

THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC
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THE 42ND ANNUAL



OFFICIAL
HANDY SCHEDULE
2023

**The Music Preservation Society proudly presents the
42ND ANNUAL W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL
honoring
W.C. HANDY • (1873-1958)
Composer, Publisher, Musician &
“FATHER OF THE BLUES”**



William Christopher ("W.C.") Handy, known internationally as the "Father of the Blues" was born in Florence, Alabama. As he described it, "Where the Tennessee River, like a silver snake, winds her way through the red clay hills of Alabama, sits high on these hills my hometown, Florence. Here I came into the world..." For over forty years, the people of his hometown and surrounding areas have celebrated his legacy and accomplishments with an annual festival named in his honor. W.C. Handy wrote wonderful music which has endured through the years, has been interpreted by countless musicians. He hired musicians giving them the chance to show their talents.

He blessed audiences around the world with memorable and enjoyable performances. He shared his life journey through his own words in his biography, giving us a glimpse into his generous spirit. He advocated for musician-songwriters and is still recognized and respected today by those who have benefited from his quest to ensure that they and their families are rewarded for their creative works. William Christopher Handy should be - and often is - honored by all genres of musicians. He was a pioneer whose accomplishments earned him the well-deserved title as the "Father of the Blues". The high regard Mr. Handy demonstrated for his hometown was evidenced again and again, with his gift of personal items to the City of Florence, and with the words he wrote to describe his birthplace. We who are his hometown family will always remember and celebrate the man and the music - our own W.C. Handy!

Many thanks to the Handy family for your years of participation in this celebration of your loved one. The Music Preservation Society, Inc. Board of Directors deeply appreciates the family of William Christopher Handy for their gracious support of the W.C. Handy Music Festival.

By Tori Bailey, Handy Festival Chair

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**About the W. C. Handy Music Festival
& Music Preservation Society, Inc.**

By Tori Bailey, Handy Festival Chair

The Music Preservation Society, Inc. and its Festival Steering committee are proud to present this year's W.C. Handy Music Festival for the forty-second time! We'll start on Thursday, July 20th and continue through Sunday, July 30th for eleven whole music and fun excitement for the entire family. And that doesn't include pre or post Festival events, including the Percy "Sledgefest" coming up in September! As you can see from the cover, this year's winning design honors Dr. Willie Ruff who, along with Dr. David Mussleman, actually created our annual W.C. Handy Festival. The brochure has changed a bit. Rather than list locations in here, you'll find them instead on our website or by visiting Visit us at Handy Headquarters at Southhall Moore across from Wilson Park. Thanks to our wonderful MPS Board of Directors (whose members are listed on our website and in our brochure), and our eternal gratitude to all of the tireless workers and volunteers who make it all happen. Much appreciation goes to our talented musicians, dedicated city and county employees, terrific event coordinators, and all of you who attend to make the Handy Festival the largest, longest lasting, revenue generating, community building tourism event ever. We know that you'll have a fun Handy Festival. We're honored to be part of the best week of the year!

Tori Bailey, Handy Festival Chair

HANDY FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Music Preservation Society Inc.

W.C. Handy Music Festival

Mailing Address: Post Office Box 1827 • Florence AL 35631

We are excited to celebrate and present our 42nd W.C. Handy Music Festival!

For more information about this year's Handy Festival including event flyers, updates and changes to the schedule, including alternate rain locations for some outdoor events, or to access a printable version of the schedule, use our QR code or visit our website at:

www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org

For other questions, call us at 256-766-7642, access our website, find us on Facebook, or see our tweets at [Twitter.com/WCHandyFestival](https://twitter.com/WCHandyFestival). Or, even better, come visit Handy Headquarters at the Kennedy Douglas Art Center Complex, Southall Moore Home, Tuscaloosa Street, Florence, AL 35630.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR'S W.C. HANDY MUSIC FESTIVAL, JULY 20 – 29, 2024.

This space has been used to list the many recognitions received throughout the years by the W.C. Handy Music Festival. We're certainly pleased to be lauded, but now we're using this page to say a heartfelt thanks to the ones who make it successful! So, this space is being dedicated to the:

- Event Coordinators who plan and fund the activities held during each year's Handy Festival. These folks are who create fun events for Festival attendees, choose performers they think you'll enjoy, handle the logistics of sound, stage, lights, venue, and even portable toilets, and most importantly, manage to get it all paid for!
- Our Handy Hosts, those restaurants, clubs, and bars which provide spaces for our musicians to perform. These are the ones who pay the cost of the musicians, the sound, and whatever it takes to make the music available to all. Show your appreciation by purchasing food and beverages while you're visiting to enjoy the music!
- The City and County services from departments such as police, fire, sanitation, health, recreation, and so many more who are our "SUNG" heroes. They are constantly working to ensure that our Festival attendees have a pleasant, safe, and enjoyable experience.
- The sponsors who help pay for the events, or who offer services at no charge, in order to help us keep the Handy Festival as free to attend as possible.
- And of course, there would be no music festival without the musicians! We are incredibly lucky to have such amazing local and traveling talent playing in our own Shoals area. Some of them are new to audiences, while others could be paid so much more just to be heard. We are grateful that they come to share their talents with us each year.

HANDY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE UPDATES

For the most up to date information for the W.C. Handy Festival event schedule, please scan this QR code or visit our website:



www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org



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HANDY FESTIVAL HEADLINER 2023

**STARRING LEGENDARY
BOBBY RUSH!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 28TH, 2023
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
NORTON AUDITORIUM**



Mr. Bobby Rush will share stories from his life, and his journey through it, in “Raw: An Intimate Night of Stories and Songs”. As an American blues musician, composer, and singer, Mr. Rush’s style incorporates elements of genres ranging from blues to soul to rap to some good old funk. Bobby Rush is clever with words, be they sung, written, or spoken. Who else would earn a gold record for a song titled “Chicken Heads”? Who else would name an album “Porcupine Meat” and then win his first Grammy award for it - at the tender young age of 83!

Bobby Rush began playing when he was still too young to be in the juke joints (so he wore a fake moustache). He went on the circuit with Howlin’ Wolf, Jimmy Reed, Etta James, and Muddy Watters. Rollin’ Stone named him “King of the Chitlin’ Circuit”. He’s been places and seen things so he decided to write a book about it all.

