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**The Goodman Band and Dance of the Sacred Fire kick off the 10th season of Music on the Mountain at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park on Saturday, May 19, 2018**

**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.** (May 9, 2018) — Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is gearing up for the 10th season of its Music on the Mountain concert series, which features free rides up the mountain to enjoy live music under the stars in exchange for a canned food donation for LIFT-UP. The season begins Saturday, May 19, with the Goodman Band and two performances of the Dance of the Sacred Fire, and continues with concerts in June, August and September.

“Summer is almost here, and that means it’s time for Music on the Mountain. This is the tenth year that we’ve held the benefit concert series and, so far, we’ve collected more than 66,000 cans and food items for the local LIFT-UP food pantries,” Nancy Heard, general manager for Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, said. “There are ten performances on the schedule, and the line-up is awesome. We love supporting local and regional musicians, who in turn help us support our community.”

The lineup includes some favorites that are mainstays in the series, as well as some performers who are new to Music on the Mountain and some who haven’t been a part of it for several years. For all Saturday concerts, the free cans-for-a-tram rides begin at 4 p.m., and the bands perform from 6 to 10 p.m. On Sunday, June 10, and Sunday, Sept. 9, the free tram rides begin at 2 p.m. with music from 4 to 8 p.m.



**Saturday, May 19 – Music on the Mountain kick-off with The Goodman Band and Dance of the Sacred Fire**

The Goodman Band, based in Grand Junction, has been playing together since 2006, averaging four to six shows per week. Their mix of rock, country, blues and original works keeps them busy, and they always include a Stevie Ray Vaughn set at Music on the Mountain.

Maciej Mrotek and Dance of the Sacred Fire returns for the third kick-off party in a row. They have performed on national and international stages and collaborated on projects around the globe, manipulating fire for high-energy performances that are nothing short of magical.

**Saturday, June 2 – Whiskey Stomp**

Whiskey Stomp is a fun-loving band that brings together fine musicians who like to stretch the limits interpreting classic songs, while providing energetic originals. The band specializes in

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cross breeding several genres of music from bluegrass, funk and Latino rhythms to rock, jazz and country, including a variety of classic, new and original music.

**Saturday, June 9 – The Mixx**

Just like a favorite radio station, The Mixx plays a wide variety of favorites. The young, and young at heart, can dance the night away with music genres from the Top 40s, R&B, classic rock, funk, country, blues and good ol' rock and roll.

**Sunday, June 10 – Motivado**

Based in Denver, Motivado plays a blend of Tex-Mex, Sierrano and Norteño during this special afternoon of Latin Music on the Mountain. The free tram rides begin at 2 p.m.; the band will perform from 4 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 18 – Fifty50**

Fifty50 is a Roaring Fork Valley-based band comprised of Dave Stoltzfus, Beth Getzen Stoltzfus, Dale Loper, Jerry Larsen and Tom Mercer. Their choice of music—classic, modern and original rock—and their blend of vocal harmonies and instrumental energy make this band unique and is why they're proud recipient of many Locals' Choice Awards over the years.

**Saturday, Aug. 25 – Hell Roaring Stringband and Defiance String Band**

This evening features a double-header show by two local favorites. The Defiance Stringband trio features a mix of acoustic instruments including fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass, playing an eclectic mix of American hoedown, bluegrass, swing, rags, waltzes, some eastern European tunes and songs from our American icons Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Leon Redbone and Steve Goodman to name a few. The Hell Roaring String Band, formed in Carbondale in 1999, has performed throughout and beyond the Roaring Fork Valley. The band members' diverse musical interests and abilities influence their eclectic musical choices and interpretations, but interesting musicality remains its foundation.

**Saturday, Sept. 8 – Vidicus Maximus**

Vidicus Maximus is a local four-piece rock, funk, blues, soul and pop "musical gumbo" featuring Vid Weatherwax, Suzzanne Paris, Hap Harriman and Bryan Savage.

**Sunday, Sept. 9 – Christian Music on the Mountain**

The Orchard, a collective of local musicians, worships together through a variety of musical styles, from keyboard driven rock to finger-picking folk. The free tram rides begin at 2 p.m.; the group will perform from 4 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15 – The Missing Link Band**

The Missing Link Band—the only band to perform during every season of Music on the Mountain—has transformed into one of the most danceable party bands in western Colorado. With Nick Kuhlmann on drums, Paul Barker on bass, Erik McPherson on guitar and lead vocals, Kim Kwiatkowski on lead and harmony vocals and Bob Stepniewski on percussion and mandolin, they give their audiences the best from the country, rock, blues, pop and rhythm and blues genres.

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### **Saturday, Sept. 22 – Emotional Rescue**

Emotional Rescue is dedicated to playing Rolling Stones tunes in an authentic, high-energy way that wows their audiences. Lead singer Tim Rafferty embodies Mick Jagger to the fullest, dancing his way through the audience, over the tables and engaging everyone in his wake. They encourage guests to wear their dancing shoes for this end-of-the-summer party.

The Music on the Mountain Concert Series is made possible by these sponsors: Bighorn Toyota, Glenwood Insurance Agency, Community Banks of Colorado, Glenwood Springs Post Independent, Lift FM, Swire Coca-Cola, Glenwood TV, Hotel Glenwood Springs, Young Services and Iron Mountain Hot Springs.

The Lookout Grille and Snack Shack are open for dinner and refreshments, with drink specials available inside and in the plaza. Guests can also enjoy the park's rides and attractions during the events. A Funday Pass, just \$38 with the free tram ride, includes both walking cave tours and unlimited access to all open rides—including the new Haunted Mine Drop. The outdoor rides are open until dusk; the Laser Tag arena and 4D Motion Theater are open until the park closes.

In addition to Music on the Mountain, two more customer favorites are returning this summer. Friday Afternoon Club on the Mountain runs from June 15 through Aug. 10. Tram rides are free after 4 p.m. with a coupon from the Post Independent. The melodrama, Trouble Bubbles at the Iron Mountain Hot Springs, begins Memorial Weekend and continues through Labor Day with shows at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Friday through Monday. It's included in the price of admission.

More information about the park, including hours of operation and a list of which attractions are open, can be found at [GlenwoodCaverns.com](http://GlenwoodCaverns.com) or by calling 800-530-1635 or 970-945-4228, ext. 0.

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Located in scenic Glenwood Springs, Colo., midway between Aspen and Vail, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park offers a one-of-a-kind mountain-top adventure. The Adventure Park features a gondola ride, walking and wild tours of Glenwood Caverns and Historic Fairy Caves, dining, and year-round attractions including the new Haunted Mine Drop, Alpine Coaster, 4D Motion Theater and Laser Tag Arena. Seasonal offerings include the Giant Canyon Swing, Glenwood Canyon Flyer, Cliffhanger Roller Coaster, Wild West Express family coaster, a climbing wall, gemstone sluice box mining, a Ferris wheel ride and a holiday light display. Ideal setting for groups and birthday parties. Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park operates the new Iron Mountain Hot Springs now open on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.