

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!

Friday Night Live

Showcasing traditional mountain music and local talent

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



MAY 19 - JAY DRUMMONDS

Jay Drummonds' sweet Southern and twang-tinged baritone weaves lyric and melody together. His latest album, "Sweet," pays homage to his faith, family, friends, and love of writing music. He has called the North Carolina mountains home for the past two decades.



MAY 26 - SILLY RIDGE

Popular Highlands-based bluegrass band Silly Ridge incorporates an eclectic blend of Americana and folk

into their music.

JUNE 2 - EZRA & 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.



JUNE 9 - 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.



JUNE 16 - STEADY HAND STRING BAND

Steady Hand String Band is an old-time string band based out of Long Creek. Steady Hand performs tunes that originated mostly before the 1930s with a handful of old country tunes thrown in, as well. Their modern renditions of these traditional tunes come from a desire to preserve the oral tradition of folk music in Appalachia.



JUNE 23 - SOUTHERN HIGHLAND BAND

Lifelong 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.



JUNE 30 - 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.



JULY 7 - THE FOXFIRE BOYS

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, the band has since graced the stage at the Grand Ole Opry.



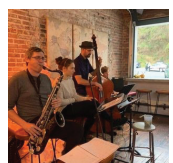
JULY 14 - CURTIS BLACKWELL BAND

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.



JULY 21 - CARTER GIEGERICH AND FRIENDS

Carter Giegerich is a graduate of the East Tennessee State University's Bluegrass, Old-Time and Roots Music program, where he developed a love for the blending of musical tradition and innovation. That passion evolved into a unique musical style that blends contemporary and traditional sounds, drawing inspiration from bluegrass, old-time and Celtic music as well as funk, hip-hop and electronic artists.



JULY 28 - WE THREE SWING

We Three Swing is a jazz collective based in Sylva.



AUGUST 4 - THE WELL DRINKERS

The Well Drinkers are a progressive, original bluegrass

and Americana band based out of Western North Carolina who strives to combine traditional roots of their Appalachian region with progressive instrumentation, songwriting and subject matter. The group doesn't shy away from the opportunity to bring experimental jams, jazz, Cajun, classical and reggae into their live performances.



AUGUST 11 - NITROGRASS

Nitrograss, both sonically unique and visually appealing in their performances, provides a carefree and exciting atmosphere of pure acoustic ear-fodder.

AUGUST 18 - SILLY RIDGE

See Friday, May 26.

AUGUST 25 - SOUTHERN HIGHLAND BAND

See Friday, June 23.

SEPTEMBER 1 - BYRDS & CROWS

See Friday, June 30.

SEPTEMBER 8 - THE WELL DRINKERS

See Friday, August 4.

SEPTEMBER 15 - CURTIS BLACKWELL BAND

See Friday, July 14.

SEPTEMBER 22 - CRISP BROWN AULISIO



With more than 60 years of combined live music experience, Crisp Brown Aulizio brings a cornucopia of styles to the table. Mixing flavors and nuances of all genres to create a multi-course meal of skilled improvisation for your aural enjoyment.

SEPTEMBER 29 - JOHNNY WEBB BAND

See Friday, June 9.

OCTOBER 6 - 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.

OCTOBER 13 - THE FOXFIRE BOYS

See Friday, July 7. ♦



Saturdays on Pine

Featuring a variety of popular, regional bands and musicians

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



MAY 20 - THE BOOMERS

The Boomers are back by popular demand! Having shared the stage with Hootie and the Blowfish, Melissa Etheridge, Alison Krauss, Edwin McCain, Emmylou Harris, Chynna Phillips and Huey Lewis and the News, The Boomers are no strangers to the stage and know exactly what it takes to entertain a crowd.



MAY 27 - THE SWINGIN' RICHARDS

The mission statement is simple: Rock the House! The Swingin' Richards made their debut on Feb 2, 2001 in the Nations Bank Center Plaza in Charlotte, opening for James Brown, and they have remained one of the Southeast's most beloved, reveled party bands ever since.



