



members of The Business perform soul and rock-n-roll hits from the 50s and 60s as well as choice tunes from more recent decades.



chestra performs original material rooted in blues, bluegrass, country hits from the 50s to today.



bop, soul and country music.



Wilson has worked as a professional musician, playing jazz -- -his first and true love - rock, country, gospel, blues, Broadway-style and symphonic.



Bill Mattocks A true blues legend, Bill Mattocks hails from the Pacific Northwest. In West-

ern N.C., he brings his authentic



HC Oakes Band Covering song by Tom Petty, Delbert Mc-Clinton, The



Vega Band When Veaa's alit-

ter-crusted platforms hit the stage, audiences are in for a special night. The Atlanta band of-

Outdoor Concert Series delivery of Chicago-style blues and Rolling Stones, Eagles, Allman fers cover grooves ranging from other styles to mountain stages. Brothers, Chris Stapleton, Jason Is-Bill Withers to Al Green to Johnny bell, Tyler Childers and others, the Cash, Elvis, Blondie and Grand AUG 6 HC Oakes Band offers something Funk Railroad. Jesse for everyone. Barry & Laney and The Jam Will Thomp-Asheville Friends The Business MAY - OCTOBER 2022 son Band vocalist Born in Mar-With an old-school flare, the eight This energetic Jesse Barry began her music caion, N.C., blueband from the reer at the tender age of eight. grass musician Colby Laney has Florida Gulf Known for her soulful pipes and performed with nationally-touring Coast plays contagious enthusiasm, she and bands such as Mountain Heart (on unique covers her band play blues, funk and soul. the Opry), Next Best Thing (at the and head-turning originals. They Ryman) and Volume Five, which recently won best band on the Em-**Back Porch** performed his No. 1 hit, "Rich AUG 20 erald Coast. Orchestra Man's Daughter." Peggy & Shaped by their Paula **Fancy** homegrown, With their fourtraditional roots, Back Porch Orand the piece band, Gentlemen Peggy and Paula bring the great, sing-along An alt-counand classic rock, as well as favorite songs from Linda Ronstadt, Etta try and honky-James, Bonnie Raitt and more. tonk band from Asheville, Fancy and The Wobblers the Gentlemen play down-home, Based in the roots-style originals and pay hom-Clemson/Senage to the greats of country music. eca, S.C. area, The Wobblers play a funky blend of roots, blues, hard **Thirsty** Blaze the City Horses The Outdoor Concert Series Playing pop, funk, Top 40 dance, For the rock, country, blues and Motown, is brought to you by the past Blaze the City captures audiences Highlands Chamber of 12 years, Thirsty Horses has perand, metaphorically, sets the stage Commerce/ formed across the southeast, on fire. bringing a high energy show, and Visit Highlands, NC. covering classic rock, country, The Americana, and 60s pop-rock. Russ Wilson and His Famous **Rockabillys** Orchestra The Rockabil-108 Main Street For more than four decades, Russ lys are classic visithighlandsnc.com IGHLANDS country, 50s events@highlandschamber.org and 60s rock-828.526.5841 n-roll and Americana - all rolled NORTH CAROLINA into one band. **Picante** ELEV. 4118 Get ready to dance! Picante performs original and uniquely-arranged Latin rhythms, Latin jazz, rock, reggae and popular music. visithighlandsnc.com Kelsev-Hutchinson Founders Park

Highlands offers free, live, outdoor music each Friday and Saturday night, from May through October. Bring your favorite lawn chair and picnic basket and join us!



Showcasing traditional mountain music and local talent

Town Square | 343 Main St. | 6 - 8:30 pm



Johnny Webb Band Offering laid-back, yet seasoned, country music, the Johnny Webb Band performs selections spanning more

than 50 years with a down-home flavor.



MAY 20

Jay Drummonds

Reappearing on the music scene after much success with his brand of country in the late 90s, Jay Drummonds' latest album.

"Sweet," pays homage to his faith, family, friends and love of writing music. He has called the N.C. mountains home for the past two decades.



Sycamore Flats

Best known for performing songs of historical relevance to southern Appalachia, Sycamore Flats performs a lively

blend of old-time and bluegrass styles.



JUNE 3 Will and Lindsey Thompson

Both gifted singer/songwriters, Will and Lindsey Thompson captivate audiences with their mix of sta-

dium-ready songs and ethereal vocals.



