

Around Moab Events

On a Gourdeous Autumn Day in Castle Valley!

By Tricia Ogilvy

You guessed it, the **21st annual Castle Valley “Gourds and More Festival”** is back on **Saturday, October 19th** from 11:00 until 3:00 at the Castle Valley town lot – drive out the scenic river road (128) to find us. Put some color in your life and attend this year’s celebration of the wonderful, varied, versatile and handsome gourd.



Gourd artists from several states will offer exquisite gourd art, carved, stained, or painted meticulously. This is a dying art and our vendors are some of the best in the west! Bring cash and/or checks as internet connections are not very good for charge-cards.



In addition to the gourd artists, Castle Valley artists will show and sell their craft creations as well: jewelry and broches, note cards, etched glass, wood creations, herbal products, and other goodies. We have a very creative town!! Raw gourds from a local grower will also be available.

Dance to the live music by the Fly Boys that makes for a fun day in the sun.

Learn about gourds and their history through cultures and time. Admire the creations from the GF collection of exotic gourd art from the festival’s originators Cris Coffey and Bob Ridges. Or grab one and decorate your own for both kids and adults. You get a gourd and paint to make your treasure. FREE of charge. In fact, all activities are FREE at the festival. Isn’t that refreshing?

The parade starts at noon led by bagpipers and includes Gordy, the event mascot, and this year’s gourdess. It is one of the world’s shortest parades and one of the most fun with the Gordy girls from Colorado in amazing, themed costumes and tractors, mowers and fire engines!

FACE PAINTING- Kids love it! Not just a simple flower painted, but a face transformed into butterflies, dogs, cats or even wolves by our artist Kinde!



FORTUNE TELLING— Everyone loves to hear their fortunes told using our one-of-a-kind mystical gourd cards. That’s free too!

And that’s not all! The ever-popular **PUPPET SHOW** will perform an original script, “Waiting for Gourdot.” Fun for kids and adults alike.

Snacks will be available with proceeds going to the Castle Valley Fire Department and other town activities. Donations always happily accepted to support our town activities.

COME PLAY. COME DANCE. COME ONE AND ALL!

Sorry, no dogs allowed on town lot. For more information see our Facebook at Castle Valley Gourds & More Festival or ring Ruth at 435 259 0537. And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.

Singer-songwriter John Hiatt, Special Guest Carin Mari, to Perform in Grand Junction

By Sharon Sullivan

Nashville Songwriters Hall of Famer John Hiatt will perform in Grand Junction, Colorado at the Avalon Theatre, Tuesday, October 22. Opening for Hiatt is Carin Mari, winner of eight Colorado Country Music Awards.

Born and raised in Indiana, Hiatt escaped from his troubled family life by listening to the music of Bob Dylan, Muddy Waters and Elvis Presley. He got his first guitar at age 11, learned to play, and began performing in garage bands, school dances and songwriting, according to www.nashvillesongwritersfoundation.com.

Hiatt moved to Nashville at age 19, where he began writing songs for the record label Tree International. One early song, Sure As I’m Sitting Here became a hit song for the band Three Dog Night.



John Hiatt. Photo by Jim McGuire

By the mid-1980s Hiatt’s own solo career had taken off and his songs were being covered by artists like Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Joe Cocker, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson, and many more.

Hiatt has released more than two dozen albums, the most recent in 2021, titled Leftover Feelings, a collaboration with the Jerry Douglas Band.

In August, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville featured Hiatt in its in-depth interview series “Poets and Profits” – a series that features songwriters who have made significant contributions to country music.



John Hiatt. Photo by Kat Villacorta

In 2008, Hiatt was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and received a lifetime achievement award for songwriting from the Americana Music Association. In 2019, he became the third recipient of the BMI Troubadour Award for his work as a songwriter. He’s also received nine Grammy nominations.

Colorado native Carin Mari is winner of eight Colorado Country Music Awards and was guest artist on Michael Martin Murphey’s album Tall Grass and Cool Water. While continuing to pursue her own solo career, Mari is also lead guitarist for Murphey’s Rio Grande Band. Her latest album Home was released in August.



Carin Mari

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. The historic Avalon Theatre is located in downtown Grand Junction at 645 Main St.

Visit www.avalontheatrejg.com/house-rules before you go to learn about the theatre’s strict bag policies. Purses, totes, wallets must be a certain size to bring in.

For tickets visit: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E0060BDF92E5A57>

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