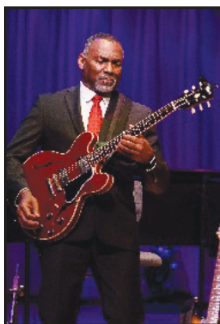
Bobby plays the heck out of a harmonica, shows you how it’s done on a guitar, writes songs that stay in your head, and he sings them too. He’s won a dozen Blues awards and has been inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, Mississippi Musicians Hall of Fame, Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame, and traveled the world as the International Dean of Blues. After he was such a hit at our Salt N Pepper Music Series, we decided to put him on the 2023 W.C. Handy Headliner main stage. Come out and hear him tell his stories.

INTRODUCING TO THE SHOALS POWERHOUSE MELVIA “CHICK” RODGERS!



Multi-talented Melvia “Chick” Rodgers is a singer and actress. She’s an award winning energetic powerhouse who has performed not only throughout the continental United States, but around the world including Portugal, Malaysia, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Finland, Rome, Germany, Thailand, Paris, and The Netherlands. Her first cd was produced by none other than Koko Taylor. Don’t miss her vocal stylings of songs by Aretha Franklin and other R&B greats, plus her original songs.

AND FEATURING HANDY FAVORITE THE EXTRAORDINARY ERIC ESSIX!



Eric has long been one of the most popular performers at the W.C. Handy Music Festival, yet so many of those who have seen and heard him play don’t realize just how fortunate they’ve been. This man has performed and recorded for over three decades and released 28(!) full length album releases. Somehow, over all that time, he continues to push the boundaries of contemporary jazz and look really good doing it!

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
NORTON AUDITORIUM, Florence
Friday July 28th 7pm at UNA’s Norton Auditorium
Cost: \$30.00 General Admission
(\$50.00 for VIP Seating)**

**For tickets or info, check in at Handy Headquarters or
www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com**

2023

Pre-Festival Events

THURSDAY, JULY 13



SISTER ACT – THE MUSICAL

7:30 pm

**Cypress Moon Studio's Full Moon Theater,
1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: The Full Moon Players

Cost: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

FRIDAY, JULY 14



SISTER ACT – THE MUSICAL

7:30 pm

**Cypress Moon Studio's Full Moon Theater,
1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: The Full Moon Players

Cost: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

SATURDAY, JULY 15



SISTER ACT – THE MUSICAL

2:00 pm

**Cypress Moon Studio's Full Moon Theater,
1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: The Full Moon Players

Cost: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

SISTER ACT – THE MUSICAL

7:30 pm

**Cypress Moon Studio's Full Moon Theater,
1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: The Full Moon Players

Cost: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

SUNDAY, JULY 16



SISTER ACT – THE MUSICAL

2:00 pm

**Cypress Moon Studio's Full Moon Theater,
1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: The Full Moon Players

Cost: \$15.00 in advance, \$20 at the door

Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

2023

Festival Events

THURSDAY, JULY 20



KARAOKE IDOL FOR SALVATION ARMY

6-10:30 pm **FLOBAMA, Court Street, Florence**
Cost: No Charge to attend. Entry fee \$20 to enter singing contest.
Info: Best Shoals Area Singers! Dance offs! Silent Auction!
Sponsored by: Salvation Army of the Shoals-Echelon

FLOW CITY ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

6 pm **The Mane Room 310 N Pine Street, Florence**
Featuring: Tommy "Sax Legend" Friend • The Kruzz Kuntrol Band • DJ Ronnie Ron
Cost: \$35.00 (price includes drinks and food)
Sponsored by: Flow City Entertainment

4UR ENTERTAINMENT & DOMOGALLA PRESENT

6-11 pm **Hometown Pizza, 119 West 5th Street, Tuscumbia**
Featuring: Open Mic, Live Music, Stand up Comedy
Cost: Free for entertainment, food available for purchase
Sponsored by: Hometown Pizza • 4urEntertainment • Domogalla Records

HANDY BLOCK PARTY

6:30 pm until **100 Block of North Court Street, Florence**
Featuring: Starring Rollin' In The Hay featuring Donna Hall • Also performing Tim Cannon
Sponsored by: FirstBank • Downtown Florence Alliance

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-10 pm **Fizz at the Clarion Bar, Sheffield – TBA**

FRIDAY, JULY 21



JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

10 am **IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**
Sheffield Public Library, 316 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!
Special Guest: Microwave Dave
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band / for ages 3 and older
Sponsored by: Keep the Shoals Beautiful • Shoals Solid Waste Recycling • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm	Swampers, Marriott Shoals, Florence – Christian Turner Duo
6-9 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Kinfolk
6-9 pm	Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – Billy Lawson & Wishbone
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Florence – Dave Pointer & Friends
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Muscle Shoals – Jazz Trio featuring Roger Rudolf, Kevin Sledge, & Josh Coutts
6-11 pm	Hometown Pizza, Tuscumbia – Greg Troynam (karaoke)
6:30-9:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Kerry Gilbert Band

FIRST METRO BANK: SAX IN THE CITY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

7 pm	Wilson Park, Florence (In case of rain, event moved to Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum)
Featuring:	The Midnighters
Sponsored by:	First Metro Bank

SHOALS MOM PROM

7-11 pm	Singing River Brewery, 526 East College, Florence
Featuring:	DJ Gorgeous
Cost:	\$35.00 (tickets available at the door or at ShoalsMomProm.com)
Sponsored by:	Medical Associates of the Shoals • Safer Birth in Bama • Platinum Tier Events • Pediatric Dentistry of Florence • Green Acres Organic Farms

SHOALS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER SOIREE

7 pm	Tuscumbia Railroad Roundhouse, 204 West Fifth Street, Tuscumbia
Featuring:	SSO Principal Players and Warren Ertle's Red Hot Peppers
Cost:	\$100, available only in advance
Sponsored by:	Printers & Stationers • Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield – Max Russell & The Shakedown Kings
7 pm until	Lil Capone's, Florence – Brandon Elder
8-11 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Bar, Sheffield – Tremayne
8-11 pm	Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence – Skeleton Krew Full Band
9 pm-12 mn	The Boiler Room, Florence – Austin Bohannon
9:30 pm-1:30 am	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Mississippi Queen
10:30 pm until	FloBama, Florence – Dixie Mafia

