

THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC
FLORENCE • ALABAMA

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THE 43RD ANNUAL



OFFICIAL
HANDY SCHEDULE

2024

**The Music Preservation Society proudly presents the
43RD ANNUAL W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL
honoring
W.C. HANDY • (1873-1958)
Composer, Publisher, Musician &
“FATHER OF THE BLUES”**



William Christopher (“W.C.”) Handy, born in Florence, Alabama, gained international acclaim as the “Father of the Blues”. He described his birthplace in his autobiography as, “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...” Since 1982, the City of Florence, and the Shoals at large, have celebrated his legacy and accomplishments with an annual festival named in his honor.

W.C. Handy’s compositions have been performed by countless musicians. His contribution to music went beyond providing opportunities for players to perform and extended to advocating for musician songwriters. William Christopher Handy was a pioneer whose musicianship and accomplishments earned him the well-deserved title as the “Father of the Blues” as he traveled around the world to perform. The Music Preservation Society, Inc. Board of Directors extends its heartfelt appreciation to the family of William Christopher Handy for their continued 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.

The Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) and its Handy Festival Steering committee proudly present the forty-third annual W.C. Handy Music Festival. The Festival continued to expand, beginning on Thursday, July 18th and lasting until Sunday, July 28th, giving the Shoals eleven days of live music for all ages. In addition, there will be both pre-Festival and post-Festival events, extending the Handy Festival from July 6th through August 17th.

This year’s winning design by Dinah Rhodes pays homage to musicians, the Tennessee River, and Wilson Dam. The design, seen on the front of this brochure, is also featured on the official Festival posters and t-shirts. We hope that you will stop in at Handy Headquarters, located downtown across from Wilson Park at the Southhall Moore House. Thanks to our Handy Festival team and MPS Board of Directors (whose names are listed on our website and in our brochure). We truly appreciate all of those who make this Festival happen, from the musicians and performers, to the event coordinators, City and County departments including law enforcement, sanitation, parks and recreation, and our volunteers. The Festival would not be a success without them. Most of all, we thank those of you who attend. Because of you, the W.C. Handy Festival continues to be the largest and longest lasting annual tourism event, generating revenue for our community and providing us all with a wonderful opportunity to come together as one. Have a Happy Handy!

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 43rd 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). Send us mail at: Post Office Box 1827, Florence, AL 35631. Or best of all come visit Handy Headquarters at the Kennedy Douglas Art Center Complex, Southall Moore Home, Tuscaloosa St., Florence, AL 35630.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR'S W.C. HANDY MUSIC FESTIVAL, JULY 17 – 27, 2025.

This space has been used to list the many recognitions received throughout the years by the W.C. Handy Music Festival. While we love being lauded, but we'd rather use this space to thank those who help make the Handy Festival a success! That includes:

- **Event Coordinators** who plan activities held during each year's Handy Festival, choose talented performers, then handle logistics of sound, stage, lights, venue, and even portable toilets, and most importantly, manage to find the funds to pay for it all!
- **Handy Hosts (the restaurants, clubs, and bars)** which give our musicians a place to perform, pay them to do it, pay for sound, and everything else needed. Please let them know how much you appreciate it by spending on food and beverages while you're enjoying the music!
- **City and County Departments** such as police, fire, sanitation, health, parks and recreation, and so many more who keep things going the way that should by working continuously to ensure that our Festival attendees have a pleasant, safe, and enjoyable experience.
- **Sponsors** who help underwrite the cost: of events to help keep them free for the public, or who offer services at no charge. This keeps Handy Festival affordable for all.
- **Talented performers** who come from near and far to share their gifts with us all. Make them feel welcome by showing them appreciation when they play!

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



**MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.
PRESENTS**

HANDY FESTIVAL HEADLINER 2024

STARRING

**THE BAR-KAYS
FEATURING
LARRY DODSON!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, 2024
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
NORTON AUDITORIUM**



It's the Return of the Mack himself! Larry Dodson, the famous lead vocalist of the Bar-Kays is coming back to the Shoals and he's bringing the world famous Bar-Kays with him! That's right, Memphis will just have to miss them for a minute because the Bar-Kays are headlining the W.C. Handy Music Festival! Larry Dodson, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, grew up in a musically inclined family. He joined the Bar-Kays as a backup singer and quickly rose to become the lead vocalist. And that was just the beginning.



From Stax Records to stages worldwide, the Bar-Kays have kept us on the dance floor with songs like *Shake Your Rump To The Funk*, *Hit and Run*, *Move Your Boogie Body*, *Holy Ghost*, *Sexomatic*, *Too Hot To Stop*, *Attitudes*, *She Talks To Me With Her Body*, *Freak Show on the Dance Floor* (complete with a boa constrictor!), *Son of Shaft*, and *Return of the Mack*. They racked up twenty-three singles on the

R&B charts in an eleven year span, and those were just some of their songs. They've had songs charting from the sixties up until today. Their music has been featured in movie soundtracks, sung and sampled by other artists, and can be heard on radio around the world. Larry knows his business. He and fellow Bar-Kay James Alexander co-founded the Right Now Records record label and continue to tour.

