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New One World Festival Launches July 4th Weekend in Crested Butte ***Crested Butte Music Festival presents emerging artists & Swallow Hill Music Kids Camp***

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. (February 9, 2015) – Crested Butte Music Festival introduces Two Towns...*One World In Paradise*. This new mini-festival, June 29 – July 4, 2015, celebrates the independent spirit of emerging artists and the mountain towns of Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, Colorado. The first four days are devoted to Swallow Hill Music Kids Camp, while July 4th weekend is all about free concerts by four innovative bands: The Leftover Cuties, The Suffers, Euforquestra and The Family Crest.

"Independence Day is an unforgettable experience in Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, and One World further adds to the celebration with unique beats and strong rhythms by talented bands from around the country," says CBMF Director Alexander Scheirle. "One World also is a great chance for the youngest emerging artists to take part in Swallow Hill Music Kids Camp."

Starting on Friday evening, July 3, The Leftover Cuties, Euforquestra and The Suffers will perform at the base area of Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Mt. Crested Butte starting at 6 p.m. On July 4, following the 11 a.m. parade, The Family Crest and The Suffers will keep the atmosphere humming from a stage in Crested Butte's historic downtown.

All concerts are free to the public due to a collaborative effort of the Crested Butte Music Festival, Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Town of Crested Butte and Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

Featured Bands

Euforquestra (think euphoria+orchestra) is energy and rhythm personified by a sound that has been influenced by music from all over the world. For over a decade the band has been igniting dance floors across the country, blending the roots of funk, soul, afrobeat, reggae and dub. Euforquestra's fifth full-length record, FIRE, was produced by Kyle Hollingsworth of The String Cheese Incident and captures the passion and musical maturing of the band's talented musicians.

Leftover Cuties is known for a timeless jazz-tinged sound that combines sultry vocals, pop-perfect songwriting and the seasoned musicianship of Shirli McAllen, Austin Nicholzen, Mike Bolger and Stuart Johnson. The band draws crowds to the speakeasies and rock clubs in their hometown of Los Angeles and beyond. Playing the theme song for the Showtime series "The Big C" and a Samsung ad that aired numerous times during the 2012 Olympics has generated a worldwide following.

The brainchild of Liam McCormick, **The Family Crest** was started as a recording project in 2009 with co-founder John Seeterlin. The two musicians set out to reinvent how music could be created. The outcome was greater than the original duo imagined, with 80 people credited on the first recording the band produced, working with conservatory students as well as people who just sing in the shower. Now a seven-piece core band, boasting more than 400 "Extended Family" members, The Family Crest released "Beneath the Brine" in February 2014. Like previous recordings, the San Francisco-based band set out to capture a plethora of instruments in unique places, such as living rooms, churches and cafés across the West Coast.

The Suffers is a 10-piece band from Houston that is redefining the sound of Gulf Coast Soul, intertwining elements of classic American soul with rock 'n' roll. The large ensemble packs each position of the rhythm section and horn section with talent and energy, providing the perfect foundation for singer Kam Franklin's big voice. The Suffers' debut LP "Make Some Room" will be released in 2015.

Swallow Hill Music Kids Camp

This fun, four-day music camp on June 29 – July 2 provides youth ages 7 to 17 with easy access to music education and bluegrass and folk music instruments. The camp offers training for first-timers as well as experienced players by faculty from the esteemed Swallow Hill Music School in Denver, the second-largest folk music school in the country. Participants are divided into appropriate age groups and receive instruction on vocals and a variety of traditional bluegrass and folk instruments.

Space is limited to 60 students. The \$275 cost includes instruction, activities, a starter kit and camp T-shirt. Participation in Crested Butte's Fourth of July parade with instructors and campers is optional. The Denver Folklore Center is offering a special instrument rental rate of \$25 plus tax. CBMF will provide \$75 scholarships for the first 20 children who reside in Gunnison County and submit a completed application with payment.

Crested Butte Music Festival Background

Crested Butte Music Festival runs from June 25 – August 9 and also features opera, contemporary classical, symphony and gypsy jazz performances and several educational programs. More than 45 concerts and events are schedule during the festival's 19th season, which includes four mini-festivals: One World In Paradise, TIME SPANS, Opera In Paradise, and Gypsy Jazz In Paradise. The entire schedule and ticket information can be found at www.crestedbuttemusicfestival.org.

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