SATURDAY, JULY 22



W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SHOALS CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

	Wilson Park, Florence
8 am-12 pm	Registration
8 am-2 pm	Show time
Cost:	Registration \$20 per vehicle (Pre-registration \$18 by July 9th.
Mail to:	P.O. Box 3672, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662)
Information:	Ronnie James 256-381-3536 or Terry Mashburn 256-366-0564 or visit www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com
Sponsored by:	Shoals Car & Truck Club

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11:30 am-2:30 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Jazz Trio featuring Kevin Sledge, Micah Yorke, & Josh Coutts

SHOALS AXFEST

6-9 pm **Sweetwater Depot, 502 South Royal Avenue, Florence**
Featuring: Jamie Lamb • Doug Doppler • Larry Mitchell
Cost: \$15.00 for the show (\$30.00 for both the show and a guitar starting at 4pm)
Sponsored by: Vital Care or Northwest Alabama Infusion Services • Peak Performance Physical Therapy

HANDY STREET PARTY

6-11:30p **In front of Soul Wingery, 105 Poplar Street, Florence**
Featuring: Bold Bloom • Dos Fuegos • Thad and Co. • Coffee Black • Billy Allen and the Pollies
Info: In case of rain, event will be moved to Singin' River Live
Sponsored by: Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

6-9 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Mark & Mitch Project
6-9 pm **306 Barbeque, Muscle Shoals** – Matt Prater
6-11 pm **Hometown Pizza, Tuscumbia** – Paul (karaoke)
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, Florence** – Howell Sledge and the Revue

DINNER AND ALLSTAR JAZZ AT OLD GRACE CHURCH

Location: **700 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**
6:30 pm Doors Open
7 pm Dinner & Entertainment
Featuring: Robert Redd and the Jazz Allstars featuring Denise Thimes
Menu: Rhoda P's choice of steak or chicken indicated with ticket purchase
Cost: Tickets are \$40 each • Bring your own wine, \$5 corking fee
More Info: Or to purchase tickets in advance, call 256-740-1383
Sponsored by: Vicki and Gary Dean

CB&S BANK: MUSIC IN THE PARK WITH REWIND

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

7-10 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals
Sponsored by: CB&S Bank

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield** – Billy Lawson & Wishbone
7 pm until **Lil Capone's, Florence** – David Phillips Duo
7-10 pm **Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia** – Gary Nichols & Trey Nichols
8 pm **Lava Room, Florence** – An Abstract Theory • Moontree
8-11 pm **Fizz at the Clarion Bar, Sheffield** – Chad Bradford Band
8-11 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Kirkman Combo
9 pm-12 mn **The Boiler Room, Florence** – Douglas Riley
10:30 pm-1:30 am **Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia** – Dylan Johnson
10:30 pm until **FloBama, Florence** – Carson Carlise Band



BLUE NAVIGATORS

11 am **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals,**
1332 N. Pine St., Florence

Featuring: Blue Navigators

Cost: FREE! Everyone is welcome!

Sponsored by: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals

EDSEL HOLDEN LEGACY SERIES - WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD CONCERT

2 pm **University of North Alabama Norton Auditorium,**
Pine Street, Florence

Featuring: Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band featuring:
Spooner Oldham, Mark Narmore, Michael Curtis, Ashley Brown,
Alyssa Ashley-Guin, Marie Lewey, Dylan Mashburn, Garrett Miles,
Mark Pyle, Cindy Richardson Walker, Brad Guin, Dr. Lloyd Jones,
Dr. Jimmy Simpson

Sponsored by: One Place of the Shoals • UNA School of the Arts •
UNA Center for Women's Studies

FONDA SKIPWORTH PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS 2ND ANNUAL HANDY DAY PARTY

2-6 pm **Sweetwater Depot, 502 South Royal Avenue, Florence**

Featuring: Ladies of Passion Band • DJ 7-11 • Surprise Performance •
Hosted by WZZA Radio's Mr. Montrell Reeder

Cost: Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door

Info: Contact Fonda Skipworth at 256-349-3882

Food & drinks: Available for purchase (food by Ramona J's, Drinks by
Sweetwater Bar)

Sponsored by: TNT Fireworks • Greenway Automotive •
Gunrunner Boutique Hotel • Woodruff & McCaney Law Firm •
Bohannon Pest Services • Mullens & Mullens Luxury Real Estate
Florence Gas, Water, Waste Department • CBD American Shaman
Vintage South Marketplace • Skipworth Tax Services

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

3-4 pm **First Methodist Church, 104 East 3rd Street, Tuscumbia**

Featuring: The Lisa Lambert Band

Sponsored by: Tuscumbia First United Methodist Church

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

3-6 pm **Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia** – Sandy Lane

5-8 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Austin Bohannon

SUNDAY JAZZ AT STEPHANO'S SOUTHLAND!

5-8 pm **Stephano's Southland,**
1309 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield

Featuring: Robert Redd and the Jazz Allstars with Denise Thimes

Sponsored by: Stephano's Southland • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

OFFICIAL HANDY SUNDAY CEREMONY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6-8:30 pm **W.C. Handy Home & Museum Front Lawn,**
620 W. College St., Florence

Rain location: Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, Florence

Info: Please come early and take a tour of the Handy Home between

	8:30 am and 4:00 pm.
Cost:	Free for the gospel concert. Museum tour is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children
Featuring:	Kimble Funchess • Quad Cities Mass Choir directed by Aaron Freeman • Lorinda “Pinky” Warren Pryor • Pastor Jerry Reeves & Friends
Sponsored by:	City of Florence • W.C. Handy Home & Museum • Music Preservation Society, Inc. • Keep the Shoals Beautiful

WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS WC HANDY SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

7 pm	WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH / EAST CAMPUS, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence
Featuring:	Lisa Silver • Tommy Conners • Moose Brown • Anthony Smith
Cost	Free! Everyone is welcome to attend!
Sponsored by:	Woodmont Baptist Church

