



THE CASPER EVENTS CENTER, a beautiful, state-of-the-art complex built high on a hill overlooking the City of Casper, hosts a variety of events ranging from the rough-and-tumble professional rodeo, the three-ring extravaganza of the Barnum and Bailey Circus, and major touring music acts.

The Events Center is proud to bring their "Best of Broadway" events to our community. Every year the Best of Broadway tour brings a new slate of professional productions, past plays include "The Producers," "Rent," "Cats" and "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

THE BEARTRAP SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL has made the woods and meadows atop Casper Mountain ring with bluegrass music during the third weekend of July since 1994. A wide variety of regional and national bluegrass bands performs every year, providing almost continuous music from mid-morning until dusk. For the last few years, the Festival has welcomed some of the biggest names in bluegrass as special headline performers, including the Sons of the Pioneers, Asleep at the Wheel, and Ricky Skaggs. From modest beginnings, it has grown to host thousands of music lovers each year.



It's Happening in Casper!

"The reason we teach people the arts is not so much that they become artists, but so they learn to think creatively."

- Bill Strickland -

*President / CEO Manchester Bidwell Corporation
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*"We are committed to creativity,
to harness the power that connects the
seemingly unconnected, to be the conduit
that makes things happen."*

CASPER AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

THE NICOLAYSEN ART MUSEUM and Discovery Center celebrates life through art by creating an understanding of the visual arts. The Nic is a regional museum that promotes the appreciation of art through education, acquisition, self discovery and exhibits with strong emphasis on the regional arts.

The NIC provides a place to educate, stimulate, and promote the understanding of art so that people can meet, view, study, create and enjoy contemporary art of the Rocky Mountain Region.

The NIC is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10am-5pm and also on Sunday from 12pm-4pm. They offer nine galleries with contemporary works of art from regional artists as well as a hands-on art activity center, fittingly called the Discovery Center. There is no admission charge to the museum thanks to local generous sponsors. Come discover the artistic wealth of the Rocky Mountain region!



THE CASPER ARTISTS GUILD is a non-profit educational organization, that provides opportunities for its members and non-members to develop, improve and exhibit their artistic skills. The members operate, show and sell their works Tues.-Sat. 12-4 PM at the West Wind Gallery, 1040 W. 15th Street. Periodically, out-of-state artists are presented and classes are offered.

An active program of workshops is taught by recognized professional artists from as far away as New York. The gallery has several shows each year which include: local, national and international exhibitions.

PAINTED PAST ENTERPRISES brings Casper and Wyoming's history to life with their living history tours. The 1890's, roaring 1920's, and the Casper the Friendly Ghost Tour are revisited on candlelight walking tours of downtown Casper. All of the characters are entertaining, costume-clad actors depicting real people who walked the streets and shot up the town. Step back in time to learn, laugh and get a peek at Casper's past. Painted Past also performs a "Cooking With Marge" comedy show. Marge, however, does not cook but is quick to offer bogus advice just the same.

CASPER CHILDREN'S THEATRE is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing training and diverse performance opportunities in the theatrical arts for youth ages 4-17. It also produces quality live theatrical performances for family audiences.

Over the past several years, the theatre has produced 68 full-scale productions with 289 total performances. During this time the Casper Children's Theatre has seen 1044 students ages 4-18 on the stage. Performances have occurred at the theatre as well as sites throughout the community.

GERTRUDE KRAMPERT THEATRE, CASPER COLLEGE, stages productions ranging from the classical to the contemporary. A musical and three plays are presented each academic year, while the summer season offerings are often musicals or comedies. In addition to meeting the educational needs of theatre and dance majors, the department provides cultural and artistic resources and opportunities to the broader Casper community and fulfills the role of an intellectual and cultural leader for Central Wyoming.

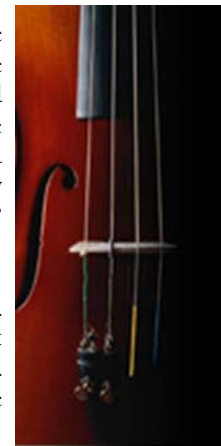
Casper College is also home to the Flight Dance Troupe, the dance company of the Department of Theatre and Dance.



STAGE III COMMUNITY THEATRE is a non-profit, all-volunteer community theater that has produced over 100 shows since its start in 1980. Their season runs from September to June, and features six productions chosen to appeal to a broad spectrum of the community. Auditions are always open to the public, and backstage help is an ongoing need.

THE WYOMING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA strives to enrich the cultural lives of adults, expand the musical horizons of children, and provide an outlet for the creative musicians living in Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain West by performing classical and "pops" music to an expanding audience.

The Wyoming Symphony Orchestra performs six concerts throughout the year and also performs at a variety of outdoor venues during the summer months.



THE CASPER CHILDREN'S CHORALE is held in high regard across the country and has earned numerous top honors. Composers admire its performances of their pieces, community members appreciate the performances themselves and the young participants appreciate the presence of the chorus in their lives.

The Casper Children's Chorale was founded in 1979 with the goal of providing a positive choral experience for young singers for their musical enjoyment and self-growth intellectually, physically, socially, and aesthetically. Membership is open to boys and girls in fourth through the eighth grades. Each May, approximately 200 singers audition for the 75 voice chorale.