

Dance Happenings

What is Dancing with the Moab Stars and why you should go!

Executive Director Rhiana Medina (RM) sat down with recently hired Housing Resource Coordinator Liz

Donkersloot (LD) to see how she feels about starring in her first Moab Valley Multicultural Center (MVMC) fundraiser.

RM: Did I tell you when I hired you that you would be required to act as well as help people in need? LD: No, no you did not.

RM: Sorry about that, it's definitely in the fine print somewhere. We all have to "sing for our supper" here at MVMC.



LD: I don't know about singing, but I am pretty excited to dance!

RM: When is the show this year and what is the format? What should people expect if they attend?

LD: This year the show is at 7 PM on Friday, September 13th at the Grand County High School auditorium. Dancing with the MOAB Stars is a dancing competition that matches local all-stars with equally wonderful dance instructors. The pairs are competing on stage and will be judged by an excellent panel of Moab celebrities. Viewers can expect to be dazzled by the tremendous amount of talent poured out by the competitors as well as other performing local artists. The best part though is that this is a fundraiser event and all proceeds benefit MVMC and our programs!

RM: It's a fundraiser, so it's probably really expensive to attend right?

LD: Not at all! Tickets are already on sale for just \$13. You can purchase yours at the Multicultural Center

or at Back of Beyond Books! We will also be selling tickets for \$15 at the door the night of the show. We are beyond excited because our amazing underwriter, Colin Fryer, owner of Red Cliff's Lodge, has agreed to match any money made the night of the event! SO, I would highly encourage anyone and everyone to make a donation at the event, no matter what amount because your support will be doubled and you will be helping us to build bridges across language and culture as well as creating a safe and vibrant community right here in Moab!

RM: Will you be dancing in this year's show?

LD: Oh, I think I will be helping to Spice things up a little this year, yes.

RM: What does the Multicultural Center use the funds they raise for?

LD: The funds we raise go towards programming at the center. This can take on many shapes such as: creating safe spaces for those in crisis situations, educating the community and Moab kiddos on diversity and showing them how to celebrate and share their cultural differences, helping those in need to find food and homes, and so much more! The money you donate goes on to do amazing things, and we are so appreciative of all your support.

RM: Who is dancing in the show this year?

LD: This year we have a wide variety of Moab stars including your favorite local radio personality, your local family Dr. and even some of CGHS's finest!

RM: Besides getting to be involved in Moab's best community event of the year, what else are you excited about in your new role at the MVMC?

LD: I am extremely honored to be a part team MVMC and I am very excited to be able to work with so many amazing individuals throughout the community. I am the Housing Resource Coordinator at MVMC, which is a brand new position! I am focusing on housing and homelessness in our area – meeting with

individuals and helping them to feel empowered in whatever situation life has sent there way. Finding housing in Moab is no easy task, but I am excited to say that in the past two months, we have been able to help 8 individuals/families find permanent housing!

RM: Anything else I should know?

LD: All you need to know is this: Friday, September 13th at 7 PM you and everyone you know should be down at the GCHS ready to witness a star-studded performance. We cannot wait for you to see what we have planned.

Moab Valley Multicultural Center
presents the 6th annual

Dancing with the MOAB Stars

Friday, September 13th
7PM GCHS Auditorium
Get your tickets early!

Available for presale at MVMC or Back of Beyond Books
\$13 presale, \$15 at the door
All proceeds benefit MVMC
mvmc.org 435-259-5444

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Moab Clubs & Organizations

For a community to prosper and grow, its residents have to be **INVOLVED**. If you would like to participate in any club or organization, **PLEASE CALL THEM**. Many of these groups are always looking for a helping hand or two.

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| Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) Triangle House 84 W. 100 S. call or text (435) 220-0646 | Moab Community Dance Band (Miriam Graham)(516) 376-8003 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous(435)-625-1342 | Moab Community Theater (Kaki Hunter).....(435) 259-8378 |
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| Moab Arts & Recreation Center (Liz Holland).....(435) 259-6272 | Utah State University Moab.....(435)-259-7432 |
| Moab Bird Club (Nick Eason).....(435) 259-6447 | Valley Voices (Marian Eason).....(435) 259-6447 |
| Moab Chamber of Commerce (Laici Shumway)(435) 259-7814 | Veterans of Foreign Wars (Fred Every)(435) 260-1277 |
| Moab City Animal Control(435) 259-8938 | WabiSabi www.wabisabimoab.org(435) 259-3313 |
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| | Youth Garden Project259-BEAN (2326) |