UNENDING PRAISE

7-8:30 pm	Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Avenue, Sheffield
Cost:	No charge. Everyone is invited!
Featuring:	Choirs from Shoals area churches
Info:	Choirs will share their favorite anthems in an evening of Unending Praise
Sponsored by:	Grace Episcopal Church, Sheffield

COME TRUCK WITH US: OLE SKOOL SKATE PARTY

8 pm-mn	FLORENCE SKATING RINK, 241 Azalea Drive, Florence
Info:	Let's go back to the ole skool with your favorite Shoals area DJs on the 1's and 2s! Bring your best skate game and come truck with us. (For ages 18+)
Cost	\$10.00 (No line! No wait! Cashapp “Jetsetters256”)
Sponsored by:	Jetsetters SpaLon • Sana Wooten, MarMac Real Estate • Mitchell's Bail Bonding • Saints Funeral Home • Pride's Senior Care, April Chandler • Regional Bail Bonds • Herman's Cut & Style • John's Package Store

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield – Bee & The Hive Tribute to the Decoys
7-10 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Jordan Denton
7:30-10 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Tim Cannon and the Dirty Power

MONDAY, JULY 24



JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am	Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence
Cost:	Free – especially for kids!!!
Special Guest:	Microwave Dave
Description:	Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee tin to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band / for ages 3 and older
Sponsored by:	Friends of the Florence- Lauderdale Public Library • Florence Recycling Center • Keep the Shoals Beautiful • Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

SCOPE LIVE ON HELTON DRIVE

11:30 am-1 pm **Scope 310, 4129 Helton Dr., Florence**
Featuring: The Midnighters
Cost: Free to attend!
Sponsored by: Scope 310 Authority

BOOK IT WITH JAZZ

Noon **Helen Keller Library, 511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia**
Cost: Free (lunch from Cheez-tah food truck available for purchase)
Featuring: Jazz Allstars
Sponsored by: Friends of Helen Keller Library • Tuscumbia Utilities

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, Florence** – Max Russell

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**
Featuring: James LeBlanc • Angela Hacker • Phillip White
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau •
Music Preservation Society, Inc.

W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES

3 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby,**
617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia
Featuring: St. Louis Blues, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

CHECK OUT THE BLUES

4-6 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence**
Featuring: Handy Jazz Allstars
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Mark Narmore
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, Florence** – Drumb & Drumber
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, Muscle Shoals** – Jeff and Jordan
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, Florence** – Déjà Vu

MONDAY BLUES AT SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**
Featuring: Will and Janet McFarlane
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library • City of Sheffield •
Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

A SALUTE TO THE BIG BAND SOUND LED BY DR. LLOYD JONES

6:30 pm **The Mane Room, Pine Street, Florence**
Featuring: Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society Inc. •
Dr. P. Keith & Elizabeth Thompson •
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

BEALE STREET MONDAY BLUES!

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6:30-8:30 pm

Lewis Field, 1050 Pruitt Street, Florence

(in case of rain, location moved to Florence Lauderdale Coliseum)

Featuring:

Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Band

Info:

Fun activities for the kids!

Sponsored by:

City of Florence

AT SUNDOWN ON MONDAY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7 pm

Wilson Park, Florence

Featuring:

Jazz Saxophonist Vann Burchfield

Sponsored by:

Tennessee Valley Authority • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

JOYFUL SOUNDS

7 pm

First United Methodist Church Sanctuary,

415 North Seminary Street, Florence

Featuring:

Choirs of FUMC and Guests

Cost:

Free!

Sponsored by:

First United Methodist Church, Florence

ROCK N' SOUL ON MOBILE PLAZA

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7-9 pm

Mobile Plaza, Florence

(in case of rain, event moved to Gattman Park, Muscle Shoals)

Featuring:

CC Jags

Sponsored by:

Lewis Electric • Cornerstone Flooring •

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Patriot Realty/Monty Allen • Cook's Pest Control

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7:30-10 pm

Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Trey & Gary Nichols

8 pm

Lava Room, Florence – Jay Burgess • Skylar Love

9 pm-12 mn

The Boiler Room, Florence – Tim Cannon

9 pm- 1am

Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Jordan Watters
Band

10:30 pm until

FloBama, Florence – Billy Allen and Dusty French

TUESDAY, JULY 25



KIDZ JAMM

10 am

Parkview Baptist Church, 1404 US 72, Tuscumbia

Featuring:

Shoals Area piano students with bassist Bob Wray and drummer David Waters

Sponsored by:

Shoals Area Music Teachers Forum •

Music Preservation Society, Inc.

JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10:30 am

Rogersville Public Library, 74 Bank Street, Rogersville

Cost:

Free – especially for kids!!!

Special Guest:

Microwave Dave

Description:

Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can and make musical instruments to play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band / for ages 3 and older

Sponsored by:

Friends of the Rogersville Public Library

SWINGING WITH THE SENIORS!

11 am-1 pm	Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, Florence
Music by:	Drumb & Drummer
Cost:	Sack lunch (Reservations required. Call 256-768-8056)
Info:	Reserved seniors seating on the floor, public seating in the bleachers. All are welcome!
Sponsored by:	Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments • Florence Parks & Recreation

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11:30 am-2:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – TBA
1-4 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Gage Galbreath

COOL TUNES AND CUPCAKES

1-2:30 pm	Muscle Shoals Living Center, 994 Gattman Park Drive, Muscle Shoals
Info:	At Gattman Park, next door to the Gym #3. Air Conditioned! Masks optional. Everyone is welcome!
Music by:	Back on Track
Cost:	Free
Info:	Call 256-386-9280
Sponsored by:	Muscle Shoals Senior Living Center

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm	Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence
Featuring:	Michael Curtis • Marie Lewey • Cindy Walker
Sponsored by:	Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

ABCs OF BLUES AND JAZZ & BEYOND & BEFORE

1:30 pm	Mount Moriah P.B. Church, 818 Irvine Avenue, Florence
Featuring:	The CORE Drummers • Kimble Funchess Quintet
Sponsored by:	Dr. Felice J. Green • Dinah Phillips • Teresa McDonald • Dallas Hoskins • Karen Young • Brenda Mayes • Ryerson & Associates

