

Women's Happenings

Moab Gears Up for the First Annual Women's Festival: From A Woman

Excitement is building in Moab as the community prepares for its first Annual Women's Festival: From a Woman, set to take place September 14, 2024. Co-produced by locals Teresa Herd and Toni Sicola, this event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of women's artistry, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and community spirit.



Hattie Craven

The Aarchway Inn has generously donated the use of their stage for the event, where live music performances and interactive demonstrations by locals will take place from 11 to 4pm. Set with a stunning view of the Portal, fresh grass, and plenty of room to stretch out and enjoy the desert air, this venue might just be the most underrated spot in town.

Sicola and Herd have aimed to produce a festival that would stand out from the other wonderful events Moab hosts each year. With a goal of fostering a supportive atmosphere where women can learn about each other's endeavors and become known in the greater Moab community, EVERYONE is welcome to join in the fun and meet new friends and potential colleagues.



Talia Keys

Attendees can look forward to an impressive roster of performances and activities designed to inspire and uplift. The musical lineup is packed with talent, featuring headliner



The Butch Cassidies

Hattie Craven, who took to the stage as young as age 6 and continues to push the envelope in Soul/Folk/Americana music. Talia Keys, known for her powerful voice and engaging stage presence, also joins the lineup. Local favorites, The Butch Cassidies will be the first musical act of the day, helping set the tone with their unique harmonies and engaging originals.

Toni and the Enablers (formerly Toni Sicola and the Black Hats) will also be joining, offering a lively mix of tunes that will get you up and dancing.

Navajo breathwork and dance instructor, Letia Castro Perry of Baa Hozho Breath Journeys, will kick off the day's events to energize festival goers in preparation for the fun activities ahead. For those with an adventurous side, a slackline demonstration by Faith Dickey of Elevate Outdoors will introduce attendees to the thrill and power of the highlining. And Natali Zollinger of Rize Training Studio will keep us all moving with a fitness demo.

Additional programming, above and beyond the musical acts and local demos, is still coming together, promising a day jam-packed with fun and excitement.

The Moab Women's Festival aims to create a platform for women entrepreneurs and creators to showcase their work and connect with each other. A marketplace featuring local artisans sharing their handmade crafts, jewelry, and wellness products will line the perimeter of the audience area, so that festival goers can shop and mingle throughout the day. The Women's Business Center of Utah will also host a booth where local business owners are invited to share their business cards and information with attendees. "We want to provide a space that supports women across every industry in our town," said co-organizer Toni Sicola. "There's so much talent here, and there's room for all of us to grow and be successful. It's all about collaboration over competition."

All proceeds of the event will go to the Beacon Afterschool Program: Girls on the Run, a nationwide program with a local Moab chapter designed to bolster confidence and leadership skills in girls through running.

As the festival approaches, Herd and Sicola emphasize the importance of creating an inclusive environment where all feel welcomed and inspired. "While the focus is on women, we think the festival will have a broad appeal," said Herd, "Everyone is invited!"

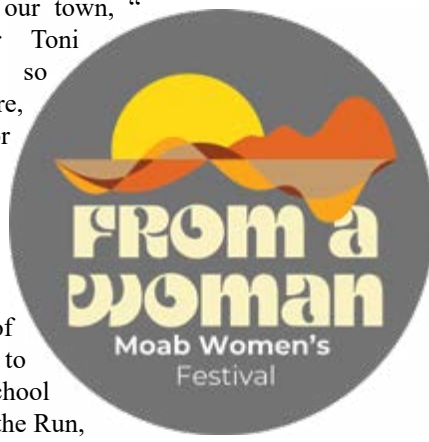
Sicola and Herd encourage community members and visitors alike to join in the celebration and connect with local artists, businesses, and fellow supporters of the amazing women in our community.

Herd remarked, "It's been a bit of a sprint for the past 4 months, and we are committed to making this festival a celebration of diversity, creativity, and the powerful women in our town."

The Moab Women's Festival is shaping up to be an incredible event that highlights not just the achievements of women in the community, but also the importance of collaboration, inclusion, and support. More than just a festival, it represents a movement toward empowerment and a brighter future for women in Moab and beyond.

Mark your calendars for September 14th, 11:00am - 4:00pm at the Aarchway Inn, and join us in celebrating the heart and soul of our community at the first annual Moab Women's Festival: From a Woman! For more information, visit MoabWomensFestival.com. If you would like to get involved in the festival please email fromawomanmoab@gmail.com. They are no longer accepting vendor applications, but there's still room for volunteers and sponsors.

And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.



MUSIC FROM A WOMAN

The Hattie Craven Band
Talia Keys
Toni & The Enablers
The Butch Cassidies

DEMOS FROM A WOMAN

Baahozho Breathwork
Journey
Elevate Outdoors
Rize Training Studio
Desert Power Yoga

LOCATION DONATED BY

Aarchway Inn
1551 N. Riverview Drive
Moab, UT 84532

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Kids under 12 are Free

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2024 Moab Events List

Sept 6 Arts & Ag Market
Sept 20-21....Green River Melon Days
Sept 21/22 ...Barrels 4 Bucks
Sept 21-22....Moab Century Tour (road bicycle)
Sept 27-29....Red Rock Arts Festival
Sept 28 Moab ArtTrails Art Stroll
October 4 ... Arts & Ag Market
October 4-6....Outerbike (Mountain Bike Expo)
Oct 5....Arches Marathon & Half, 15k & 50k
October 11-16 ... Moab 240 Endurance Run
October 18-20..Moab Celtic Festival
~~cancelled...~~Scots on the Rocks

October 19 ...Castle Valley Gourd Festival
October 19-20Red Canyon Powwow
October 24-26...Jeep Jamboree
October 25-26 .. Softball Tournament
Oct 26....Canyonlands Ultra (long dist running)
October 26/27...Barrels 4 Bucks
Oct 26-Nov 1...Moab Folk Camp
October 27Day of the Dead Celebration
October 31.....Trunk or Treat
November 1 Moab Art Walk
November 2 ...Soup Bowl Fund Raiser

November 1-3.... Moab Folk Festival
November 2-3.... Moab Trail Marathon, Half Marathon, 5K & Kids K
Nov 9Fluffernutter Ultimate Frisbee
Nov 16.....Dead Horse Ultra (long dist running)
November 23.....Turkey Trot
Nov 28...WabiSabi Community Thanksgiving
December 6. Holiday Tree Lighting
December 6-7.... Holiday Craft Fair
December 7. Electric Light Parade
December 7.....Moab Locals 10K