

Live Events

Moab Downtown Entertainment Starts Another Big Season

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.

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. 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 11th 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.

Thursday, It's country night with Juniper Drive .

Fridays feature an new original night with local famous duo Sand and Sunnie Sheff.



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 7pm. Music is always free. Magic Prices are 10 dollars for folks over 12 and 5 dollars for kids over 3. 3 and under are free. Outside food and drink are allowed in addition to the authentic cooking of El Local Cocina Food Truck. Located just behind Zax at 56 west 100 South.

Three Concerts in April Coming to Grand Junction's Radio Room *By Sharon Sullivan*

The Radio Room at KAFM Community Radio in Grand Junction, Colorado, is a great place to attend a concert. The small venue holds just 70, and boasts a stellar sound system. Past concerts held there include Tony Furtado, Moors and McCumber, Max Gomez, AJ Fullerton, and Alex Marley (cousin of the late reggae legend Bob Marley) – to name a few.

"The Radio Room's high-quality sound system makes the intimate space a true listening room," said KAFM executive director Cyrene Jagger.

Three shows are coming up in April: Dana Cooper, Tuesday, April 12; James Kirby, Sunday, April 21; and Kray Van Kirk, Sunday, April 28.

Last year Cooper performed 107 live concerts, 15 live radio shows, and a sold-out Inishfree Ireland tour. The singer-songwriter has won numerous awards, including "In the Spirit of Folk Award" from Folk Alliance International in 2015; "Heritage Musician Award" from The Pilgrim Center for the Arts in Kansas City in 2014, and "Best Male Songwriter Award" Indie Acoustic Project for *Made of Mud* in 2005.

His songs have been recorded by numerous artists such as bluegrass singer Claire Lynch, Irish vocalist Maura O'Connell, Nashville songbird Jonell Mosser, and songwriters Pierce Pettis and Susan Werner.



Dana Cooper

In 2022, Cooper's album *I Can Face the Truth* charted on five radio charts – Americana, Indie Folk, Alt Folk, Alt Country and Roots. The record ranked number 22 on Top Albums for 2022 Chart from Americana Highways.

Coming up next in the Radio Room is award-winning singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist James Kirby, who recently returned from a tour in the United Kingdom. Kirby is known for blending elements of folk, pop, blues, indie rock, and piano into his music.

Rounding out the month of performances in the Radio Room is Kray Van Kirk, who in February played at the legendary Godfrey Daniels club in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Kirk is considered "a fine fingered-style guitarist with a precise baritone and roots in the Celtic tradition. He's "what every singer-songwriter



James Kirby

should aspire to," according to the Borderline Folk Club in New York.

All shows are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and shows start at 7 p.m. Refreshments available for purchase include wine from Grande River Vineyards in Palisade, and beer from Palisade Brewing Company.

Water and soda are both available, too.

The KAFM Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Ave. For tickets or more information visit: kafmradio.org. The community radio station can be reached at: 970-241-8801

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Kray Van Kirk

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04.11	DARCY NELSON
04.12	ALEXA LASH
04.13	DARCY NELSON
04.15	ALEXA LASH
04.18	DULCE
04.19	DULCE
04.20	ALAN SNOW
04.21	ALAN SNOW
04.25	DAVE MENSCH
04.26	DAVE MENSCH
04.27	BROKEN ARROW
04.28	BROKEN ARROW

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