W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES

3 pm	Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia
Featuring:	St. Louis Blues, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy
Sponsored by:	Alabama Music Hall of Fame • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Hope & Dylan Stamps
5-8 pm	Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – OMG Band
6-9 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Garrett Hall
6-9 pm	Pie Factory, Florence – Gary Nichols
6-11 pm	Hometown Pizza, Tuscumbia – Katlyn Barnes
6:30-9:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Fathers & Sons

HYMNS ON THE HILLTOP

6 pm	Fairview Baptist Church, 150 Fairview Dr., Florence (Church faces Florence Blvd)
Cost:	Free
Featuring:	Congregational Style Hymn Singing
Sponsored by:	Fairview Baptist Church

HANDY AT ST. FLORIAN PARK

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6 pm St. Florian Amphitheater, 83 St. Florian Road, Florence
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints
Info: No cost to attend. Everyone is welcome rain or shine!
Sponsored by: The Town of St. Florian • First Southern Bank • Connolly Animal Clinic

HANDY AT MAGNOLIA CHURCH

6 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Avenue, Florence**
Featuring: Shoals Community Band with Special Guests Swinging River Jazz Band
Sponsored by: Magnolia Church of Christ and Shoals Community Band

DR. ERIC KIRKMAN COMBO

6-8 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**
Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman Combo
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

COUNTING ON THE MUSIC

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6-8 pm **Patterson, Prince & Associates, 475 S. Seminary St., Florence**
Taylor Grace • Bailey White & Bay Simpson
Info: Bring your lawn chairs! Everyone welcome!
Sponsored by: Patterson, Prince & Associates, CPA

UNA NIGHT ON NORTH COURT STREET MEDIAN

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

North Court Median, Florence
(in front of Rogers Hall Alumni House)
6-7 pm Bold Bloom
7-9 pm Austin Bohannon and Band
Info: Live music for the entire family to enjoy!
Sponsored by: UNA Office of Alumni Relations-Advancement Division

DETERMINED: CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF W.C. HANDY (A STAGE PLAY WRITTEN BY DOLORES SWOOPE'S NASH)

7 pm **Shoals Theatre, Florence**
Featuring: Talented local actors
Cost: \$5.00
Info: W.C. Handy Festival honors the memory of Mrs. Deloris Swoopes Nash, original author of *Determined*
Sponsored by: City of Florence • BrooksvilleVoice.com • WZZA Radio • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

AT SUNDOWN ON TUESDAY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**
Featuring: Ariella
Sponsored by: Tennessee Valley Authority • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

MIDNIGHTERS @ THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY

7-9 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1520 Rickwood Rd, Florence**
Featuring: The Midnighters
Cost: Free of charge
Sponsored by: Westminster Presbyterian Church

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

8 pm	Lava Room, Florence – Songwriter Series • Special Guests
9 pm-12 mn	The Boiler Room, Florence – Taylor Grace
7:30-10 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Mitch and Craig
10:30 pm until	FloBama, Florence – TBA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26



ROUND TABLE WITH MUSCLE SHOALS MUSIC LEGENDS BOB WRAY AND CLAYTON IVEY

10:30 am	Counts Brothers Music, 713 Waverly Avenue, Muscle Shoals
Featuring:	Talks by Bob Wray & Clayton Ivey, Moderated by Sherry St. John
Cost:	Free and Open to the Public!
Sponsored by:	Counts Brothers Music

JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

11 am-1 pm	Helen Keller Public Library, 511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia
Cost:	Free – especially for kids!!!
Special Guest:	Microwave Dave
Description:	Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band / for ages 3 and older
Sponsored by:	Helen Keller Public Library • Keep the Shoals Beautiful Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling

JAZZ AT FLOBAMA

11:30 am-2:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Jazz Allstars
Featuring:	Denise Thimes and the Jazz Allstars
Sponsored by:	FloBama

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm	Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence
Featuring:	Peanut Montgomery • Bobby Tomberlin • Mark Narmore
Sponsored by:	Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

1-4 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Will Paustian
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DOCUMENTARY: MUSCLE SHOALS

3 pm	Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St., Florence
Featuring:	Rick Hall, Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Wilson Pickett, Gregg Allman, Bono, Alicia Keys, and More!
Sponsored by:	Shoals Theatre • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – TBA
5-8 pm	Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – The Michaels (Mike Pyle & Mike Curtis)
6-9 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Max Russell
6-9 pm	Pie Factory, Florence – Logan Clark
6-9 pm	Pie Factory, Muscle Shoals – Drumb & Drummer
6-11 pm	Hometown Pizza, Tuscumbia – Ricky & Beverly (karaoke)
6:30-9:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Tosha Hill Band

HANDY'S CHURCH (GREATER ST. PAUL AME CHURCH)

6 pm	Greater St. Paul AME Church, 129 North Cherokee Street, Florence
Featuring:	Quad Cities Mass Choir, directed by Aaron Freeman • Galilee Baptist Church Choir featuring Pastor Jerry Reeves
Sponsored by:	Tennessee Valley Authority • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

AMITY DAY AT SUNDOWN ON WEDNESDAY

7:30 pm	Wilson Park, Florence
Featuring:	Kimble Funchess
Sponsored by:	Amity Day Friends • Baha'is of the Shoals • WZZA Radio • Tennessee Valley Authority

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm	Lava Room, Florence – Karaoke Night
7-10 pm	On The Rocks, Florence – Mill Burry
7-10 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Bar, Sheffield – Big Joe & The Catfish Junkies
7:30-10 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Dave Anderson
9 pm-12 mn	The Boiler Room, Florence – Blue Water Revival with Jolee Burkett
10:30 pm until	FloBama, Florence – Austin Bohannon Band

THURSDAY, JULY 27



JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10:30 am	Muscle Shoals Public Library, Muscle Shoals
Cost:	Free – especially for kids!!!
Special Guest:	Microwave Dave
Description:	Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band / for ages 3 and older
Sponsored by:	Muscle Shoals Library • Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling Keep the Shoals Beautiful

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11 am-1 pm	Jerk's Caribbean Bar & Grill, Sheffield – CONNR and Taylor Grace
11:30 am-2:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – The Michaels
12-3 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Joel Aldridge

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm	Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence
Featuring:	Austin Bohannon • Taylor Grace • Jesse Brackin
Sponsored by:	Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

KEESTONE OF FLORENCE

2 pm	Keystone of Florence, 201 N. Cedar St., Florence
Cost:	Free (Complimentary snacks available)
Featuring:	Dr. Eric Kirkman Combo
Sponsored by:	Keystone of Florence

W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES

3 pm

Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby,

617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia

Featuring:

St. Louis Blues, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy

Sponsored by:

Alabama Music Hall of Fame • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

AN AFTERNOON WITH MICROWAVE DAVE

3-5 pm

Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield

Featuring:

Microwave Dave

Cost:

Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.

