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### **Western Musical Steps Onto the Butte Stage**

The Butte Opera House will change venues from the summer melodrama currently playing to a classic western musical set starting the first week of August.

*The Colorado Colleen* melodrama at the Butte will close July 28 and *Annie Get Your Gun*, one of Broadway's most loved musicals, with such songs as *There's No Business Like Show Business* and *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better*, will open Aug. 3.

This popular show is based on the spectacular career of sharpshooter Annie Oakley.

When a traveling Wild West show visits her town, Oakley enters a shooting contest, wins, and is asked to join the show. She has fallen in love with the star of the show, Frank Butler, and agrees to join, although she has no idea what "show business" is - she is informed with the classic song, *There's No Business Like Show Business*. Over the course of the musical, Frank, although insisting that the girl he wants will "wear satin..and smell of cologne" becomes enamoured of the tomboyish Annie. Unfortunately, his ego is bruised and he becomes jealous when Annie becomes a star, and he walks out on her.

After various complications, which keep Annie and Frank apart, they come together again, only to have one last shooting duel in the finale - *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better*. Annie deliberately loses to Frank to soothe his ego, and they go off together.

*Annie Get Your Gun* was first staged on Broadway at the Imperial Theater on May 16, 1946 and ran for 1,147 performances. Directed by Joshua Logan, Ethel Merman starred as Annie Oakley with Ray Middleton in the leading male role as Frank Butler.

Several of *The Colorado Colleen* actors will perform in this show.

*Annie Get Your Gun* runs Aug. 3-Sept. 29 and is the second in a series of professional shows produced at the Butte this year by Thin Air Theatre Company (TATC), a collaboration of acting, directing, writing and producing talent from veteran Cripple Creek actors.

The show dates are:

Aug. 3- Sept. 2: Wednesdays 1 & 7 p.m.; Thursdays 1 & 7 p.m.; Fridays 7 p.m.; Saturdays 1 & 7 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m.

Sept 6 – Sept 29: Thursdays & Fridays 7 p.m., Saturdays 1 & 7 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m.

Regular season ticket prices are: \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$9 for children 12 & under, \$11 for groups of 20 or more. You can also purchase a TATC 2007 season ticket and save 15%.

For more information and to reserve online, visit [butteoperahouse.com](http://butteoperahouse.com) or call 719-235-8944 or toll-free 877-689-6402.

