

## **President's Week promises laughs, music, literature, and more at Snowmass**

**Snowmass Village, Colorado. February 14, 2005.** President's Week is one of the busiest travel weeks of the year, and Snowmass is gearing up to offer laughter, music, literature, and more to its visitors. From Comedy at the Cabaret Room and a benefit for disabled veterans at the Blue Door, President's Week kicks off early on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Through the course of the following week, visitors will get their fill of live music, extreme skiing and jumping competitions, free kids' activities, and more.

"This is definitely one of the busiest times of the year for Snowmass," says Susan Hamley, Director of Marketing, "The whole family can connect with each other in a fun and memorable way, catching big air, extreme skiing and boarding competitions, taking in music that runs the gamut from Latin to hip hop to eclectic and even to kids' sing-a-longs around the campfire, and topping off Friday nights with the oohs and ahhs brought on by fireworks."

### **Schedule:**

**February 18:** Check out local and national athletes hucking for bucks off a 40-foot jump during **Bud Light Big Air Friday's** competition at Fanny Hill at 2 p.m., followed by a free concert with Debra Lasser and Los Gitanos on the Snowmass Mall at 3 p.m. and fireworks at 7 p.m.

**Rusty Z's Comedy Hypnosis Party** heads to the Cabaret Room at the Silvertree. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. With rapid-fire hypnotic suggestions and hilarious off-the-cuff humor honed over his 14-year career as a stand-up comedian, Rusty Z's show is a favorite national comedy club act.



If you're not ready to call it a night, head over to the Blue Door's hip digs at 9 p.m. for a great cause and great music by **Harmonious Thunk**, a band made up of an Olympian, a doctor, a folk singer, and a motorcycle-riding rock star. Help Snowmass local Reed Lewis celebrate his birthday as well, and the \$10 cover charge goes to sponsoring a newly disabled veteran at the 2005 National Disabled Veterans' Winter Sports Clinic in April.

"I feel it's such an important event in Snowmass," says Lewis. "There's not always an opportunity for young people to give back, but we want to, and this is a great way to do so."

**February 19.** Expert skiers and boarders descend Snowmass' legendary steeps and cliff bands during the **Powerade Colorado Free Ride Series**. At 3 pm, free music returns to the Snowmass Village Mall with a **Budweiser Hi-Fi Concert Series** performance by the **Arthur Lee Land Band**, an Afrograss folk rock group.

**February 24-25.** The Blue Door keeps the nightlife hopping in Snowmass with **Frame of Mind**, an upbeat fresh hip/rock band from Idaho. This wildly dynamic and danceable yet complex group performs both during après-ski from 4-7 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to close.

**February 25.** **Bud Light Big Air** returns to Fanny Hill with competitors hucking off a 40-foot jump. The Rich Ganson Band heats up the mall in a free concert at 3 pm, followed by fireworks at 7 p.m.

At 6 p.m., head down to the Anderson Ranch Arts Center's Meeting Hall to celebrate the long-awaited publication of *Snowmass Village: Wild at Heart*. In addition to a wine and cheese



reception, the event includes a talk and book signing by local author and naturalist Janis Huggins, who will speak about this sensational new resource for outdoors enthusiasts in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. With almost 500 pages of color photos and information on the animals, plants, and birds of the valley, this book is a fascinating natural history field guide to Snowmass, Aspen, and the surrounding wilderness areas.

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