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Arts Advisor



THE ARTS ALLIANCE



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Week of August 8 – 15, 2013

Performances & Events

8 - 10 Summer Comedy Theater Production

The Gunnison Arts Center Theater Council presents a light hearted, family friendly comedy in our Black Box Theater. Directed, produced, and acted by local talent this play is sure to be a fun evening for the whole family. Show also runs August 1 - 3. 8:00 pm. \$25. Gunnison Arts Center, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

8 Funkytown: THE Party at the End of the Road

A celebration of the music, dance, arts, adventure, food and people that make Crested Butte just what it is – a beautifully unique and funky place. Your ticket grants you passage to an open bar, foodie spread, and silent auction. This new and exciting party will be held on the Center's Outdoor Stage so that not one moment of the glory of the mountains will be left out of the evening. Music will span the ages, with throw-backs to generations of all our favorites. Reservations required. 6:00 p.m. \$100. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. www.crestedbuttearts.org.

9 Crested Butte Music Festival: Gypsy Jazz In Paradise

Celebrating legendary French/Belgian gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt with the convergence of gypsy jazz bands from all over the country. The International String Trio will perform. 7:30 p.m. 3-Day Weekend Pass \$120; Friday Night Performance \$40. At West-Wall Lodge, 14 Hunter Hill Road, Mt. Crested Butte. Presented by the Crested Butte Music Festival. (970) 349-0619. www.gypsyjazzinparadise.org.

10 Crested Butte Music Festival: Gypsy Jazz In Paradise Workshops

Join artists from the International String Trio for a unique hands-on musical experience by exploring improvisational jazz concepts

through guided techniques and practices. 1:30 p.m. \$30. At the Sweet Spot, Mt. Crested Butte. Presented by the Crested Butte Music Festival. (970) 349-0619. www.gypsyjazzinparadise.org.

10 Crested Butte Music Festival: Gypsy Jazz In Paradise

Celebrating legendary French/Belgian gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt with the convergence of gypsy jazz bands from all over the country. The Gonzalo Bergera Quartet will perform. 7:30 p.m. 3-Day Weekend Pass \$120; Saturday & Sunday Pass \$85; Saturday Night Performance \$40. Mt. Crested Butte. (970) 349-0619. www.gypsyjazzinparadise.org.

11 Crested Butte Music Festival: Gypsy Jazz In Paradise Brunch

Celebrating legendary French/Belgian gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt with the convergence of gypsy jazz bands from all over the country. Ride the lift to Uley's Cabin to enjoy a bountiful brunch and Gypsy Jazz in Paradise's final performance with The New Hot Club of America. 11:00 a.m. 3-Day Weekend Pass \$120; Saturday & Sunday Pass \$85; Brunch Performance \$60. Uley's Cabin, Ski Area, Mt. Crested Butte. (970) 349-0619. www.gypsyjazzinparadise.org.

11 Sundays @ 6: The Jaquets

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. The duo that is the Jaquets will rock your socks with their multi-instrumental talents, fun songs, and exciting stage presence. 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.

11 Paula Poundstone

Appearing on stage with a stool, a microphone, and a can of Diet Pepsi, Paula Poundstone is famous for her razor-sharp wit and spontaneity. The *Boston Globe* said, "Poundstone improvises with a

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crowd like a Jazz musician ... swinging in unexpected directions without a plan, without a net." Paula has appeared on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, the *Prairie Home Companion*, and HBO for which she won a Cable ACE awards for Best Standup Comedy Special. Her off-kilter sensibility and impeccable timing makes her a perfect fit for NPR's program, *Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me*. 8 p.m. \$40. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. www.crestedbuttearts.org.

12 Alpenglow: The Empty Bottle Blues Band with Opal Moon

Come celebrate Gunnison County's local talent! The zingy gumbo that is The Empty Bottle Blues Band will fire you up like a hot southern night from the slow rockin' blues to the git down n' boogie blues. Strongly influenced by the traditional greats, their originals' subject matter swirls like a swamp around cypress - namely about women. The local spice is Aaron Tomcak on bass, Tommy Rudder on drums, Frank Mesiti on guitar and vocals, Tyler Lucas on guitar, and Chuck McKenrick on keyboards. The Opal Moon Band is a honky tonk and Western group playing an eclectic variety of country and western, rhythm and blues, and rock and roll. The Opal Moon Bands is Evelyn Roper, vocals and guitar; Dio Musquiz Jr., bass; Sean Turner, guitar and vocals; and Mike Alex, drums. 5:30 p.m. Free. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. www.crestedbuttearts.org.