Much more than simply a musician, Dodson wrote a book about his life story titled "And The Band Plays On" and served on the board of directors of the Downs Syndrome Association of Memphis and the Mid-South. He wrote and helped organize the recording of the song "A Message from Memphis" by a large group of well-known Memphis-born musicians Haiti after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, with proceeds from the sale of the song and the short documentary about the song's recording donated to various charities in Haiti. Larry is also known as a solo artist, affectionally called "Uncle Larry", and has made a name for himself in the southern soul genre. Don't miss the chance to move your own boogie body because a Bar-Kays show with an opening by The Shoals area's own Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Pryor is just too hot to stop!



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

Saturday July 27th • 7pm at UNA's Norton Auditorium

\$40.00 General Admission (\$75 for VIP Seating)

For tickets or info, drop by Handy Headquarters, Counts

Brothers Music, WZZA Radio or at Eventbrite and

www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com

2024

Pre-Festival Events

SATURDAY, JULY 6



WEST FLORENCE MUSIC AWARDS CEREMONY CELEBRATING HIDDEN HEROES

- 4 pm until **Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum**
702 East Veterans Dr., Florence
- Cost: \$30 (includes dinner)
- Info: Honoring those who contributed to the
Muscle Shoals Sound
- Sound including: The Soul Serenaders, Jimmy Hughes, Percy Sledge,
Frank Johnson, Andrew "Pop" Wright, Ollie Woodson,
Ernest Davis, Arthur Alexander, Prince Phillip Mitchell,
The Butler Twins, Calvin Lewis, Paul Thompson,
Mary Gresham Mason, Shirley Rowell, Jackie Dixon,
and more!
- Sponsored by: WZZA Radio • Music Preservation Society, Inc. •
West Florence Awards Committee

SATURDAY, JULY 13



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
- Tickets: 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
- Sponsors: Franklin County Arts & Humanities Council

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17



HOT DOG DAY BLOCK PARTY

- 6-10 pm **Wildwood Tavern, 108 East Mobile St., Florence**
- Info: Join us on Mobile Plaza for local bands, wiener dog
races, hot dog eating contest, dunking booth,
half-off hot dogs, prize raffles, and so much more!
- Presented by: Wildwood Tavern • Chicago Café • Shoals MTB

2024 Festival Events

THURSDAY, JULY 18



BEGINNING OF DR. WILLIE RUFF WEEKEND AT SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library**
316 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
Featuring: Nate Pruitt (brother of Dr. Willie Ruff) with Rick Vandiver on guitar
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

KARAOKE IDOL FOR SALVATION ARMY

6-10:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence**
Info: Sign-ups begin at 5pm. Singing begins at 6 pm. 35 of the best Shoals Area Singers! Dance offs! Silent Auction!
Cost: No Charge to attend. Entry fee \$25 to enter singing contest.
Sponsored by: Salvation Army of the Shoals-Echelon

HANDY BLOCK PARTY

6:30 pm until **100 Block of North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Lucie Tiger opening act • Starring Rollin' In The Hay featuring Donna Hall
Sponsored by: FirstBank • Downtown Florence Alliance • Joel R. Anderson Family Foundation

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield, — Mark Stuart**
9p - 12 mn **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tusculumbia — Baldwin Sheperd & Associates**

FRIDAY, JULY 19



ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

9 am-noon **Big Bad Breakfast, 315 North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Mike Mayhall and Friends

JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am **Sheffield Public Library**
316 North Montgomery Ave., 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 • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSIONS

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, 322 North Court St., Florence** – Rob Aldridge
11 am-1 pm **Smokin' Jalapeno's/306 Barbeque, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals** – Moore and Co.

LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING WITH A PURPOSE

11 am until **The Michael Community Center 1001 East 17th St., Sheffield**
Info: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.
Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!
Sponsored by: Mario Addison of the Houston Texans • City of Sheffield Luther Jarmon, Jr. • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield City Councilwoman Casheta Rutland, District Four • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

4-7 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St., Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Johnny Collier
5-7 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Christian Turner Duo
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence** – Jax Greenhill
6-9 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** – Justin and Tab
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** – Kerry Gilbert Band
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence** – Barna Borders

A DR. WILLIE RUFF NIGHT AT SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3-5 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield**
Featuring: Tennessee Valley Master of Jazz Band (Marcus Pope, David Ray, Josh Coutts, Dr. Eric Kirkman, Dr. Charles Brooks, Ken Watters, Ed Bisquera)
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

