

# Hotchkiss Crawford Historical Society/Museum : Society Honors the History of Local Music and Musicians

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## A Love of Local Music Kind of Place

On Saturday, March 18, the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society is hosting a "Love of Music Kind of Place" celebration at the Museum in Hotchkiss from 1-4 p.m.

Some of the history of music and musicians in the North Fork and Smith Fork Valley will be told, and several musicians from our valley will come together to offer their musical talents.

It was music in the form of a local band that welcomed the arrival of the railroad in 1902 at the new train station in Hotchkiss. And, before that and since then, the Valley has been filled with music from dance bands



**Some local music in Hotchkiss a few  
years ago**

*Photo by Tom Wills*

like the Fobare Brothers, entertainers like Ward Holder, school marching bands directed by the likes of Jack Kintz, pianists at churches and community gatherings with Gwen Leitzinger Hallenbeck and Lura Reschke, and many others, and citizens like Doc Sanford and wife Genevieve, who played Beethoven's 5th and other classics on their 33rpm vinyl records player that were enjoyed by passersby outside their home on East Main Street.

Residents who would like to bring musical talent to the program should contact Sheila Maki at 970-985-8489.

This is the first in a series of "Sense of Place" programs, and the community's involvement will help the Society capture a bit of its local music history.

No admission charge...donations always appreciated!

New or renewing members are encouraged to send in their checks to Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society P.O. 724 Hotchkiss, CO 81419. Individual membership is only \$20 for the year, family memberships \$40, and Business memberships - \$50. Bronze, Silver and Gold sponsorship are also encouraged at \$100, \$200, and \$500 levels respectively.