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Historical Star Theatre Announces March, April Concerts

The historical Casino Star Theater in Gunnison will be holding concerts in March and April as part of the Utah Arts Council's Performing Arts Tour. The tour partially subsidizes artistic performances for residents of rural Utah.

Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. the theater will present Moosebutter, and award-winning, four-man comedy a'capella group. The performers combines harmony and humor, and cover a wide range of musical and comedy styles. Three of the four performers are former members of the Men's Chorus at Brigham Young University.

The second concert will be held Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. and feature Sidekicks, Utah's top cowboy entertainers. The show will include cowboy poetry and musical performances, including nostalgic renditions of cowboy songs. The group's appearance will be celebrated by the theater for a week preceding the show with a "Best of the Old West" film series. Movies will include Stagecoach, High Noon, Shane, The Magnificent Seven, Once Upon a Time in the West and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Schedules and prices for the film series are forthcoming.

The Casino Star Theatre, which is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places, is believed to be one of the last Beaux Arts-style theaters in the Western United States. Built in 1912 as the "Casino Theater," it was one of several similar theatres built in the state around that time. Other structures include Ogden's Egyptian Theater and the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake. The name was changed to the Star Theater in 1936. The theater was restored by a community group, Save our Star, and restored it to its former glory as a theater, movie house and special-events facility.

Tickets for the Moosebutter and Sidekicks performances are \$10 and are available at the door. They may also be purchased in advance at Rasmussen's Ace Hardware or by calling Lori Nay (435) 528-7136 or Diana Spencer, (435) 979-2798.

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