



# SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER MUSIC History

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER, LOUISIANA IS HOME TO A DIVERSE AND STORIED MUSICAL HERITAGE.

NICKNAMED “THE CRADLE OF THE STARS,” SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAN LAY CLAIM TO THE FOLLOWING MUSICIANS:

- \* **HUDDIE “LEAD BELLY” LEADBETTER** (*folk and blues singer, twelve-string guitarist*) – Mooringsport, Louisiana
- \* **HANK WILLIAMS, JR.** (*singer, songwriter and musician*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **JAMES BURTON** (*guitarist*) – Dubberly, Louisiana
- \* **KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD** (*guitarist, singer and songwriter*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **KIX BROOKS** (*country music artist, actor and film producer*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **JIMMIE DAVIS** (*country music and gospel singer, songwriter and politician*) – In residence of Shreveport, Louisiana when he wrote “You Are My Sunshine”
- \* **SERATONES** (*soul rock band*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **VAN CLIBURN** (*pianist*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **COLE VOSBURY** (*singer, songwriter, producer, and musician*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **JAMES LEBLANC** (*singer, songwriter and guitarist*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **DYLAN LEBLANC** (*singer, songwriter and guitarist*) – Shreveport, Louisiana
- \* **JORDAN DAVIS** (*country pop singer and songwriter*) – Shreveport, Louisiana

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### **SHREVEPORT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM – SHREVEPORT**

Shreveport Municipal Auditorium was built in the 1920s in tribute to the soldiers of the “Great War.” This Art Deco-style auditorium has hosted many a musical great in its tenure but is best known as the home of the famed Louisiana Hayride radio program. Broadcast by radio station KWKH from Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, this weekly showcase of singers, songwriters and performers jumpstarted the careers of such legendary artists as Elvis Presley, Shreveport local James Burton, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Johnny Horton.

### **THE STRAND THEATRE - SHREVEPORT**

Built in 1925, the Strand Theatre is the official state theatre of Louisiana. The flagship of the Saenger chain of theatres, the Strand was air conditioned and had its own full-time orchestra on staff. This beautiful venue has had many identities over the years, but now is home to touring Broadway shows, concerts and plays, and serves as home to several dance companies.

### **BROOKSHIRE GROCERY ARENA – BOSSIER CITY**

Brookshire Grocery Arena has been a staple entertainment venue for Shreveport-Bossier since its opening in 2000. 270,000 square-feet and able to seat 14,000 patrons, the Brookshire Grocery Arena hosts world-class concerts, family shows, ice-skating shows and events, motor sports, rodeos, conventions, religious and community events, as well as other special events. Conveniently located just 5 miles from Shreveport and Bossier City downtowns, Brookshire Grocery Arena offers a quick commute for concertgoers and event attendees.