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**RHYTHM & BLUES LEGEND MAVIS STAPLES PERFORMS FREE CONCERT JULY 5, 2008**  
**Snowmass Village Independence Celebration concert is only stop in Colorado**

**Snowmass Village, CO ( June 30, 2008)** – Snowmass shares its patriotic spirit with a spectacular free holiday concert and fireworks show on July 5, 2008. Legendary performer Mavis Staples takes to the stage in her only Colorado appearance at 7:30 pm on Fanny Hill followed by fireworks at dusk (9 p.m.).

**Mavis Staples Bio:**

For over 40 years, Mavis Staples has blazed a rhythm and blues trail while still retaining her gospel roots. Her family group, the Staples Singers, acquired the moniker “God’s Greatest Hitmakers” in the 1950s and became the spiritual and musical voice of the civil rights movement. The group received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences in 2005.

Lead vocalist Mavis Staples continues to make her family's musical message heard and is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and one of VH1’s “100 Greatest Women of Rock and Roll.” She sang "America the Beautiful" at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston and her song "I Still Believe in You" was used by the Boston Red Sox network during the team's historic run to the World Series.

Nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Gospel Performance in 2004 and Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals with Bob Dylan in 2003, she has put out eleven albums and also recorded with the likes of Ray Charles, Dr. John, George Jones, and Natalie Merchant. In 2007, she was awarded the prestigious Americana Music Association's "Spirit of Americana" award in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Spend the fifth in Snowmass!**

Try out the new 9-hole beginner disc golf course on Fanny Hill or head up the Burlingame Chairlift for 27 diverse holes of on-mountain disc golf. Biking, hiking, free guided nature hikes and kids crafts classes and more are available. All Snowmass trails, including the freeride mountain biking terrain and the mountainboarding park are now open, as are day camp classes at the Treehouse Kids Adventure Center and the popular Snowmass Recreation Center saltwater pools.

**Lodging Specials**

Visit [www.snowmassvillage.com/lodging-specials](http://www.snowmassvillage.com/lodging-specials) for details and additional specials.

**Timberline Condominiums: Independence Celebration Special**

Come celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> in Snowmass with massive mountains of adventure plus hear Mavis Staples in a free concert with fireworks on July 5. Stay 3 or more nights get your last night free!  
Valid 6/28/08 – 7/7/2008. Rates start at \$130.00 per night.

**The Laurelwood Condominiums**

Bring the whole family and have a barbeque on your own private balcony or patio. Laurelwood studios have a queen bed, queen sleeper sofa, fully equipped kitchen and a two-tier 24 person hot tub. Rate starts at \$159/ night plus tax. Minimum night stays apply.

**The Pokolodi Lodge/Snowmass Inn**

Stay at either property and receive 10% off a stay of two nights or longer July 3-6. Rent a bike or purchase anything at Gene Taylor Sports, and guests receive 30% off.

***For more information, visit the official Snowmass Village website at [www.snowmassvillage.com](http://www.snowmassvillage.com) or call 1-800-SNOWMASS. For media information and photos, contact Allison Johnson, [aj@snowmasspress.com](mailto:aj@snowmasspress.com) or (970) 309-5485.***

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