Sponsored by:

Friends of the Sheffield Public Library • City of Sheffield •
Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS "SATCHMO" ARMSTRONG

4-6 pm

Rhoda P's Restaurant, 500 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield

Featuring:

Kimbell Funchess Band

Cost:

Free to enjoy the music. Food available for purchase

Sponsored by:

Sheffield Utilities • City of Sheffield •
Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm

Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Drumb & Drumber

6-9 pm

Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – Fathers & Sons

6-9 pm

Pie Factory, Florence – Mikey Ledbetter

6:30-9:30 pm

FloBama, Florence – TBA

CHURCHIN' DOWN THE STREET GOSPEL CONCERT

6pm

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church,

220 E. Alabama Street, Florence

Featuring:

Quad Cities Mass Choir Directed by Aaron Freeman

Sponsored by:

A & N Property Maintenance • Bank Independent •
Bethel Cumberland CP Church • Faith Walk Ministry •
Grace Memorial Funeral Home • Higher Ground Productions •
Lackey Furniture • St. Mark M.B. Church • Saint's Funeral Home
Thompson & Son Funeral Home

PARTY WITH THE PATRIOTS

6-8:30 pm

Northwest Shoals Community College,

800 George Wallace Boulevard, Muscle Shoals

6:30-8 pm

Winston Ramble • The Midnighters

Cost:

Free to the public

Sponsored by:

Northwest Shoals Community College

4UR ENTERTAINMENT & DOMOGALLA PRESENT

6-11 pm

Hometown Pizza, 119 West 5th Street, Tuscumbia

Featuring:

Open Mic, Live Music, Stand up Comedy

Cost:

Free for entertainment, food available for purchase

Sponsored by:

Hometown Pizza • 4urEntertainment • Domogalla Records

SALT & PEPPER BLUES SERIES PRESENTS!

7 pm

UNA Mane Room, Florence

Starring:

Jimbo Mathis

Featuring:

The Shakedown Kings with special guest Mary Mason

Cost:

\$15.00 advance, \$20.00 at the door (Tickets available at WZZA
Radio, Counts Brothers Music,

Muscle Shoals Sound, Alabama Music Hall of Fame,
Ye Old General Store)
Info: Contact Russell Gulley at 256-845-0203 or
Russell@RussellGulley.com
Sponsored by: Alabama State Council on the Arts •
Alabama Folklife Association Inc. • University of North Alabama
National Endowment for the Arts • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND

7 pm **WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH / EAST CAMPUS,
2002 Darby Drive, Florence**
Featuring: Singing River Jazz Band
Cost: Free! Everyone is welcome to attend!
Sponsored by: Woodmont Baptist Church Music Ministries •
Shoals Engineering, Jason Lentz

EVENING AT THE ROXY WITH THE GREAT PRETENDERS

7 pm **The Historic Roxy Theatre, 200 North Jackson St., Russellville**
Info: Doors and box office open at 6 pm
Tix: Available at the Roxy box office on day of show
Cost: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages six to twelve –
free of charge for children under six
Featuring: Local Talented Performers
Major Sponsors: Franklin County Arts & Humanities Council •
Mayor David Grissom • Bank Independent • CB&S Bank •
Community Spirit Bank • First Metro Bank • Valley State Bank •
Clark Pulley • Russellville Water Board

AT SUNDOWN ON THURSDAY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**
Featuring: David Phillips Band
Sponsored by: Tennessee Valley Authority • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS PRESENTS CC JAGS

7-9 pm **Muscle Shoals Amphitheater, 2010 E. Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals**
Info: (in case of rain, event moved to Gattman Park, Muscle Shoals
Gym #3)
Featuring: CC Jags
Sponsored by: City of Muscle Shoals

FLOW CITY ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

7 pm-mn **Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Boulevard, Sheffield**
Featuring: Tommy "Sax Legend" Friend • The Kruzz Kuntrol Band •
DJ Ronnie Ron
Cost: \$35.00 (price includes drinks and food)
Sponsored by: Flow City Entertainment

WILDWOOD TAVERN / SINGING RIVER BREWING TAP TAKEOVER!

8 pm **Lava Room, 108 East Mobile St., Florence**
Featuring: Rhyal Knight Band
Cost: Delicious food and unique drinks available for purchase
Sponsored by: Wildwood Tavern • Singing River Brewing

JETSETTERS WESTSIDE STREET PARTY

8:00 pm until **Outside 713 West Mobile Street, Florence**
Info: Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, food vendors on site.
Cost: Free!

Featuring: Kee & Company
 Sponsored by: Jetsetters SpaLon • Sana Wooten, MarMac Real Estate •
 Mitchell's Bail Bonding • Saints Funeral Home •
 Pride's Senior Care, April Chandler • Regional Bail Bonds •
 Herman's Cut & Style • John's Package Store

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield** –
 Ronnie Knight "Country Meets the Blues"
 7-10 pm **Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, Sheffield** – Dixie Mafia
 7 pm until **Lil Capone's, Florence** – Big Al & The Heavyweights
 7:30-10 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Tosha Hill Band
 8-11 pm **Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia** – Justin Miller
 9 pm-12 mn **The Boiler Room, Florence** – Robert Cline Jr.
 9 pm-mn **On The Rocks, Florence** – Carpet Burn
 10:30pm until **FloBama, Florence** – Tyler Jones Band

FRIDAY, JULY 28



MOUNT MORIAH'S FRIDAY FESTIVAL FISH FRY

11am-6 pm **Mt. Moriah P.B. Church, 811 West Irvine Avenue, Florence**
 Featuring: Official Clutch Band of Birmingham • Lorinda "Pinky" Warren •
 Reddick Pernelle Cunningham • Garner Brothers
 Sponsored by: Mt. Moriah P.B. Church • Mitchell's Bail Bonding

FLOBAMA PRESENTS MICROWAVE DAVE!

