

The wings of roots

Music » Traveling Smithsonian exhibit shown at four Utah towns through 2011.

By **DAVID BURGER**
The Salt Lake Tribune

American roots music isn't restricted to the Southern gospel of Mahalia Jackson and the down-home country of Roy Acuff. The nationwide musical tradition also includes the sounds of Northern Ute powwows and Mormon pioneers' a cappella hymns.

That's why a traveling Smithsonian exhibit will visit four Utah communities to expose music-lovers to the unique American story of roots music. "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," curated by Grammy Museum director Robert Santelli, opens Saturday at the Park City Museum and will be shown through May 25, before it travels to Cedar City, Moab and West Jordan.

"This program brings [Smithsonian works of art] to small communities who otherwise wouldn't be able to see it," said Megan van Frank, manager of museum and historical programs of the Utah Humanities Council, which combined with the Smithsonian Institution to bring the exhibit to Utah as part of a Museum of Main Street collaboration.

Besides the museum exhibition, each community will highlight its local musical history with docent-led tours, workshops for children and adults, concerts, public speakers and other programs.

Santelli will be on hand for Saturday's kickoff ceremony in Utah. "Roots music has over the last 20 years generated much interest," he said. "The term is often synonymous with folk, but it's the roots of popular music. ... It's a great reflection of American culture and American history."

Local performers who will present concerts associated with the exhibition include



Roy Acuff and his band perform in an undated photo. He is among the roots artists featured in a Smithsonian exhibit.



Mahalia Jackson performs in an undated photo provided by the Smithsonian.

alt-country group Band of Annuals, jazz musician Jay Lawrence, blues musicians The Soulistics, fiddler Kate MacLeod, klezmer musicians The KlezBros, Tex-Mex musician Anastacio Castillo and a Tongan choir. The staff at the Park City Library, 1255 Park Ave., will conduct a free storytelling and folk music sing-along on April 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Santelli said he appreciates Utahns' enthusiasm for the music exhibit. Two of his children live in Utah, and on visits he's been "pleasantly surprised by the music scene."

Not a bad judgement from one of the original curators of the nascent Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the CEO of Paul Allen's Experience Music Project in Seattle, and the author

Photos courtesy Smithsonian Institution

American roots

Exhibit curator and Grammy Museum director Robert Santelli will speak about roots music and the process of creating a traveling Smithsonian exhibition. **When** » April 10 at 2:30 p.m. **Where** » Egyptian Theatre, 528 Main St., Park City **Tickets** » Free

Exhibition dates
When » April 10-May 25
Where » Park City Museum, 528 Main St., Park City; 435-649-7457
When » July 26-Sept. 10
Where » Cedar City Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, 581 N. Main, Cedar City; 435-586-5058
When » Sept. 18-Nov. 2
Where » Museum of Moab, 118 E. Center St., Moab; 435-259-7985
When » Nov. 11-Jan. 21
Where » West Jordan Historical Society, 2053 W. 7800 South, West Jordan; 801-568-0938
Information » Visit www.utahhumanities.org/newharmonies.htm

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Playboy magazine founder **Hugh Hefner** is 84.
Naturalist **Jim Fowler** is 78.
Actor **Jean-Paul Belmondo**

is 77.
Actress **Michael Learned** is 71.
Country singer **Margo Smith** is 68.
Country singer **Hal Ketchum** is 57.
Actor **Dennis Quaid** is 56.
Humorist **Jimmy Tingle** is 55.

World Golf Hall of Famer **Severiano Ballesteros** is 53.
Country musician **Dave Innis** (Restless Heart) is 51.
Actor **Mark Pellegrino** is 45.
Actress-model **Paulina Porizkova** is 45.
Actress **Cynthia Nixon** is 44.

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by J. McPherson



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Today's Sudoku

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