

Independence Day Concert

JULY 4 - SOUTHSIDE STATION

A 5-piece band of talented vocalists and musicians who play all of the legendary hits from pop, rock, dance, country, and your favorite singer-songwriters with an eclectic instrumentation. Having performed with Charlie Daniels, ZZ Top, Styx, Foreigner, Jimmy Buffett, Sara Evans, Sheryl Crow, and many others, the veteran musicians of Southside Station are pros on the stage and know how to engage any crowd.

JULY 11 - BLAZE THE CITY

Blaze the City ignites every event with incredible vocal harmonies, funky rhythms, and fiery guitar. Covering pop, funk, rock, country, blues, and Motown, they blend decades of passion and talent.

JULY 18 - MOON DANCE

From swing to disco and all points in between, Moon Dance has a song list that will entice everyone to dance!. Moon Dance is truly a group of all-star professionals. Audrey and Kayla comprise the frontline of this talented band.

JULY 25 - BOURBON SONS

Forged in the southern heat of the Carolinas, Bourbon Sons bring big guitars, tight harmonies, and a setlist full of your favorite country mega-hits spanning the decades. From traditional country to huge modern pop country singalongs, Bourbon Sons brings all the best country music has to offer.

AUGUST 1 - YACHT RANDO

The members of Yacht Rando are brought together by a deep love of the golden age of vacation, soft rock, and pastel colours. Passionate about details, Yacht Rando strives to put on a high energy show that can still chill you out, as you reminisce about a simpler time to the mellow sounds of Toto and Robbie Dupree. So grab a margarita, relax, and steal away with Yacht Rando.

AUGUST 8 - BLAKE ELLEGE + THE RESONATORS

Blake Ellege and the Resonators deliver authentic classic country with fiddle, guitar, doghouse bass, and pedal steel. Covering hits from the Golden Age to the 1990s, Blake, an international recording artist, Grammy member, American Idol Golden Ticket winner, and 2022 Josie Music Awards "Outlaw Country Artist of the Year," brings award-winning talent to every performance.

AUGUST 15 - NO CONCERT

AUGUST 22 - WILL THOMPSON BAND

The Will Thompson Band is known for their high-energy performances and studio precision quality of sound in their live shows. Not to mention the infectious joy of seeing professional musicians comfortable in their zone and truly loving what they do.

AUGUST 29 - NO CONCERT

DIVERSE GROOVE



provides an unmatched, non-stop show from the second they hit the stage. Truly living up to their name, Diverse Groove performs every genre of music including Top 40 Hits, Beach Music, Motown, R&B, Rock, Dance, and Reggae.

SEPTEMBER 12 - HIGH 5



Local to the Highlands area, this talented group blends rock, blues, Americana, bluegrass, country, and jazz into a unique, engaging sound. Their performances feature a mix of familiar favorites and eclectic surprises, creating a musical experience that resonates with every audience and celebrates the rich diversity of American music traditions.

SEPTEMBER 19 - BOOGITHERAPI



Some of Asheville's funkier musicians unite to form BoogiTherapi, an all-star party cover band led by AVL Funk Soldier Ryan Barber. Known for delivering high-energy dance music that uplifts the mind, body, and soul, BoogiTherapi also grooves through smooth jazz and diverse genres before turning up the night with irresistible funk.

SEPTEMBER 26 - DARREN NICHOLSON BAND



The Darren Nicholson Band hails from the mountains of western North Carolina and delivers a fresh take on American acoustic music. Led by 11-time IBMA award-winner Darren Nicholson, the band blends bluegrass, folk, gospel and swing into uplifting performances that feel familiar yet inventive. They aim to connect, entertain and leave lasting friendships in their wake.

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MAY 15 - 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.



MAY 22 - SILLY RIDGE

Highlands based troupe that brings fun, energy, and toe-tapping mixture of classic bluegrass, and popular music, to any event throughout the Highlands - Cashiers plateau.



MAY 29 - ANDREW WAKEFIELD & FRIENDS

With a knack for song-craft and a boundless passion for the guitar, Chimney Rock-based Andrew Wakefield has become a western North Carolina bluegrass fixture. Andrew weaves old with new and pours his heart and soul into every performance.



JUNE 5 - JOHN WEBB

Offering laid-back, yet seasoned, country music, the Johnny Webb Band performs selections spanning more than 50 years with a down-home flavor.



JUNE 12 - YOUNG MOUNTAIN MAGIC

Powerhouse teenage bluegrass artists from Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina. YMM blends traditional Appalachian roots with youthful energy and virtuosity for unforgettable performances.



