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Moab Live Downtown Entertainment Starts Autumn Season

Cooler weather makes outdoor entertainment even better in Moab. Not only are there plenty of natural wonders to see in Moab, there's also fun entertainment available right downtown. If you're looking for something totally different, the Moab Backyard Theater is 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. Located just a half-block off Main street in downtown, The





Backyard Theater features Magic and Music two 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, there's traditional bluegrass music at 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, or even dancing.

On Saturdays, The Backyard Theater feature's the southwest's only outdoor downtown Magic Show, 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 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