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court Street, Florence**
 Featuring: Microwave Dave
 Sponsored by: FloBama

LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING WITH A PURPOSE (Friday)

1 pm until **The Michael Community Center,**
1001 East 17th Street, Sheffield
 Cost: Free! Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.
 Sponsored by: Mario Addison of the Houston Texans • City of Sheffield •
 Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority •
 Luther Jarmon • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery,**
Florence
 Featuring: Walt Aldridge • Gary Nichols • Ed Hill
 Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau •
 Music Preservation Society, Inc.

IN TUNE WITH THE OUTDOORS

5-7 pm **Alabama Outdoors, 119 North Court Street, Florence**
 Featuring: Hope & Dylan Stamps
 Cost: Free to the public!
 Sponsored by: Alabama Outdoors

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Matt Prater
 6-9 pm **Pie Factory, Florence** – TBA
 6-9 pm **Jerk's Caribbean Bar & Grill, Sheffield** – David Phillips Band
 6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Big Joe & The Catfish
 Junkies

6-9 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tusculumbia – Southern Outline
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Florence – Jazz Trio featuring Josh Coutts, Roger Rudolf, & Kevin Sledge
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Muscle Shoals – Kutter Bradley
6-11 pm	Hometown Pizza, Tusculumbia – Greg Troynam (Karaoke)
6:30-9:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Knock Offs

15TH ANNUAL MASSIVELY COOL INDOOR STREET FESTIVAL

	Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa Conference Center, Florence
6 pm	The Kerry Gilbert Band • Rewind
Cost:	\$25 (includes Barbeque Dinner)
Info	Doors open at 5pm (Cash Bars all evening. No reserved tables.)
Tickets	available at the door and https://15thmassivelycool.eventbrite.com/
Sponsored by:	Fuller Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing and Electrical

JOE WHEELER STATE PARK ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER (TRIBUTE TO TINA TURNER)

6:30-11 pm	Joe Wheeler State Park Resort Patio, 4401 McLean Drive, Rogersville
Featuring:	Charlie Brown • Dorothy Cole as 'Tina Turner' • McTazz Band
Rain location	Convention Center
Cost:	Free event
Info:	No outside food/coolers permitted/food concessions/adult beverages will be sold
Sponsored by:	Joe Wheeler State Park • Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

BLUES ON THE BLUFF

	IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT
7-9 pm	Standpipe Park, North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield
Featuring:	Drs., Lawyers & Such
Sponsored by:	City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENT THE W.C. HANDY HEADLINER

7:00 pm	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA NORTON AUDITORIUM, Florence (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Featuring:	Contemporary Jazz Artist Extraordinaire Eric Essix
Introducing:	R&B Singing Sensation Melvia "Chick" Rodgers
Starring:	The Legendary Blues Singer Bobby Rush
Cost:	\$30 General Admission (\$50 for VIP Seating)
Tickets:	available at Handy Headquarters, Counts Brothers Music, and at www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com
Sponsored by:	Tennessee Valley Authority • Music Preservation Society, Inc.
CABARET!	
9 pm-1 am	Listerhill Credit Union Auditorium, 4790 E. Second Street, Muscle Shoals
Featuring:	Entice Band of Nashville, TN
Info:	It's a "Grown Folks Party" y'all.
Cost:	\$25 advance / \$30 day of event (Ages 25 and older only) For Tickets call: 256-412-0316 or 256-648-6412 or 256-412-6961
Sponsored by:	Gwen Woods, Renita Jimmar, Sue Reeder

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield – Big Al & The Heavyweights
7 pm until	Lil Capone's, Florence – CONNR & Taylor Grace
7-10 pm	On The Rocks, Florence – Bad Ethyl
7-10 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, Sheffield – Monkey & The Spank Daddys
8-11 pm	Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Fathers and Sons
9 pm-12 mn	The Boiler Room, Florence – Brian Sutherland
10 pm-2am	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Wayward Son Band
10:30pm until	On The Rocks, Florence – DJ Mezmerize
10:30pm until	FloBama, Florence – Hunter and Jordan Band

SATURDAY, JULY 29



DADOORUNRUN (5K RUN, 1 MILE WALK & YOUTH RACE) N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

**Colbert County High School,
2200 High School Street, Leighton!**

6:30-7:30 am	Registration and packet pickup / race day
8 am	5K Run
9 am	1 Mile Run & Walk
Info:	Call office of Mayor Silcox, Town of Leighton
Sponsored by:	Town of Leighton • WZZA Radio

STREET STRUT & PARADE

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

10 am	Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, Florence (Rain location: Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum) Route: From Corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, left to Court St., left to College St., left to Seminary St. ending at Wilson Park for music and prizes
Music by:	Kimbell Funchess Quintet
School Bands:	High School Bands from Florence City, Lee, Columbia, and Mae Jemison!
Cost:	Free to participate in the parade, registration requested. Call Grant Gunn at 256-483-9417
Sponsored by:	Northwest Shoals Community College • ProjectXYZ • Silver Auto LLC • Silver Auto • Exit Realty • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING WITH A PURPOSE (Saturday)

1 pm until	The Michael Community Center, 1001 East 17th Street, Sheffield
Cost:	Free! Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.
Sponsored by:	Mario Addison of the Houston Texans • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority • Luther Jarmon • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

SHOALS SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

1-3 pm	Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence
Featuring:	Gary Baker • Lenny Leblanc • Donny Lowery
Sponsored by:	Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

MUSIC AT THE MANSION

3-5 pm	Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia
Cost:	Music is free • Donations accepted
Featuring:	Kimble Funchess
Sponsored by:	Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation • Dr. & Mrs. Angelo Mancuso • Hidden Creek Campground • Judge Chad and Mrs. Jennifer Smith • Colbert County Commissioner Darol Bendall • Katerina Cole Coffey • Alabama Historical Commission • Friends of Belle Mont

