture through family support, community collaboration and education. Since every nonprofit organization must fundraise to keep their people employed, MVMC enjoys finds creative ways to meet its

mission. Dancing with the Stars is a perfect example of how a small organization can raise critical funds while bringing everyone together for an evening of community pride and laughter.

Don't miss one of the most exciting events of 2018! Get your tickets now at the MVMC office: 156 North 100 West or at Back of Beyond Books, 83 N. Main Street in Moab. Don't live in Moab? Call us and we'll put your tickets at will call: 435-259-5444. To learn more about the Moab Valley Multicultural Center visit our website, moabmc.org.



## 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 Friday and Saturday at 7pm to Moab Backyard Theater, an outdoor venue located in the heart of downtown. The theater also hosts a free Bluegrass Night on Wednesdays.

"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 September every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7pm at



Moab's Backyard Theater, located at 56 W. 100 South, just behind Zax. Admission is ten dollars for adults and 5 dollars for kids 5 and over. It's worth every penny to see the premiere magician in Southeastern Utah.

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