



**Steamboat**  
IN THE SUMMERTIME

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## **An Arts Town with Altitude**

### **Making an Art Mark**

#### **Celebrating Artistic Steamboat Originals**

Not many Colorado ski towns can put on their summer resumes events like local orchestra and opera performances, an established 20-year running musical event, or a summer arts camp that is in its 95th year. Our renowned arts community is like no other.

#### **Strings Music Festival** - [www.stringsmusicfestival.com](http://www.stringsmusicfestival.com)

Celebrating its 21st year in a newly constructed Pavilion, Strings Music Festival summer season includes more than 170 artists performing a wide variety of Classical, Different Tempo, and Youth and Family concerts. 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. Today the summer-long festival has grown with more than 30,000 people attending concerts during last year's summer season.

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

Question: The "Springs" in this town's name could be replaced with "Strings" thanks to the Strings in the Mountains music festival every year.

Answer: What is Steamboat Springs?

#### **Emerald City Opera and Steamboat Springs Chamber Orchestra** - [www.emeraldcityopera.org](http://www.emeraldcityopera.org) - [www.steamboatorchestra.org](http://www.steamboatorchestra.org)

How many mountain communities do you know with an opera and an orchestra that perform at events year round? Steamboat Springs is lucky enough to have the great talent, huge support and multiple resources to create a home for both of these ensembles. 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, ECO promotes the vocal and performance arts at the highest level. The Steamboat Springs Chamber Orchestra performs music for the residents and visitors of northwest Colorado with an emphasis on community outreach, musician development, and music education for youth. Both the opera and the orchestra help round out a summer calendar full of events and activities.

#### **Perry Mansfield Performing Arts Camp** - [www.perry-mansfield.org](http://www.perry-mansfield.org)

In 1913, Charlotte Perry and Portia Mansfield fulfilled their dreams of creating a summer arts camp in the mountains. Now in its 95th 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

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from mid-June to mid-August for young dancers, actors and actresses as well as hosting performances in the summer.

**Seminars at Steamboat** - [www.yampavalley.info/steamboatseminar](http://www.yampavalley.info/steamboatseminar)

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, the non-partisan seminars focus on domestic and foreign policy, social issues, health, the economy, natural resources and the environment. The 2008 Seminar topics include: The Next Influenza Pandemic: A Harbinger of Things to Come?, Why Foreign Policy Issues in the 2008 U. S. Election Matter So Much to the World, Women and Public Policy and Israel, Palestine, and the Chances for Peace.

**Art in the Park: July 12-13, 2008** - [www.steamboatspringsarts.com](http://www.steamboatspringsarts.com)

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.

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*Celebrating over 100 years of service in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association works to promote summertime activities and programs. To learn more about chamber events and activities please check out [www.steamboatsummer.com](http://www.steamboatsummer.com) or call the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association at 970.879.0880.*

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