JUNE 3 - NU-BLU

As the hosts of TV's hit series Bluegrass Ridge, Nu-Blu brings their unique sound to audiences

around the world. A former Carolina Music Awards Country Band of the Year, they tour more than 200 days each year, with national TV appearances, five albums on the Top 10 Billboard Charts and a no. 1 most played song on Sirius/XM radio.



JUNE 10 - FIRECRACKER JAZZ BAND

In hundreds of performances since 2003, Firecracker Jazz Band from Asheville has played everywhere from street corners, secret speakeasies, jazz festivals nationwide, swing-and-swirl dance halls, Bonnaroo and the Kennedy Center.

JUNE 17 - THE TROUPERS



The Troupers are seasoned professional entertainers, collectively appearing on more than 100 CDs and albums and performing in 12 countries. Stellar vocals, musicianship and delightful entertainment energy qualify The Troupers as a must-see.

JULY 1 - BLAZE THE CITY



With incredible vocal harmonies, funky dance rhythms and scorching guitar, Blaze the City captures audiences and "sets the room on fire." With pop, funk, Top 40 dance, rock, country, blues, Motown and everything in between.

JULY 4 - DIAMOND RIVER BAND



A young, versatile and hip party band. Diamond River is

for folks looking for something less-traditional while still appealing to a vast range of ages.

JULY 8 - BILL MATTOCKS

Bill Mattocks is a true blues legend. Hailing from the Pacific Northwest, Bill packed up his harmonica and headed



to Western North Carolina where he brings his authentic delivery of Chicago-style blues to mountain stages.

JULY 15 - LAZRLUVR

Break out your 3D shades, fingerless gloves, popped collars and teased hair, and get ready for and the best tributes to timeless favorites, straight from a page in your 1980s yearbook.



JULY 22 - BACK PORCH ORCHESTRA

While Back Porch Orchestra began their journey as a modern band, there's no doubt they're shaped by their homegrown, traditional roots. They prefer both originals rooted in blues, bluegrass, country, and classic



rock, and covering your favorite hits from the 1950s to present day.

JULY 29 - SHANE MEADE & THE SOUND

Shane Meade is a gifted singer songwriter and the catalyst behind the Tampa-based, soul-infused folk rock project Shane Meade & the Sound. The music captivates the imagination, and audiences connect to his inspirational lyrics and



universal subject matter.

AUGUST 5 - SOULUTION

Coming from humble beginnings, Soulution's hard work and dedication has earned Grammy nominations, tours across the country and internationally with Grammy winners, and the trust of some of pop music's biggest names.



AUGUST 12 - FULL CIRCLE

Full Circle refers to those songs you used to love with great vocals, tight harmonies and jammin' solos. Their range is wide, from the 60s to modern country.

SEPTEMBER 2 - CONTINENTAL DIVIDE



For more than three decades, Continental Divide has performed across the southeast. From the silky-smooth voice of Gene Pharr (a 2016 Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame inductee), to the tightness of the rhythm section, to the flowing lines of the horn section, they put on a performance everyone will remember.

SEPTEMBER 9 - STEEL TOE STILETTO

Based in Greenville, S.C., Steel Toe Stiletto was formed from friendships between some of the south-east's most impressive vocalists and musicians.

SEPTEMBER 16 - MCINTOSH & THE LIONHEARTS

Founded in 2019 by front man Spalding McIntosh, the LionHearts are a versatile ensemble of established pros, all devoted to presenting its founder's complex compositions on home, love and the chal-



lenges of manhood, all in a tight, rolling groove.

SEPTEMBER 23 - THE HOLIDAY BAND

Established in 1991 in Burlington, North Carolina, The Holiday Band was inducted into the Carolina Beach Music Awards Hall of Fame in 2015.



SEPTEMBER 30 - CLAY PAGE

With influences ranging from Hank Williams, Sr. to The Allman Brothers, Page's music is a "sound of the deep south." The Georgia native stays relevant while touring from the coasts of Carolina to the big skies of Texas.



OCTOBER 7 - OUTLAW WHISKEY

Carolina-based and award-winning Outlaw Whiskey offers a high-energy show featuring classic country and Southern/classic rock.

OCTOBER 14 - FOX FIRE BOYS

See Friday, July 7.



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