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ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL, Aspen, Colorado. This summer festival offers concerts for all tastes—opera, string quartets, chamber music, solo and orchestral works. You can buy patron seats inside the Benedict Music Tent or enjoy the concerts out on the lawn where the setting is free. Take advantage of the reduced-price tickets to the dress rehearsals and ask about the artist talks. The festival also offers well-priced tour packages that include airfare, accommodations and concert tickets. www.aspenmusic.com.

PARK CITY JAZZ FEST, Park City, Utah. This summer concert series is a movable feast—held at the Park City Mountain Resort, at the Crescent and Deer Valley. Everything from professional performances by well-known artists like Winton Marsalis, Wynton Marsalis, Spyro Gyra and Ray Charles to educational workshops and clinics are offered. www.parkcityjazz.com.

STRINGS IN THE MOUNTAINS, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Enjoy everything from classical chamber music to jazz, blues, country and soul in a tent at the bottom of the ski mountain. Ask about the Encore concerts—chamber music performed in the living rooms of some of this valley's private homes. www.stringsinthemountains.org.


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BEST COFFEE SHOP
JAVA Ketchum, Idaho. In addition to great coffee, Java serves yummy breakfast and lunch. (208) 726-2882.

THE BUNNERY Jackson, Wyoming. A popular local gathering place, this bakery and deli also sells packaged specialty breads, coffee cakes and granola. (800) 349-0492 or www.bunnery.com.

MORNING RAY Park City, Utah. Their scrumptious made-to-order omelettes are worth the wait at this popular morning spot. (435) 649-5685 or www.themorningray.com.

JITTERS Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Order a breakfast burrito to go with your latte or smoothie. Jitters also serves lunch. (970) 879-2158.