

Festival Happenings

The Moab Folk Festival Celebrates 24 Years on November 6–9

Set in the stunning red rock canyon country of southeastern Utah, this intimate festival presents an outstanding lineup of singer-songwriters, Americana, roots, and bluegrass music. The Festival will take place at our outdoor venue, the Moab City Ballpark, and indoors at Star Hall. Tickets range from \$63 to \$400, not including discounts for kids and locals.

The Festival begins with a concert on Friday, November 6th from 7–9:30pm at historic Star Hall. Three female folk musicians will join forces as **Melissa Chilinski & Pearly Blue** to kick off the weekend. The trio is made up of three established musicians who have long been part of Utah’s folk and bluegrass landscape. Chilinski, along with **Megan Nay**, and **Brielle Petrie** will perform unique arrangements of folk songs that have been sung for a century, and original songs that feel like your favorite, well-worn sweater. The Festival is excited to welcome back beloved singer songwriter **John Craigie**. For over a decade, Craigie has made music that brings people in, not with spectacle but with sincerity and songs that feel like conversations. He will headline both evening Star Hall shows.

There will be two performers at Star Hall on Saturday, November 7th from 7-9:30pm. Opening the evening will be **Steve Poltz**, a Canadian-American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and professional goofball. His music tells stories that he calls “chaos and joy with a capo.” If you’ve been to a Poltz show, you know to expect laughter, sing-alongs, and a dose of delight. **John Craigie** returns Saturday night for another memorable set.

Eight performances will take place between Saturday, November 7th and Sunday November 8th on the Moab City Ballpark mainstage, from 11:00am-4:30pm each day.

Rising Appalachia will be returning to the Festival for the first time since 2016 to headline Saturday’s ballfield show. Their shows are communal gatherings where people remember their connection to the earth, each other, and the old songs that have carried us through every season of being



human. Chloe, a member of the band’s sister duo, will be on maternity leave and the band welcomes in Lily Henley, who has toured with them for over a year. Also performing Saturday will be **Bonnie Paine**, celebrated as the ethereal voice and multi-instrumentalist behind Elephant Revival who has captivated audiences with her unique songwriting on cello, musical saw, guitar and various percussion instruments; from big bass drums to her signature snared washboard. In May this year she released her debut solo album, in which she weaves together an intimate collection of melodies—some with the sisters of Rising Appalachia—that are as haunting as they are restorative. Composed of three Michigan-bred award-winning songwriters, **The Rebel Eves** formed from the love of creativity and the belief that the joy of connection can break down barriers that women have historically been put into in the music industry and our society. With their honest storytelling, hair raising harmonies, and compelling lyricism, they can promise you will walk away feeling inspired, connected, and hopeful. Opening the festival on Saturday will be **Jordan Smart**, a Kentucky-based folk singer-songwriter known best for his raw delivery of heartfelt songs ranging from achingly personal to intensely topical and satirical protest. He crafts thoughtful lyrics heavily saturated with a deep sense of empathy and humanity.

We are excited to have **Leftover Salmon** headlining on Sunday. They have emerged from the progressive bluegrass world and come of age as one the original jam bands, before becoming architects of what has become known as Jamgrass. A crucial link in keeping alive the traditional music of the past, they have pushed that sound forward with their own weirdly unique style.

Sister Sadie, a powerhouse collection of GRAMMY-nominated, IBMA-sweeping, Grand Ole Opry-starring women will deliver everything from gut-punch ballads to high-octane instrumentals during their Sunday set. They

have spent years fighting for their space in a genre that often asked them to shrink. But instead of shrinking, they rose and continue rising. They

are so much more than an all-female bluegrass band, and we are so excited to share their magic with you. **Steve Poltz** will be returning to the Ballpark Stage on Sunday for another uniquely delightful performance. Sunday’s lineup will begin with a collaboration of artists doing an inspirational/gospel set. Don’t miss this supergroup show!