JUNE 19 - SHORTOFF MOUNTAIN BOYS

A newer local supergroup of some of the most talented Bluegrass pickers WNC has ever seen. The group features David Crisp (guitar), Charles Wood (banjo), Dave Mueller (mandolin) and Fisher Wilson (bass). They know how to bring that old country/bluegrass heat to the stage!



JUNE 26 - DOUG RAMSEY

Doug Ramsay is the "blue-eyed soul man" from Detroit. Influenced by Motown legends and 70s rock, Doug brings decades of experience covering everything from jazz standards to today's hits.



JULY 3 - SPARE PARTS BLUEGRASS BAND

A Walhalla, South Carolina bluegrass band blending delicate harmonies with high-energy barn burners. Seasoned multi-instrumentalists with 50+ years' combined experience, they perform across the Upstate at venues like Jocassee Valley Brewing, Whiteside Brewing, Bridgeway Station, and community events.



JULY 10 - BLACKWELL TRADITION II

From North Georgia's mountains, this group carries the legacy of Curtis Blackwell, former Bluegrass Boy. The band blends virtuosity, heartfelt vocals, and timeless authenticity, honoring bluegrass heritage while infusing every performance with fresh energy, tradition, and passion.

JULY 17 - FOXFIRE BOYS - See May 15 Listing



JULY 24 - BYRDS & CROWS

An acoustic band based in the mountains of Western North Carolina, blending the timeless sounds of folk, bluegrass, and old country with touches of Americana and heartfelt original songs.



JULY 31 - NITROGRASS

A high-energy Appalachian acoustic band blending traditional bluegrass with rock-inspired rhythm and melodic flair. Led by two-time national banjo champion Charles Wood, the group features dynamic mandolin, fiddle, guitar, and bass.

AUGUST 7 - JOHN WEBB - See June 5 Listing



AUGUST 14 - MCCLAIN FAMILY BAND

The McLain Family Band, founded in Berea, Kentucky in 1968, is renowned for its spirited and creative bluegrass performances. Having played across all 50 U.S. states and 64 countries, they've graced legendary venues like Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry, honored with the International Bluegrass Music Association Distinguished Achievement Award.



AUGUST 21 - SHAWN LANE TRIO

A three-time GRAMMY nominee and 28-time IBMA Award winner, celebrated for his soulful vocals, masterful fiddle, mandolin, and guitar work, and acclaimed songwriting. A founding member of Blue Highway, he continues to inspire

audiences and will be performing live in an intimate, high-energy trio setting.

AUGUST 28 - SPARE PARTS - See July 3 Listing

SEPTEMBER 4 - SILLY RIDGE - See May 22 Listing

SEPTEMBER 11 - BYRDS & CROWS - See July 24 Listing

SEPTEMBER 18 - BLACKWELL TRADITION II - See July 10 Listing

SEPTEMBER 25 - SHORTOFF MOUNTAIN BOYS
- See June 19 Listing

Saturdays on Pine

Featuring a variety of popular regional bands and musicians
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MAY 16 - LAZRLUVR

3D shades, fingerless gloves, popped collars, teased hair. A neon lit mash up of 1980s energy and modern spin. Channeling bold glam, the rebellious flair of punk, and the unabashed fun of the era's biggest hits. Welcome to retro reinvention.



MAY 23 - THE PARKS BROTHERS

Led by brothers Bradley and Brandon Parks and joined by some of the Queen City's finest musicians, The Parks Brothers bring a powerful, high-energy experience to every stage. From 90's jams and beach tunes to country favorites and creative mashups, their nonstop medleys keep the dance floor packed and the party unforgettable.



MAY 30 - SNAP

A compact, high-energy quartet delivering rocking funk and phunky pop perfection. From soulful R&B and explosive pop-punk to hip-hop and classic rock, they're masters of mashups and medleys.



JUNE 6 - THE AMERICAN FLYERS

A collection of career musicians with decades of experience in the recording and concert industry. This show is a commemorative of smash hits from the sixties rock trios to the big R&B groups that have filled the dance floors and dominated radio.



JUNE 13 - U-NEEK FLAV'UR

U-neek Flav'ur delivers one of the most exciting shows around, blending powerhouse vocals, tight harmonies, choreography, and nonstop energy. With a dynamic female vocalist, sax player, and genre-spanning setlist from R&B and rock to funk and Top 40, they've shared stages with legends like Boyz II Men and keep every crowd dancing.



JUNE 20 - GROOVE MACHINE

The Groove Machine delivers a nostalgic, high-energy experience celebrating the timeless sounds of the 70s. Passionate about their craft, they bring exceptional musicianship and contagious fun to every event, including corporate gatherings, weddings, festivals, and more. As the ultimate 70s tribute band, they surround every audience with good vibes and unforgettable entertainment.

JUNE 27 - NO CONCERT