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Summer 2010 Press Kit**Arts, Culture and Music Town with Altitude, not Attitude**

Join us for a summer full of magical arts



Steamboat is much more than just a pretty mountain town. We are a renaissance town, brimming with culture and opportunities. Where we live may be beautiful but so is the creativity and talent coming from this region. Not many Colorado resort towns can put on their summer resumes events like local orchestra and opera performances, an established 20 plus year running musical event or a summer arts camp that is in its 97th year. Our renowned arts community is one of a kind.

Events**First Friday Art Walks**

Each month local art galleries, restaurants, bookstores and other local businesses open their doors to the public with one purpose; to showcase local art. Well that's not the single purpose, First Friday Artwalks are the ideal venue meet new people and local art lovers, discover new talent, stop by shops you've never been to and grab snacks all while supporting the arts and creating an environment of art appreciation and education. First Friday Art Walks take place at various galleries and other venues in the downtown area. Go to www.steamboatspringsartwalk.com for the list of galleries participating each month and what artists will be represented.

Free Summer Concert Series

The Steamboat Springs Free Summer Concert Series began in 1990 started by a small record shop owner and friends. The Series now features five summer concerts per year with attendance averaging 3,500 - 6,000 per concert. The Free Summer Concert Series boasts nationally recognized artists in the area of pop-rock, reggae, bluegrass, blues and funk. The series is a gathering for all ages and has become truly one of the signature family events in the valley. One of the most compelling rewards of this program is the access to great music for the working class citizens. The series has served up free music to over thousands of residents and visitors over its 20+ year existence. Learn more about 2010 concert dates at www.steamboatfreesummerconcerts.com.

Art in the Park: July 10-11th

Colorful displays of handcrafted arts line the edges of West Lincoln Park as musicians, dancers and artisans entertain the crowd. More than 140 artists offer hand-crafted items made from wood, metal, clay, leather, fiber and glass, plus fine art, jewelry, sculpture, photography and more. Art in the Park maintains its unique status by limiting eligibility to artists and craftspeople who display work entirely of their own original concept, design and execution. Event highlights include free live entertainment, children's activities, plus a variety of refreshment booths.

Steamboat All Arts Festival: August 19-22nd

Now in its second year, the Steamboat All Arts Festival is one of the newest and most collaborative events in Steamboat Springs. The Steamboat All Arts Festival's tagline is "Going beyond the canvas...music, performing, visual, literary and culinary arts. Exploring the opportunities...experiential and educational workshops." This four-day event highlights the amazing arts and culture movement here in the Yampa Valley. The Steamboat All Arts Festival incorporates all aspects of the arts into one cohesive event making it a true spectacle for summer time fun.

Arts & Culture**Seminars at Steamboat**

Join the discussion, meet the players and learn about current issues. Seminars at Steamboat focuses on discussions of important public policy issues led by nationally known experts. Established in 2003 by a group of Steamboat Springs residents,

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the non-partisan seminars focus on domestic and foreign policy, social issues, health, the economy, natural resources and the environment. The 2010 Seminar series Thursday, July 22 with Paul Volcker the former Federal Reserve chairman will discuss, "Can We Make the Government and the Economy Work For Us?" and Thursday August 12 with Joseph Nye professor of international Relations and former Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University will speak on, "Smart Power: America's Global Position."

Steamboat Springs Arts Council and the historic Art Depot

The Steamboat Springs Arts Council is dedicated to moving the arts forward in the Yampa Valley with programs and events in the visual and performing arts, leadership and facilitation of over 30 affiliate art organizations, plus the ongoing stewardship of the Historic Train Depot. The Depot has been home to several community theater performances as well as housing two fine art galleries ran by the Steamboat Springs Arts Council's Visual Arts Committee. The space is also utilized by many community groups for meetings, classes and more. This space is also used for weddings and private parties. Learn more about the Steamboat Springs Arts Council and the historic train depot it is located in at www.steamboatspringsarts.com.

Perry Mansfield Performing Arts Camp

In 1913, Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield fulfilled their dreams of creating a summer arts camp in the mountains. Now in its 97th year, Perry-Mansfield is recognized as the oldest and most unique performing arts school and camp in the nation. Throughout the years, a number of distinguished alumni, faculty and guest artists have expressed their art on the stages at Perry-Mansfield. The camp offers classes each summer from mid-June to mid-August for young dancers, actors and actresses as well as hosting performances in the summer.

Literary Sojourn: October 2nd

Literary Sojourn is an annual gathering of authors and book lovers set in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Each year 500 readers from all over the country gather in Steamboat Springs to meet the creators of their favorite books and to celebrate, first and foremost, the joy and inspiration of books and reading. Mark Your Calendar for the 18th Literary Sojourn Festival of Authors on October 2, 2010. This year's event welcomes novelists Wally Lamb, Dan Chaon and Chris Cleave with author Frank Delaney as the event's master of ceremony.

Music

Strings Music Festival

Celebrating its 22nd year in a newly constructed auditorium, Strings Music Festival summer season includes more than 170 artists performing in a wide variety of classical and contemporary shows, and youth and family productions. Strings Music Festival was launched in 1988 to bring world-class music to the mountains of northwest Colorado. During its inaugural season, 1,400 people attended its concerts and the summer-long festival has grown by leaps and bounds ever since with more than 30,000 people enjoying performances last summer.

Did you know that Strings in the Mountains was a question on Jeopardy?

Answer: The "Springs" in this town's name could be replaced with "Strings" thanks to the Strings Music Festival every year.

Question: What is Steamboat Springs?

Emerald City Opera

Emerald City Opera produces professional-caliber, classical opera in the heart of the Yampa Valley. Combining world-class artists from the esteemed opera houses of the world with local singers, Emerald City Opera promotes the vocal and performance arts at the highest level.

Steamboat Springs Orchestra

Steamboat Springs is lucky enough to have the great talent, huge support and multiple resources to create a home for the Steamboat Springs Orchestra. Steamboat Springs Orchestra performs music for the residents and visitors of northwest Colorado with an emphasis on community outreach, musician development, and music education for youth.

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