W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES

3 pm	Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia
Featuring:	St. Louis Blues, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy
Sponsored by:	Alabama Music Hall of Fame • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

RIVERSIDE JAMZ

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

5:30 pm until	McFarland Park, Florence (Rain location Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum)
Featuring:	Rick Revel • Shoals Blues Band • Music City Misfits • Saxophonist Vann Burchfield • Kimble Funchess Quintet • Ariella • Lorinda "Pinky" Warren • Off The Chain
Transportation:	Free shuttle from Florence Parking Deck to McFarland Park
Sponsored by:	City of Florence

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-8 pm	On The Rocks, Florence – Local Brand
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Florence – Brian Sutherland
6-9 pm	306 Barbeque, Muscle Shoals – Tim Tucker
6-9 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Johnny Collier
6-11 pm	Hometown Pizza, Tuscumbia – Paul (Karaoke)
6:30-9:30 pm	FloBama, Florence – Rewind of the Shoals

UNDERFLO GLOW PARTY (Exclusive to High School Students!)

8-10:45 pm	The MANE Room, 310 North Pine Street, Florence
Featuring:	DJ Primetime256, keeping the party going all night long!
Tickets:	\$15.00 presale / \$20 at the door
Sponsored by:	Reach and Teach & UNA Dept of Entertainment Industry

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, Sheffield – Big Joe & The Catfish Junkies
7 pm until	Lil Capone's, Florence – TBD
8 pm	Lava Room, Florence – Red Mouth
8-11 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, Sheffield – The Midnighters
8-11 pm	Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence – Michael Curtis and Friends
8:30-12 mn	On The Rocks, Florence – Coffee Black
9 pm-12 mn	The Boiler Room, Florence – Kabe Grammer & Wade Passier
9:30 pm -1:30 am	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Jerome Parker & The Rubber Band
10:30 pm until	FloBama, Florence – Second Creek



HANDY HAPPY HOUR AND NIGHTS

2-5 pm	Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, Tuscumbia – Jay Rath
5-8 pm	On The Rocks, Florence – Austin Bohannon
6-9 pm	Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – Travis Wammack Jam

BLACK BUSINESS EXPO

3-8 pm	Clarion Ballroom, 4900 Hatch Boulevard, Sheffield
Cost:	Free to enter. Items available for purchase! Everyone is invited!
Featuring:	King Tut
Info:	Come and visit vendors from around the state of Alabama
Sponsored by:	Recrissha Doxie

TONY EVANS EXPERIENCE DAY PARTY & AFTER DARK

5 until pm	For the Record Music Hall, 1401 Huntsville Road, Florence, AL
Featuring:	Tony Evans, Jr. performing/Cedric Pendleton
Showtimes:	6pm and 9pm (call 404-374-3078 for more info)
Info:	Day and Dark event times include Meet & Greet
Cost:	\$20 advance/\$25 door
Sponsored by:	Diamond Promotions • Footprint Entertainment

PHAUSTERCHYLD ALBUM RELEASE PARTY AT RHODA P'S

6 pm until	Rhoda P's Restaurant, 500 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield
Featuring:	Myron "PhausterChyld" Foster • Off The Chain • Other Special Guests
Cost:	Free to enjoy the music. Food available for purchase
Sponsored by:	Rhoda P's Restaurant & Catering • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

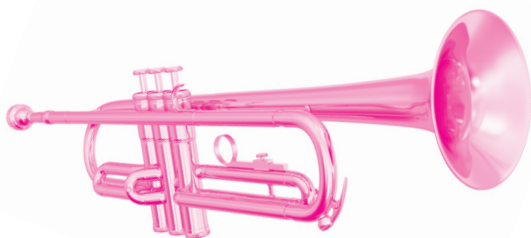
SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND

6 pm	First Baptist Church Sanctuary, 209 N. Walnut Street, Florence
Featuring:	Swinging River Jazz Band
Sponsored by:	First Baptist Church Worship Ministries • The Trapp Group at Morgan Stanley

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7:30-10 pm	Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence – The Max Russell Band
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During TVA's 90th anniversary year, we celebrate our present and former employees, our local power companies, our many partners and, of course, the people of this region. Working together, they helped make TVA what it is today – a force for good in the region and nation.

2023 Post Festival Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5



HANDY IN THE BOTTOMS AFTER PARTY!

4 pm **1302 Southeast 20th Street at Atlanta Avenue, Sheffield**
Featuring Eric Kirkman Combo • Local DJ • and other performers!
Cost: Free for Performances (Food Available for Purchase)
Info: Rain or shine!
Sponsored by: Sheffield City Councilwoman Casheta Rutland, District Four

TASTE OF THE SHOALS – SHEFFIELD!

TBD **Outside near 215 Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**
Featuring The best and tastiest food, served in the Center of the Shoals!
Info: Come and sample the finest cuisine!
Sponsored by: Sheffield Restaurants • City of Sheffield •
Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



PERCY “SLEDGEFEST” IN DOWNTOWN LEIGHTON!

1-9 pm **Downtown Leighton, 8655 Main Street, Leighton**
Featuring Howell Sledge and others to be announced but you don't want to miss this!!!
Cost: Free for Performances (Food Available for Purchase)
Info: Rain or shine!
Sponsored by: Town of Leighton • Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area •
Singing River Trail • Bank Independent • WZZA Radio

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Discover America's stories in Florence, Alabama

Visit the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

for world-famous music, Native American history
and the river that brought it all together.



Established in 2009, the MSNHA protects,
preserves and promotes the heritage and
culture of northwest Alabama that help
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 256-760-6439 www.florenceal.org

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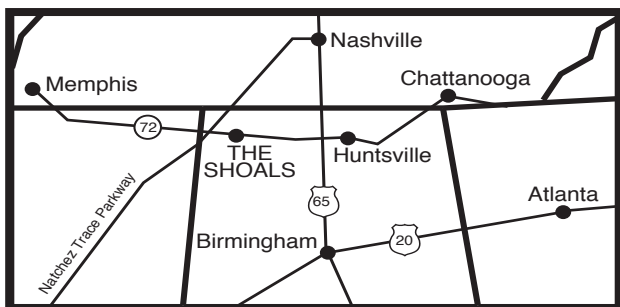
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