

## How the Center for the Arts and the Performing Arts Center might work together

Dear Community:

We're writing to let you know that representatives of the Center for the Arts Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte Performing Arts Center (MCBPAC), Town of Crested Butte, Town of Mt. Crested Butte and the community at large have been meeting since January to discuss collaborative opportunities between the Center for the Arts and the Biery-Witt Center. The goal is to allow both organizations to complete their respective capital fundraising efforts and planned facilities, then operate in an efficient and sustainable manner that serves the long-term needs of the community.

The 13-member task force has been working to identify shared goals and fundraising plans, and has completed a full inventory of the space require-

ments needed for planned conferences, special events, performances, rehearsals and educational offerings. Operating pro formas of both organizations have been reviewed, and a subcommittee is meeting weekly to craft vision and mission statements, and a strategic plan for merged service delivery. The conversations are being facilitated by Illene Roggensack of Third Sector Innovations, Grand Junction, who has provided various services for the valley, including a 2007 feasibility study of a larger Center for the Arts facility.

Both facilities are designed such that Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte can accommodate the current and future demand for high-quality performing arts presentations and to attract a higher level of "big name" talent.

There will be further opportunity for us to bring in conferences and meetings, and we foresee significant and growing economic impacts when you look at the complete offerings planned by the Center for the Arts and MCBPAC.

No firm date is set for final decisions, but the Task Force subcommittee intends to have a strategic plan draft to both boards of directors by early summer. We thank them for their work and look forward to sharing those plans with the community.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Birnie, Center for the Arts  
Woody Sherwood, Biery-Witt Center

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### Big Mine meeting next Tuesday

A community work session to gather input on preferred conceptual park plans and skatepark design concepts for the Big Mine Park Master Plan will be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Your input is vital to this process, so join in creating a vision and strategy for developing this valuable regional amenity. For more information, click on the "Projects" link at [www.crestedbutte-co.gov](http://www.crestedbutte-co.gov) and click "Parks and Recreation" or call 349-5338 and ask for Janna.

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