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Rialto Theater Center Grand Opening Celebration

LOVELAND, CO The Rialto Theater starts off 2012 with a new building, a new name and a big celebration. Construction is on schedule to be completed in the first part of the year. With the increase of meeting and event areas available to the community through the construction, the building name has changed to **Rialto Theater Center** to better reflect the additional spaces. Plans for a Grand Opening Celebration are underway for April 11-14, 2012. The celebration events are designed to honor the Rialto Theater heritage as a silent movie theater, to introduce the community to the new building spaces and to showcase a nationally touring musical performer.

The Rialto Theater Center project is a joint venture between the City of Loveland, the Rialto Bridge, LLC and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. The City portion of the three story building will provide expanded storage, workshop and dressing room for the theater as well as a much needed community room, reception space and conference room. The private portion of the building will house a restaurant on the first floor and offices on the third floor.

Grand Opening Events

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm

4 Funny Films

In the tradition of the Rialto Theater Center's history as a silent movie theater, the grand opening celebration begins with *4 Funny Films*, silent movies guaranteed to bring laugh-out-loud fun. Buster Keaton gets mistaken for a murderer in *The Goat*; Harold Lloyd find himself high up on a skyscraper in *Never Weaken*; Roscoe Arbuckle and Buster Keaton serve up laughs, chaos, and an unusual dance in *The Cook*; and Charley Chase accidentally dates his own wife in *Mighty Like a Moose*. Featuring live accompaniment by Colorado based Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra, the evening is sure to be a hit. Tickets are \$10.

Friday, April 13, 6-9 pm

A Grand Night for Community

A special night for northern Colorado residents to tour the new Rialto Theater Center building, try out Next Door food & drink restaurant and experience the talent of Loveland's vibrant community performance groups as they feature short showcases of their work. Tours will meet

in the theater's outer lobby and will take place every 15 minutes throughout the evening. Tours and performance showcases are open and free to all.

Saturday, April 14, 7 pm

Aaron Neville

The Rialto Theater Center is proud to present musical icon Aaron Neville. Over the past five decades, the deep-rooted spirit of New Orleans has been synonymous with the musical dynasty of the Neville Brothers. For Aaron Neville, the solo artist, there is an equally intimate connection between his music and the faith that has sustained him for his entire life. Through challenge and tragedy, he has managed to thrive, protecting both his heart and his voice. Aaron Neville and his quintet bring their indelible spirit to Loveland to celebrate the community's support of the Rialto Theater Center expansion.

Tickets: \$50

\$75 VIP ticket includes post-concert reception with the artist (limited quantity)

The Rialto Theater is located at 228 E 4th Street in Loveland. Tickets can be purchased by calling 970-962-2120, online at www.cityofloveland.org/rialto or at the box office. Box office hours are 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays.

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