In addition to the many performances spanning three days, we are excited to host Camp Coletrain Pop Up Music Camp for kids at the ballpark! This mobile music camp will offer instrument show and tell, participatory instruction, and a creativity station. Camp Coletrain was founded by Coleman Smith, current fiddler for Yonder Mountain String Band. This year’s festival will also host the Moab Mobile Art Cart with activities for kids and people of all ages.

We will continue to offer several free public workshops on Saturday and Sunday of the event. For more information: www.moabfolkfestival.com or 435-260-1756. Follow us on our Facebook and Instagram for the most timely updates. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please visit moabfolkfestival.com/volunteer.

MOAB FOLK FESTIVAL

2026 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

VENUE: CENTER ST. BALLFIELDS

VENUE: STAR HALL

FRIDAY, NOV 6

6PM | DOORS OPEN

7PM | MELISSA CHILINSKI & PEARLY BLUE

8PM | JOHN CRAIGIE

SATURDAY, NOV 7

10AM | DOORS OPEN

11AM | JORDAN SMART

12:15PM | THE REBEL EVES

1:45PM | BONNIE PAINE

3PM | RISING APPALACHIA

6PM | DOORS OPEN

7PM | STEVE POLTZ

8PM | JOHN CRAIGIE

SUNDAY, NOV 8

10AM | DOORS OPEN

11AM | INSPIRATION HOUR (VARIOUS PERFORMERS TBD)

12:15PM | STEVE POLTZ

1:45PM | SISTER SADIE

3PM | LEFTOVER SALMON

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS + JAM SESSIONS TBD!

Local Recurring Non-Profit Events:

FREE Financial Empowerment Workshop + \$100 e-gift card*: Learn the basics of budgeting, borrowing, credit, and debt management. Join us in person (RSVP required) at bit.ly/3WfvUet or take the self-paced online workshop by picking up a workbook at a partner location bit.ly/4hqfxVvo. *\$50 for workshop completion and \$50 for a 3-month follow-up survey. Contact ariel@seekhaven.org with questions.

LUNCH at the Grand Center 182 N. 500 W., (Noon on Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri) under 60: \$6.00 over 60: \$2.50 suggested donation. Call (435) 259-6623 to make a reservation. There is limited seating.

Moab Valley Multicultural Center Food Pantry Clients may access the Food Pantry once every week. Schedule: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am-12pm, 1-5pm Tue: 9am-12pm, 2:30-5pm

Castle Valley Library Hours: Tuesday–Friday 10am–2pm

Mondays

In Stitches: Fiber Arts Club Free! (Mondays 3:30–4:30pm) All skill levels and ages ! No registration required. Moab Public Library, 257 E Center St

USARA Family Bowling Night- 6pm at Gravel Pit Lanes, 1078 Mill Creek Drive. (Every last Monday of the month) Questions: 435-612-2300

This Week in Moab on KZMU (Every Monday at 5pm) On our longest running public affairs radio show, you'll hear live, civic-related discussions about the goings-on in the Moab community. An informed, engaging team of hosts share weekly conversations with the movers and shakers of our community and highlight what's happening locally and in our region. 90.1FM, 106.7FM, 90.7FM Radio

The Juniper Hour on KZMU (3rd Monday of each month at 4pm) Host Ricky Begay, leader of the Native American Club in Moab, inter-

views guests and produces content focused on indigenous culture, language, history, traditions, art, and issues that affect our local native communities in our newest public affairs program. 90.1FM, 106.7FM, 90.7FM Radio

Radio Book Club on KZMU (1st Monday of each month at 5pm) Hosts from the Grand County Public Library and Back of Beyond Books discuss the best of what they've been reading, give book reviews, share bestseller lists, and interview local authors. 90.1FM, 106.7FM, 90.7FM Radio

Codd's World on KZMU (1st Monday each month at 4pm) Host Richard Codd discusses art, culture, science, civic happenings, and a wide range of other regionally relevant topics with local nonprofit and business leaders, artists, activists, government officials, and scientists. 90.1FM, 106.7FM, 90.7FM Radio

