

Good Pickins

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Even though most of Durango's snow melted off weeks ago, the Durango Bluegrass Meltdown helped warm up cold and lonesome ears. Over 25 different bands played over the three-day event, which included five venues as well as a plethora of impromptu jam sessions around town. All in all, there was enough boot-kickin', yee-hawin' and swing-dancin' to get everyone warmed up after a chilly winter.



Several restaurants around town hosted bands after hours.



The Balcony Bar and Grill threw its own outdoor dance party during a performance by Denver band Whiskey Tango.



Tessa Heydinger, 13, right, and Dylan Doskoeil, 14, from Bayfield put on a duet in front of the Diamond Bell last Sunday morning.



Front Range bluegrass and folk band Finnders and Youngberg perform for a packed audience at the Henry Strater Theater on Saturday afternoon.



Buskers showcase their talents in the sun-soaked streets of downtown Durango.