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Arts Advisor



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Week of August 22 – 28, 2013

Performances & Events

22 Mark Chesnutt

One of country music's finest stylists Mark Chesnutt graces the Center stage, continuing to validate Chesnutt's foothold as a mainstay in country music. Chesnutt was recognized with the Country Music Association's Horizon Award in 1993 and named Billboard's Top 10 Most Played Artist of the 90s. Carrying the torch in the footsteps of George Jones and Waylon Jennings, Chesnutt plays nearly 100 dates a year. With albums such as *Savin' the Honky Tonk*, *Heard it in a Love Song*, and *Rollin' with the Flow*, he has earned four platinum albums, five gold albums, 14 number one singles and 23 top 10 singles to his name. His trademarked voice has shaped the music of today's country music newcomers and the new country music generation. 8:00 p.m. \$40. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. www.crestedbuttearts.org.

23 & 24 Reader's Theatre

The second of two new works this year by local and regional playwrights read by local actors of all ages. Offbeat, cutting edge, and just plain entertaining, they benefit performers with limited time and ... ah ... memory. 7:30 p.m. \$16 Adult, \$14 Member, \$10 Student. At the Mallardi Cabaret Theatre, 403 Second Street, Crested Butte. Presented by the Crested Butte Mountain Theatre. (970) 349-0366. www.cbmountaintheatre.org.

25 Sundays @ 6: The Tyler Walker Band

Join us under the big trees in the park for an evening of music and community fun. Bring your friends, family, lawn chairs, and blankets. Big Country's Got Talent 2012 Competition winner, The Tyler Walker Band, hits the stage so put on your boots and join us. 6:00 pm. Free. At the Legion Park, Tomichi and Teller Street, Gunnison. Presented by the Gunnison Arts Center. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

27 50 Shades of Mead Metcalf in Bondage

Mead Metcalf was the musical mastermind of the elegant Crystal Palace Theatre, an Aspen institution that sold out shows every time the doors opened. From Broadway tunes to satirical ones, nothing was sacred or safe. Now, pianist, singer, and comedian Mead Metcalf tickles the Center's ivories with divas Elizabeth and Emily Bond. Mezzo soprano Elizabeth, who trained at the Royal College of Music in London, flaunts an illustrious career of performing such roles as Madame Giry in *The Phantom of the Opera* at Her Majesty's Theatre in London as well as touring in Belgium, France, Italy, Space, and Turkey. Emily also trained in music in England, at the University of Bristol. Her roles have run from *Don Giovanni* to Sondheim's *Company* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. 7:30 p.m. \$20 / \$15 Seniors. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. crestbuttearts.org.

28 Public Policy Forum: "Global Warming and Food Production," Gerald Nelson, Ph.D.

Dr. Nelson is a Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute. He is an agricultural economist with over 30 years of experience in the areas of agriculture, policy analysis, land use and climate change. He has published extensively, including his 2009 book *Climate Change: Impact on Agriculture and Costs of Adaptation*. In this he notes that local initiatives are crucial. 7:30 p.m. Free. At the Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. Presented by the Public Policy Forum of Crested Butte. (970) 349-1890. www.crestedbutteforum.org.

Gallery Showings & Artist Events

Through September 2 Kathryn Barry Artist

Kathryn studied art history at La Sorbonne and continued to actively appreciate and collect art throughout her life. After visiting the Georgia O'Keeffe museum in Santa Fe during the summer of '10, she was inspired to pick up the pencil & brush and now paints in pastels, oils and acrylic. She said that once she began to paint, she cannot stop! Her joy and inspiration come from painting

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images and impressions gathered in this lifelong journey. The Piper Gallery is open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and for ticket holders during performances. Free. At the Piper Gallery of the Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. crestedbuttearts.org.

Through August 28 New Paintings by Jim Wodark

Stop by the gallery to see the latest oil paintings by nationally recognized plein air painter, Jim Wodark featuring local scenes. Free. Oh Be Joyful Gallery, 409 3rd Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-5936. www.ohbejoyfulgallery.com.