14 Public Policy Forum: "The Real Threats to our National Forests: Deficits and Devolution," Andrew Stahl, B.S.

Andrew Stahl is the Executive Director of the Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics. He has worked as a Forest Planning Consultant for the U.S. Forest Service and as the Forest Planner for the Associated Oregon Loggers, the largest loggers' trade association (in members) in the U.S. He has testified before Congress repeatedly. He is a graduate of the Oregon State University in Forest Management. 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.

15 Crested Butte Film Series presents *Moonrise Kingdom*



Kids away at camp? Then join us for the fantastic summer camp film *Moonrise Kingdom*. A pair of young lovers flee their New England camp causing a local search party to find them. 7:00 p.m. \$10 tickets sold at the door. Held at the Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. Brought to you by the Crested Butte Film Festival. (303) 204-9080. www.cbfilmfest.org.

Gallery Showings & Artist Events

Through August 19 Shayn Estes

Shayn Estes's mountain landscape photography focuses on the majestic landscapes that surround Crested Butte. The majority of Shayn's photographs are taken from near treeline and above with an emphasis on sunrises and sunsets. In the last five years Shayn has devoted himself to the pursuit of capturing genuine, beautiful and dynamic images of special and remote areas. Often he will hike a single mountain numerous times over the span of years to get that perfect picture. Shayn's devotion, in combination with his talent, has led him to create a broad range of remarkable photographs. Show runs August 5 - 19. Artist Reception: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 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

8 Create a Personal Mandala

In this workshop open to the community, participants will join a silent meditation with the intent of receiving a symbol or mandala. Afterwards, we will create our own picture on a black circle of paper with pastels, and then share our experiences in receiving and creating the mandalas. Instructor Robbie Leckie is a professional astrologer and Reiki master teacher, with a background in painting, arts and crafts. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$10. Gunnison Arts Center Art Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

8 Plein Air Watercolor

In this four-session class held on Thursdays through August 29, participants will focus on watercolor techniques while painting landscape, flowers, and scenery en plein air around Crested Butte. Work on composition, light and contrast, color, and technique. Beginner and Intermediate students welcome. Bring your own supplies, or purchase them from the instructor. Contact the instructor for a supply list. Instructor: Melissa Mason. 5:30 – 8 p.m. \$75. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

10 - 11 Brush to Paper: A Watercolor Workshop with Meredith Nemirov

In this two day watercolor class we will make paintings that distill the visual experience into a series of on-site observational studies of the breathtaking Crested Butte landscape. Rivers, mountains, trees, clouds provide the inspiration for the patterns and linear elements de-



derived from nature leading to a personal expression of the natural world. This is a combination plein air and studio painting class to sharpen your skills with the watercolor medium and learn new ways of seeing. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$200 for the weekend/\$105 for just one day. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

10 Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop

Plan ahead for your gift-giving needs this summer with this family-friendly activity designed for kids of all ages. Choose a piece of pottery to design and paint with glaze and we'll fire it in our Clay Studio. We have an expanded selection of bisque ware with new and unique items that offer something for everyone. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. \$5 to \$45 depending on the piece you choose. Gunnison Arts Center Clay Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

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.

13, 20 & 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.

