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Gypsy Jazz In Paradise Adds Sizzle to Crested Butte Music Festival *Concerts, Home Soirée, workshop and brunch on tap for August 8 - 10*

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. (April 18, 2014) – Now in its fourth year, Crested Butte Music Festival's Gypsy Jazz In Paradise celebrates one of the most passionate, up-tempo styles of jazz today. The mini-festival wraps up the larger six-week festival and will again be hosted by virtuoso violinist **Ben Powell** and include concerts, brunch, workshops and a Home Soirée from Aug. 8 – 10.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. with a Home Soirée in a private mountain home featuring an array of wines and appetizers and guitarists extraordinaire **Frank Vignola** and **Vinny Raniolo**. Since the duo teamed up in 2008, they have performed more than 1,000 shows at some of the most prestigious concert halls and festivals in the world. They are known for injecting comedy and showmanship into every performance to deliver an eclectic set of popular tunes. Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians such as Boston Pops, New York Pops and guitar legend Les Paul. Raniolo also has proven himself to be among the elite, performing and recording with such artists as Bucky Pizzarelli, Tommy Emmanuel and David Grisman. Wine and appetizers are part

At a **workshop** on the afternoon of Aug. 9 from 1:30 – 3 p.m., attendees will be encouraged to explore improvisational jazz concepts through guided techniques and practices. Led by violinist Ben Powell, the workshop will last 90 minutes. All instruments (bass, guitars, mandolins, and lead instruments) are welcome. The workshops will be held in Mt. Crested Butte; pre-registration is required at www.GypsyJazzInParadise.org.

Krunoslav "Kruno" Spisic will be joined by his band to perform on Saturday night for a 7:30 p.m. concert in Mt. Crested Butte. Spisic created a new branch of gypsy jazz by fusing Eastern European folk traditions with Django swing. The merging of sounds has enthralled listeners with the combination of sweet Balkan melodies, romantic songs and hot jazz. Kruno has performed at folk festivals and jazz clubs all over the United States, Canada, Europe and Japan.

Back by popular demand for the fourth year in a row is the Gypsy Jazz In Paradise **brunch** on Aug. 10. Take in spectacular panoramic views, savor a gourmet brunch, and enjoy a swinging, foot-tapping performance by Ben Powell and The Black Market Trust at Ten Peaks, near the top of the Gold Link Lift on Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

Ben Powell stands among a select few as one of the leading multi-stylistic improvising violinists of his generation. He has worked with jazz icons such as vibraphonist Gary Burton; classical conductors Sir Roger Norrington, Marin Alsop and Keith Lockhart; and composers Hans Zimmer and Alexandre Desplat. As a performer, recording artist, composer and ambassador for jazz and alternative string playing, Powell transcends musical boundaries.

The Black Market Trust brings together some of the top musicians in the U.S., integrating their dynamic original compositions with favorites and standards from Django Reinhardt, the Great American Songbook and early jazz classics. Everyone from Django purists to casual music fans will appreciate the unique blend of swing, pop and jazz that The Black Market Trust delivers.

This year's Gypsy Jazz In Paradise is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. To purchase tickets and for more information, call (970) 349-0619 or visit www.gypsyjazzinparadise.org.

Crested Butte Music Festival runs from June 29 – Aug. 10 and also features opera, bluegrass, symphony and chamber. The entire schedule and ticket information can be found at www.crestedbuttemusicfestival.org.

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