

Around Moab

Neko Case to Perform at Historic Avalon Theatre in Grand Junction

By Sharon Sullivan

Grammy-nominated artist Neko Case is touring to promote her new album *Neon Grey Midnight Green* and will perform at the Avalon Theatre in Grand Junction, Friday, March 13. Case has described her music as “indie -rock” or “country-noir.”

She began her music career as a drummer, but by 1999, had demonstrated her songwriting and vocal skills with her debut breakout album *The Virginian*. She went on to become the lead vocalist for the Canadian band, the New Pornographers, and has also had a successful solo career.



Case's voice sounds “like it originates from the belly of Mother Earth herself. In her music, you can hear the roots of trees, the wisdom of ancient warrior bones, the shift of tectonic plates, molten lava and placid water,” according to National Public Radio.

Neon Grey Midnight Green was produced primarily at Case's Vermont studio, and plays tribute to the musicians, producers and activists

who influenced her and have passed away in recent years.

Case has also been busy writing the music for the *Thelma and Louise* Broadway musical based on the classic film.

In an interview with *Radio Atlantic*, Case talks about her 2025 memoir *The Harder I Fight The More I Love You*, describing her neglected, poverty-stricken childhood growing up in Washington state with teenage parents who she said never wanted a kid. As a young child she'd be left alone for hours. By the time Case was 15 she was fully emancipated. According to *The Atlantic* she found “an alternative home in the music scenes of the American Northwest and Canada.

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Feb 26 EUREKA! McConnell Science

Museum STEAM Trivia Night-

Trivia rounds will be dedicated to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). Event is free with proceeds of beer and wine sales going toward the EUREKA! scholarship fund which provides camp and program access to students in need throughout the Grand Valley. 6-8:30pm, at EUREKA! McConnell Science Museum, 1400 N 7th St, Grand Junction, Colorado. Info at www.eurekasciencemuseum.org or contact jvanwaveren@eurekasciencemuseum.org

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She went on to graduate with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree from the Emily Carr Institute of Fine Arts and Design in Vancouver in 1998, before becoming an acclaimed musical artist.

For tickets visit: www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E006386A8168BB8 or visit the Box Office, Thursday through Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m. For more information regarding the Avalon's strict bag policy call 970-263-5757. Doors open at 7 p.m., with music starting at 8 p.m.

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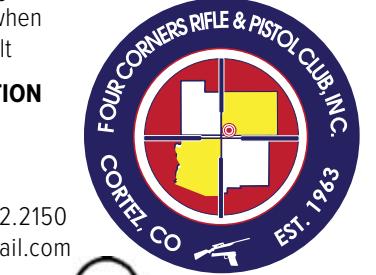
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