The Crested Butte Center for the Arts has been a gem in the valley’s cultural scene.

The Crested Butte Center for the Arts is turning 20 this year. What an amazing two decades it’s been.

Great concerts. Magical dance and theater performances. Educational forums. The Center for the Arts has seen it all. And the best is yet to come.
Every year, more than 20,000 people visit the Center. Some of the Center’s popular signature events include:

- **Alpenglow** — A free Monday evening concert series, “Supersized Alpenglow” will take place in July in support of the 20th anniversary and will feature multiple acts and a community potluck.

- **Tour de Forks** — An annual fundraiser centered around the culinary arts.

- **Winter Season** — Concert series that has featured artists ranging from Colorado’s The Hazel Miller Band to Judy Collins and Los Lobos.

- **Numerous open houses and speaking engagements** are scheduled throughout the year.

Special to 2007 is a year-end celebration including an invitational art show and art gala in December. The art show takes place at The Piper Gallery in the Center for the Arts, Dec. 5 – Jan. 7, 2008. The 20th Anniversary Gala takes place at the Center for the Arts Dec. 28.

In addition, the Center offers a year-round schedule of events by partnering with community organizations. A collection of events are scheduled throughout 2007. Some of these include:

- **Crested Butte Music Festival** (July 4-Aug 4): “Explore the Elements of Paradise,” featuring Repertory Dance Theatre; the operas “Pagliacci” and “Gianni Schicchi”; Chinese fiddler Ma Xiaohui; Battle of the Bluegrass Bands; and children’s concerts.

- **Dansummer Instructional Workshops** (July 2-13, July 16-August 4.)

- **Crested Butte Reel Fest** (August 8-12.)

The Alpenglow entertainment lineup for the summer of 2007 promises to be a hot one. Acts include:

- **June 25**, a double Alpenglow with Henry Butler and the Broken Everly's

- **July 2**, The Railbenders

- **July 9**, Sweet Sunny South

- **July 16**, University of North Texas Mariachi Ensemble

- **July 23**, Great American Taxi

- **July 30**, Charlie Sounds

- **August 6**, Tempa & the Tantrums

For more information or updated schedules, visit www.crestedbuttearts.org or call the Center at 349-7487.