13 & 20 Drawing and Sketching for Middle and High School

Designed for teens, this six week class which runs July 16 – August 20 will focus on learning the foundations of drawing: scale, proportion, perspective, shading, and composition. Students will work on several fun projects both in the studio and outside for observational drawing sessions. Instructor: Garret Bock. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. for six weeks. \$120 includes supplies. \$25 to drop-in. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

13 & 20 Live Painting Series at The Lobar

The Lobar and The Art Studio teamed up again this summer to bring the art of painting to life on the Lobar stage every Tuesday night from July 16 – August 27. Each evening is an exciting combination of watching the pros paint to music and getting a chance to splatter paint across your own canvas with guided instruction from featured painter Becky Chappell. The Lobar's liquor and wine reps have stepped up to sponsor the series, and each participant (who is 21 years of age) will be supplied with libations while painting. All painting supplies and aprons are provided. Absolutely no painting or drawing experience is required! Instructor: Becky Chappell. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Free to watch. \$35 for your own paint, canvas, and complimentary libations. Class is held at The Lobar, 303 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. Offered by The Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

Through August 21 Summer Clay Series: Third Session

This short but sweet class for adults will focus on using image transfer techniques to create outstanding designs on clay forms. This is a truly unique and exciting approach to pottery and one you don't want to miss. This is a great class for beginners or any clay artist wanting new and creative ideas. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$65 for all three classes. Includes all supplies. Gunnison Arts Center Clay Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-

4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

14 Pilates

Join Kenny Marks of Western Pilates on the Center's Outdoor Stage every Wednesday through August 14. Just drop in! \$35 for five sessions. All proceeds benefit the Center. 9:00 a.m. \$8. Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7487. www.crestedbuttearts.org.

15 Photographic Hike

Take artistic and unique photographs of Crested Butte's most beautiful wildflowers, aspens and landscapes scattered throughout our surrounding trails. Hike will be between two to five miles round trip, in moderate to difficult terrain. Both beginner and intermediate students are welcome. Students should have a camera that has exposure adjustments (does not need to be a DSLR).



We will meet at The Art Studio and carpool to the site. Instructor: Rebecca Ofstedahl. 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$55. Art Studio of the Center for the Arts, 111 Elk Avenue, Crested Butte. (970) 349-7044. www.crestedbuttearts.org/artstudio.

15 Cabernet & Canvas Art Soiree

Enjoy a sensational Cabernet wine tasting with local wine experts and get hands on with this creative acrylic painting project you'll be excited to take home. Bring your friends and make it an evening. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \$35. Gunnison Arts Center Main Gallery, 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

12 – 17 Missoula Children's Theatre: *Snow White & the Seven Dwarves*

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre, will visit the Gunnison Valley again this year with a team of directors and everything it takes to put on a play ... except the cast. An audition will be held on Monday and approximately 50 roles will be cast for local students. Most students can expect to rehearse approximately four and a half hours each day, Monday through Friday. No advance preparation is necessary. Three public performances are presented on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories, a twist on the fairytales you know and love. MCT's mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts. 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. \$60. Gunnison Arts Center Theatre, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

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.

Through August 7 **Mud Puppies Kids Clay Class: Second Session**

This class is open to kids 4 - 6 years old who want to have fun with clay and learn how to make masks, mugs, plates and sculptures using creative slab, pinch and coil techniques. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. \$75 for all eight classes. Includes all supplies. Gunnison Arts Center Clay Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. gunnisonartscenter.org.

Through August 14 **Wild Wednesdays Kids Art Class**

This class is offered for two different age groups every Wednesday for ten weeks throughout the summer. Featuring a new and unique project each week, kids will have the opportunity to get hands-on with creative lessons ranging from paper batik to rock art, mixed-media painting and more. Four to six year olds: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Seven to twelve year olds: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$45 six punch card. \$60 eight-punch card. \$75 ten-punch card. \$10 drop-in. Gunnison Arts Center Art Studio, 102 S. Main Street, Gunnison. (970) 641-4029. www.gunnisonartscenter.org.

TRAILHEAD CHILDRENS' MUSEUM

8 Special Guest at The Trailhead Children's Museum: The Old Rock Library

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 8, join local librarian and favorite story time coordinator, Jen Hillebrandt, for a hands-on lesson with a focus on literacy and your favorite books! 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.

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

August 5 – 9: Art Theme: Art from Scratch; Science Theme: The Human Body

August 12 – 16 Art Theme: Photography Outside the Box; Science Theme: The Five Senses

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. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$35 half day/\$45 full day. Space is limited.

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 10.**

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 Mu-

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

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