Through October 5 Stupendous and Small Art

Come and see The Art Studio's ten week show featuring handmade small and gift-able items created by local Crested Butte artists. Laura Cooper Elm's work is populated by Creatures of Habit, Fairy God Monsters, Glitter Moons and Smiley Cats on pottery, in sculptures, and on handmade collaged cards. Becky Chappell's work is a series of impressionistic landscapes as well as her more current abstract work. Suzanne Pierson's work includes several charming en plein air watercolor landscapes and a table sculpture series called "Trees on Trees" in acrylics. Receptions at ArtWalks on Thursdays, August 1, August 29 & September 26, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Free. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Classes & Workshops

24 Plein Air Acrylic Painting Workshop

Get out and enjoy the beauty of the summer in Gunnison and do something creative and relaxing at the same time. In this acrylic painting workshop we will set up outside at a site within a 20 minute drive of Gunnison and guide you through the joys of plein air painting. All experience levels welcome! A light snack and drink will be provided. 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$55 includes all supplies. Call for more information. Gunnison Arts Center Art Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

27 Portraits with Third Eye Photography

The Art Studio has collaborated with Third Eye Photography to offer discounted portrait sessions this summer with a variety of fun summer locations and themes to choose from for your perfect portraits! Third Eye's relaxed, positive approach and candid, journalistic style ensures the very best photographs and lasting memories of your family. View examples of Rebecca's work at www.3rdeyephoto.net. One-hour sessions begin every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. \$150. Register through the Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Through August 27 Beginning Belly Dance Class

Join instructors from the Gunnison Belly Dancers troupe on Tuesday evenings for the month of August for a fun and casual class where you will learn the basics of belly dancing in several

different styles. All experience levels welcome. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$45 for all four classes. \$15 drop-in. Minimum four students to run the class. Gunnison Arts Center Theatre, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

Paint Your Own Pottery at The Art Studio

The Art Studio is back open for painting pottery this summer with regular hours June 26 – August 25. Drop in to open painting hours Wednesday – Friday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please allow one full week for pottery to be fired, or if you will be leaving town before your pottery is ready, we have an option to ship. Prices range from \$4 to \$50. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Private Art Lessons

In addition to our regularly scheduled visual arts classes and workshops at The Art Studio, we also offer private art lessons for both children and adults in a variety of mediums. Based on your interests, we will match you with the appropriate instructor who is trained in the medium of your choice. View bios of our instructors and options for lesson types online. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Art Events & Parties

The Art Studio on Elk Avenue is an ideal place for a fun, intimate, and creative party or event. Throw a birthday party for adults or children, host a ladies' night, schedule a bridal or baby shower, and get creative! Paint pottery, take a group drawing lesson, learn watercolor, or go out to shoot photos with a pro. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Shared Artist's Space at The Art Studio

The Art Studio has a full ceramics studio, with wheels, kilns, wedging tables, tools, and work storage space. Ceramicists are invited to become a member of the studio, or as we call it, The Shared Artist's Space (SAS). SAS Membership Includes: access to studio space seven days a week by key code entry; personal storage for art supplies, tools, clay, and works in progress; access to potter's wheels, slab roller, wedging table, and basic ceramics tools and supplies; use of our kiln; access to a community of artists; and the potential to show and sell your work at ASCA (must apply and be accepted). Although SAS is great for potters, artists working in any medium are welcome. Membership is \$65 per month. No minimum contract. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Just for Kids

Through August 27 First Art Experiences for Toddlers, Twos & Threes

Your little guy or gal will truly enjoy his or her first art class. The focus of this curriculum is building a foundation of creativity in

early childhood through manipulating, playing and experimenting with art materials and forms. From spreadable and squishable, to mashable and malleable, you can expect to encounter a wide range of engaging activities for you and your child to enjoy together while keeping the mess out of your kitchen. 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. \$60 includes all supplies. Gunnison Arts Center Art Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. gunnisonartscenter.org.

TRAILHEAD CHILDRENS' MUSEUM

22 Special Guest at The Trailhead Children's Museum: Mountain Roots Food Project

This summer, The Trailhead invites you to our new "Special Guest Series," held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays July 11, July 25, August 8, and August 22. On August 22, join Mountain Roots coordinators for hands-on lessons about local foods, gardening, and ways to get involved in our local food movement. 11:00 a.m. Included with Museum Admission. The Trailhead Children's Museum, The Outpost Building, Mt. Crested Butte. (970) 349-7160. www.trailheadkids.org.