JUNE 10

Ol' Dirty Bathtub Five-member bluegrass band Ol' Dirty Bathtub is a regional favorite. Mixing in Americana,

folk and good energy, the Sylva-based group is a premier acoustic party band.



JUNE 17

Curtis Blackwell and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys Since forming the band with Sam Cobb and others in 1960, Curtis Blackwell has

led Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys and been honored in the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame.



Southern Highland Band

Life-long friends Tom Nixon and Dean English are also the owners of Blue Ridge Music

Academy in Clayton, Ga. Their music has an emphasis on their bluegrass roots.



Silly Ridge Trio Highlands-based bluegrass band Silly Ridge Trio incorporates an

eclectic blend of Americana and folk into their music.



JULY 8

The Foxfire Bovs Formed in the early 1980s, The Foxfire Boys grew out of its members' participation in

The Foxfire Fund's Appalachian culture and music program in northeast Georgia. Performing bluegrass blends, it has since graced the stage at the Grand Ole Opry.



JULY 15 Leadfoot Lilv Featuring a mix of 70's

pop, rhythm and blues, country, folk, rock and bluegrass, Leadfoot Lily is comprised of two members of The Foxfire Boys band and their wives.

JULY 22

Johnny Webb Band See Friday, May 13.



Byrds & Crows Transylvania County-based Byrds & Crows play songs

deeply rooted in the Appalachian Mountains, with styles ranging from bluegrass to folk to early country.





Kettle

A lively, three-piece band, Kettle performs alternative

country, electrified Americana, psychedelic folk and all styles in between.

AUG 12 Ol' Dirty Bathtub See Friday, June 10



The Foreign Landers Hailing from opposite sides of the Atlantic, the duo The Foreign Landers

combines their love of bluegrass and traditional folk with styles from their respective homelands.

AUG 26 Silly Ridge Trio See Friday, July 1



Zorki Zorki began his journey by playing in New York City's Washington Square Park. Today he calls the Highlands-Ca-

shiers Plateau area home as he offers acoustic guitar grooves and soothing vocals. in the business.



Supper Break Asheville-based Supper Break formed in 2019. With an emphasis on bluegrass,

the band also offers hard-driving dance tunes, improvised jams and acoustic stylings.

Curtis Blackwell See Friday, June 17

SEPT 23

SEPT 16

Sycamore Flats See Friday, May 27



The Foxfire Boys See Friday, July 8

OCT 7

Bvrds & Crows See Friday, July 29

Southern Highland Band See Friday, June 24

OCT 21



Aubrey Eisenman & The Clydes

This Asheville-based, bluegrass and Americana act has charted twice on the Grassi-

cana Charts, and "Bowerbird," landed on the Roots Music Top 50 albums in 2019.

OCT 28



Ezra and Katie Ezra and Katie Husband-and-wife duo Ezra and Katie have played acoustic music together for more than 10 years. The Highlands natives spent seven

years in Los Angeles pursuing their creative endeavors before returning to the area.



Featuring a variety of popular, regional bands and musicians

Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park Pine St. | 6 - 8:30 pm



The Breakfast Club Formed in 1993, The Breakfast Club is a

long-running, highly recognized 80s tribute band that takes its audience back to the early days of MTV.



The Caribbean **Cowbovs Band** Steve Weams & The Caribbean

Cowboys Band has entertained Western N.C. audiences and beyond for more than 30 years. They play a wide variety of music, plus their originals.



Continental Divide A southeast staple for more than 30 years, Continental Divide en-

tertains with the smooth vocals of Gene Pharr, a Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame inductee. A tight rhythm section and flowing lines from the horn section add to the high energy.



High Five High Five's sound incorporates rock, blues, Americana, bluegrass, country and jazz, cre-

ating an eclectic and familiar set list.



Rocksteady@8 Formed in 1999 in Tampa with members from ska and

world music groups from around the area, Rocksteady@8's first gig was opening for legendary reggae band Toots and the Maytals.



Firecracker Jazz Band Performing hundreds of

shows since 2003, Ashe-

ville's Firecracker Jazz Band has played street corners, speakeasies, jazz festivals, swing-and-swill dance halls, Bonnaroo and the Kennedy Center.



JULY 2

The Swingin' Richards

This group made its debut in 2001 opening in Charlotte for James Brown. Members of The Swingin' Richards have been part of the southeasts most beloved party bands.