

Live Music Happenings

Country music trio The Gatlin Brothers to perform in downtown Grand Junction

by Sharon Sullivan

The Grammy Award-winning group The Gatlin Brothers – Larry, Steve and Rudy – will perform at the historic Avalon Theatre, 645 Main St. in Grand Junction, Colorado, Saturday, October 22.

Larry Gatlin was recently inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. His songs have been recorded by such artists as Elvis Presley, Kris Kristofferson, Glen Campbell, Oak Ridge Boys, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, and many more.

In addition to the trio's song Broken Lady, which won a Grammy for "Best Country Song," the Gatlin Brothers have earned three Academy of Country Music awards for "Single of the Year," "Album of the Year," and "Male Vocalist of the Year." They've also received five nominations for Country Music Association's "Vocal Group of the Year."

The Gatlin Brothers perform all original music, and having recorded approximately 28 albums during their 65-year career have a vast repertoire of songs.

"We're so blessed to have 30-40 top 10 records," Rudy Gatlin said.

The group has performed all over the world, including at the Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall, at the White House,



The Merv Griffin Show, and more.

While the longtime band has slowed down their traveling somewhat, they have no plans to quit touring anytime soon.



in 1955 when Larry was 6, Steve, 4, and Rudy was 2. They grew up listening to The Statesmen Quartet and other accomplished gospel artists.

Camp David, Madison Square Garden, on the Mall in Washington, D.C. and Radio City Music Hall – to name just a few venues.

They're also played for the Grammy Awards, American Music Awards, People's Choice Awards, The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Oprah, the variety show Hee Haw, The Love Boat, The Midnight Special with Wolfman Jack,

"We're still healthy, and as long as we can travel and perform, we will," said Rudy Gatlin. "We sing and entertain; we have a good time, we cut-up."

The group is currently working on a new album – some songs of which may make it into the Grand Junction show, said Rudy Gatlin. You can also expect to hear several of their hit records.

The brothers began performing in Abilene, Texas

"Kids can sing along with records before they can talk," said Rudy Gatlin. "We would sing along while our mom played piano. We'd sing at church," in the southern gospel quartet style – "which is still a big genre," he added.

To purchase tickets, visit: www.sandstoneconcerts.com.

Red Rock Arts Festival... Oct 6 - 9

SO ready to vibe out with y'all at the Red Rock Arts Festival Street Fest on October 8th! This year's music lineup is stacked with indie rock goodness from around the region.

People in General out of Fort Collins, CO will kick off at noon. Their sounds fuses elements of Math Rock, Bedroom Pop, Jazz and Indie, culminating in what promises to be a fun and high energy performance.

Salt Lake City based Over Under takes the stage at 2pm, bringing Psych-dripping Indie sounds and an insatiable groove.

Local band The Family Trade brings some Folk-Americana into the mix at 4pm, and will debut a song featuring some Moab "lyrical localisms" gleaned from Thursday's free songwriting workshop with poet and band member Brian Laidlaw at KZMU studios.

Lastly, at 6pm, to cap off what promises to be a spectacular day, look out for Lady Denim out of Fort Collins. 80's pop and Indie Rock elements meld to create a catchy and upbeat sound, bringing energy and positivity to the stage.

Street Fest, a FREE block party style event on 100 North in front of the Moab Arts building, will also feature artisan vendors, a beer garden with delicious drinks by 98 Center, food trucks, an all ages Chalk Drawing competition, plein air artwork on display and for sale, and more! Fun starts at 10am on Saturday, October 8th.

For more information about this year's festival, visit redrockartsfestival.com

The 2022 Red Rock Arts Festival (RRAF) is a four-day multimedia, participatory arts festival inviting creative connectedness and activating public spaces in vibrant Moab, Utah. Designed to feed the public imagination, incite playfulness, and build community, the weekend will be stacked with free workshops and events for all ages.

The festival schedule includes events such as a chalk drawing competition with categories for kids and adults, a poetry workshop lead by local author Shari Zollinger followed by a reading at Back of Beyond bookstore,



a western-themed short film competition and free screening put on in partnership with the Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission, a songwriting workshop with local author and musician Brian Laidlaw of The Family Trade, a family-friendly pottery workshop at Desert

Sun Ceramics, a small plein-air competition and art sale, a block-party-style street fest with live music, activities, and artisan vendors, and a paper maché mask-making workshop to prepare for a post-festival performance with the historic group of rabble-rousers, Bread and Puppet, on October 14th.

This year, folks of all skill levels are invited to participate in workshops leading up to festival events—opportunities to learn and polish creative skills, and then share your efforts with the public. For example, two free workshops will take place in advance of the film competition that will help filmmakers to establish a conceptual framework in addition to the basic skills necessary to create a successful short western film. Filmmakers will then screen their shorts during the festival, with the chance to win prizes based on audience vote. A poetry workshop will precede the poetry reading, and plein air workshops will be scheduled in advance of the competition. By holding (free!) space for learning together, building bonds, and gaining confidence, we hope to encourage as much participation as possible.

Additionally, the festival will enliven public space with temporary installations and pop-up performances. Keep an eye out for posts and updates about where and when these installations will occur!



Brian Laidlaw

For more information about the festival and to stay in the loop, visit www.redrockartsfestival.com, sign up for the Moab Arts newsletter at www.moabarts.org, and follow us on social media: @moabarts and @redrockartsfestival on Instagram and @Moab Arts - The MARC and @Red Rock Arts Festival on Facebook.



Shari Zollinger