22 Night at the Museum at the Trailhead Children's Museum

Join the Trailhead Children's Museum for an after-hours babysitting event! Drop your kids off for a private evening of fun and excitement with Trailhead instructors. Children must be 18 months old and walking to attend. Space is limited. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis and you must register in advance. Be sure to check the website for additional babysitting opportunities. 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. \$25 per child, members free. The Trailhead Children's Museum, The Outpost Building, Mt. Crested Butte. (970) 349-7160. www.trailheadkids.org.

Art and Science Summer Day Camp for Five to Eleven Year Olds

August 19–23 Art Theme: Surrealism for Kids; Science Theme: Detecting Patterns

Monday–Friday The Trailhead Children's Museum offers Art and Science Day Camp Monday through Friday every week during the summer for children ages 5 to 11. Camp days are filled with exciting projects, outdoor play, and creative fun. Each week has a theme and begins with an art or science project. Space is limited and based on first come first served basis. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$44 per day/\$42 per day for members.

Little Innovators: Drop-Off Art and Science Class for Three to Five Year Olds

Tuesdays & Fridays During these Tuesday and Friday classes at The Trailhead Children's Museum, three to five year old children focus on exploration of art mediums, while studying artists, and developing their natural creativity. In addition, exploratory and inquiry based science lessons are included, as are elements of literacy, music, and play. Half or full day options. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Letter of the Week

Wednesdays Preschoolers, join the Trailhead Children's Museum on Wednesdays as we build our "Letter of the Week" tree every Wednesday during the summer. With an emphasis on letter and sound recognition, and the integration of relevant literature, fun and games, children will go out on a limb to learn pre-literacy skills in a hands-on and playful way. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Included with Museum Admission.

Brain Boosters Summer Enrichment Program

Thursdays A two hour after-camp enrichment every Thursday, offering in Math, Science and Literacy for ages 5 - 11! Keep your student connected to their favorite (or not so favorite) subjects this summer in a fun and engaging way! Classes are multi-age and include fun, hands-on lessons designed around Gunnison/Crested Butte Community School standards and will focus on your child's needs. 3:00 – 5:00 pm. \$18/\$16 for members. Space is limited.

Kid's Create

Every other Saturday The Trailhead Children's Museum's Art Bar is host to "Kid's Create," every other Saturday where Trailhead staff guide budding artists ages 0 - 11 and their caregivers on an artistic adventure. Children learn to create *in* likeness of various artists and create *with* new materials, mediums and techniques. Once introduced, "Kid's Create" projects are available to Museum visitors for two weeks. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Included with Museum Admission. **Held this week on August 24.**

Exploration Station at The Trailhead Children's Museum

Every other Saturday The Trailhead Children's Museum's Science Lab is host to "Exploration Station" where Trailhead staff guide potential scientists ages 0 - 11 and their caregivers on a quest in hands-on discovery and experimentation. Don't worry ... goggles are included. Once introduced, "Exploration Station" projects are available to Museum visitors for two weeks. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Included with Museum Admission. The Trailhead Children's Museum, The Outpost Building, Mt. Crested Butte. (970) 349-7160. www.trailheadkids.org.

The Trailhead Children's Museum is at the base of the ski area in the Outpost Building and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. (970) 349-7160. www.trailheadkids.org.



The Arts Alliance is a dynamic coalition of 13 nonprofit visual and performing arts organizations in the Gunnison Valley. These organizations collaboratively work to promote and advance the arts that enrich, education and enhance the quality of life from Gothic to Gunnison. They are Artists of the West Elks, Center for the Arts, Crested Butte Arts Festival, Crested Butte Dance Collective, Crested Butte Film Festival, Crested Butte Mountain Theatre, Crested Butte Music Festival, Crested Butte School of Dance, Gunnison Arts Center, Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center, Studio Art School, Trailhead Children's Museum, Western State College of Colorado.