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ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD LAUNCHES ITS 2010 SUMMER SEASON MAY 29 WITH COMMEMORATIVE ROYAL GORGE ARTWORK BY WARD HOOPER, COLORADO CULINARY ADVENTURE AND NEW BAR & LOUNGE CAR

Hooper to Host Artists Reception Aboard the Train, June 5

Cañon City, COLO. (April 28, 2010) – The [Royal Gorge Route Railroad](http://www.royalgorgeroute.com), Colorado's first and most scenic streamliner, launches its 2010 summer season with Colorado-inspired menus, a newly renovated 1950s-era bar and lounge car, and ***Summer on the Royal Gorge Route***, new commemorative artwork commissioned by Mark Greksa, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad's owner. The legendary train that began ferrying passengers along the wild Arkansas River deep within the granite cliffs of the Royal Gorge in 1880 begins its 2010 daily departure schedule May 29 at 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for lunch, dinner, murder mystery and wine train excursions aboard the mid-century train's coach, observation and vista domes, and classic dining cars. Complete daily and special event schedules are available online at <http://www.royalgorgeroute.com/pdf/royalgorgebrochure.pdf>. The Royal Gorge Route Railroad's next special excursion departs at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 9 for [Mother's Day Brunch](#), which features a chef-prepared four-course menu with champagne.

"Our [classes of service](#) and fine-dining menus have always been inspired by the elegant and leisurely train excursions of yesteryear," said Greksa. "This year, we're taking our full-service dining and wine offering to another level by serving new menus with fresh tastes and adding a Colorado culinary emphasis." Greksa said the new menus will feature local and seasonal offerings that include wine, cheese, chocolate, produce and meats from a variety of Colorado's best purveyors.

This year, Greksa also commissioned [Ward Hooper](#) to create a piece of art that captures the romance and natural beauty of the Royal Gorge Route experience. Hooper will ride the Royal Gorge Route Railroad at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5 to meet passengers and sign posters of his new art, called "Summer on The Royal Gorge Route". Hooper's artwork also will be available in the historic Santa Fe Depot gift shop.

On May 29, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad will unveil its newly renovated bar and lounge car designed to evoke the laid-back atmosphere of the 1950s with warm wood details and lounge seating. Coach class will also offer two completely remodeled coaches for the 2010 season.

[About the Royal Gorge Route Railroad](#)

Each year, more than 100,000 travelers from around the world experience the natural beauty of the Royal Gorge aboard Colorado's first and finest scenic streamliner – the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. Designed in golden era style with comfortable seating, carefully restored dark oak interiors and white-linen covered fine dining tables. This grand Colorado train takes guests on an epic and culinary adventure along the tumbling waters of the legendary Arkansas River deep within the granite cliffs of the Royal Gorge. Classes of service hark back to a time when travel was an elegant and leisurely affair, and have earned the train its reputation as one of the premier passenger excursion trains in the country. Guests may choose classic coach and vista dome seating with ala Carte fare or chef-prepared multi-course meals upon Royal Gorge Route's lunch train, wine train, dinner train and murder mystery train. For tickets or to learn more, visit www.RoyalGorgeRoute.com or call 1.888.RAILS.4U. Become a Facebook fan at RoyalGorgeRoute.com/facebook.