Tuesdays

Library Lego Club (Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30pm) Dive into our enormous Lego buckets to create your own world, landscape or ocean adventure to display during the week. All ages welcome. Moab Library | 257 E Center St. For more info, please call 435-259-1111 or visit www.moablibrary.org

Equestrian Community Night (Tuesdays 4–8pm) at Old Spanish Trail Arena indoor arena

Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild Meeting- Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Grand Center, 182 North 500 W. An informal time to visit begins at 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Meetings include a lesson and show and tell, when members have a chance to show off their latest projects. For more information, call Mary Wakeley, Guild president, at 815-712-6169.

Wednesdays

Toddler Time (Wednesdays, 10:30am) Active songs, rhymes, and stories. All ages welcome,

this story time is geared towards ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Free at the Moab Library | 257 E Center St. For more info, please call 435-259-1111 or visit www.moablibrary.org

Green Gatherings (First Wednesday of each month) Do you have questions about recycling and sustainable alternatives in our community? Ever wonder what happens to that glass jar you just dropped off at the recycling center...join Moab Solutions and Canyonlands Solid Waste for our Green Gatherings! Meetings are held in the modular office at the Recycle Center—open house style—drop by anytime between 5:00–6:30pm. Light refreshments are served.

Grand County Public Library's 2nd Wednesday Book Club meets at 6 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! Call the library at 435-259-1111 to learn more or to reserve a copy of the monthly book selection. Info at www.grandcountyutah.net/638/Book-Clubs.

Moab Swing Dance Community Wednesday evenings 7pm at the MARC, 111 E 100 N, This is a progressive series—no experience or partner required. facebook: @moabswingdance

History Moab: On Air on KZMU (2nd Wednesday each month at 6:30pm) Local guide Blaine Reniger covers the significant people, places and events that have shaped Moab and Southeastern Utah into what it is today through storytelling and conversation with expert guests. 90.1FM, 106.7FM, 90.7FM Radio

Thursdays

Moab Taiko Dan (Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm) a local drumming group specializing in the art of Japanese drumming, is recruiting beginners. Center Street Gym. Text 435-201-0209 for info.

Free Community Lunch (Thursdays, from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the St. Francis Episcopal Church (250 Kane Creek Boulevard, Moab). Free lunches for all who come by. Homemade

soups (always several choices) or sandwiches, bread (chips with sandwiches), dessert, coffee and water. Call St. Francis Episcopal Church at 435 259-5831 for information.

Thursdays and Fridays

The Imaginarium (Thursdays and Fridays 2–5pm)) We're back! Crafting for young engineers and designers. This is the place to create cardboard kitties, castles and cars. Come see where your imagination takes you! All ages welcome. Moab Library | 257 E Center St. For more info, please call 435-259-1111 or visit www.moablibrary.org

Fridays

Free Community Food Pantry Fridays from 5–6:30pm at the St. Francis Episcopal Church (250 Kane Creek Boulevard, Moab) No ID, no name, no address, no personal information needed. We always have canned goods, bagged goods, meat. We often have bread, fresh produce, milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs. Also personal toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, dog food. Feel free to pick up for someone who can't get out, or someone who is working. Call St. Francis Episcopal Church at 435 259-5831 for information.

Grand County Public Library's Castle Valley Book Club meets at 10am on the last Friday of each month at the Castle Valley Town Pavilion. All are welcome! Call the library at 435-259-1111 to learn more or to reserve a copy of the monthly book selection. Info at www.grandcountyutah.net/638/Book-Clubs.

Saturdays

Saturday Storytime (10:30am) Stories, songs, games, and crafts! Geared to ages 0-9 and their caregivers. All ages welcome! Free at the Moab Library | 257 E Center St. For more info, please call 435-259-1111 or visit www.moablibrary.org