FIRST METRO BANK: SAX IN THE CITY

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

7 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St., 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 (inside) • Déjà vu (outside)
Cost:	\$30 for the prom, Free outside (tickets available at the door or at ShoalsMomProm.com)
Info:	Benefitting Safer Births in Bama
Sponsored by:	Med Spa of the Shoals • Harvest Midwifery • Safer Birth in Bama • BlueCross Blue Shield of Alabama First Metro Bank • Simpson's Collision Repair • Long Lewis Foundation • Alfa Farmers Women's Leadership Committee • Pediatric Dentistry of Florence Green Acres Organic Pharms • First Metro Bank • Marriott Shoals • Office Depot • Dandelion & Co • Platinum Tier Events

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield – Bee N' The Hive
8-11 pm	Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals – Jonah Evans
8-11 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield – Taylor Grace Band
8-11 pm	Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence – Matt Prater Band
8 pm until	Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence – Ledbetter • The Waco Kids
9 pm-12 mn	Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence – Cadence Baker
9:30 pm-1:30 am	Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tuscumbia – Music City Misfits
10:30 pm until	FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence – Dixie Mafia

SATURDAY, JULY 20



W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SHOALS CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

	McFarland Park, Florence Harbor, 1050 Clayborn Liles Dr., Florence
8 am-12 pm	Registration, Fee \$20
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)
Description:	Prizes to be given away, including 2000 in cash starting at 10 am. Dash Plaques given to the first 200 registrants!
Information:	Ronnie James 256-381-3536 or Terry Mashburn 256-366-0564 or visit www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com
Sponsored by:	Shoals Car & Truck Club

BURRELL SLATER REUNION PARADE

9 am until	Harvest Mitchell Gymnasium (formerly Burrell Slater Gym), 610 West College St., Florence
Parade line up	At the Gym. To participate, contact Annie Johnson or Dave Smith, Burrell Slater Reunion Committee

Cost: Free to attend! Free to be part of the parade!
Sponsored by: Burrell Slater Reunion Committee,
Music Preservation Society, Inc.

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

9 am-noon **Big Bad Breakfast, 315 North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Justin and Tab

LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING WITH A PURPOSE

11 am until **Michael Community Center**
1001 East 17th St., Sheffield
Info: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.
Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!
Sponsored by: Mario Addison of the Houston Texans • City of Sheffield
Luther Jarmon, Jr. • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority
Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield City Councilwoman
Casheta Rutland, District Four • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11:30 am-1:30pm **306 Barbeque, 322 North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Tom Foolery

HANDY STREET PARTY

6-10:30p **In front of Soul Wingery**
105 Poplar St., Florence
Featuring: The Wanda Band • Thad and Co. •
Billy Allen and the Pollies
Info: In case of rain, event will be moved to Singin' River Live
Sponsored by: Soul Music Society

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

4-7 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. , Suite B, Tuscumbia –**
Tyler Jones
6-9 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence –**
Moore and Co.
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence –**
Howell Sledge and the Revue
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence –**
Jessie Lee

DINNER AND ALLSTAR JAZZ AT OLD GRACE CHURCH

Location: **700 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield**
6:30 pm Doors Open
7 pm Dinner & Entertainment
Featuring: Jazz Allstars Robert Redd and Sue Matthews with
Jim Ferguson, Tom Wolfe, Mel Deal, Mark Lanter,
Gary Lamb
Menu: Buffet meal included with ticket purchase
Cost: Tickets are \$30 each • Bring your own wine,
\$5 corking fee
More Info: 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, 215 Tuscaloosa St., Florence, Florence
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals
Cost: Free to attend!
Sponsored by: CB&S Bank

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken,
120 Second St., Sheffield** – Big Joe &
The Catfish Junkies
8-11 pm **Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals** –
Rob Aldridge
8-11 pm **Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd.,
Sheffield** – Déjà vu
8-11 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,
Florence** – Kirkman Combo
8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence** –
Moon Tree • Jeff Woods
9 pm-12 mn **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** –
Caleb Storie
9:30 pm-1:30 am **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,
Tuscumbia** – Jerome Parker & The Rubber Band
10:30 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** –
Carson Carlise Band

SUNDAY, JULY 21



ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

9 am-noon **Big Bad Breakfast, 315 North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Taylor Grace

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11:30 am-1:30pm **306 Barbeque, 322 North Court St., Florence** –
Featuring: Moore and Co.

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

3 pm **First Methodist Church, 104 East 3rd St., Tuscumbia**
Featuring: The Lisa Lambert Band
Sponsored by: Tuscumbia First United Methodist Church

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

2-5 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,
Tuscumbia** – Cowgirl Up Bluegrass

SUNDAY JAZZ AT STEPHANO'S SOUTHLAND!

5-8 pm **Stephano's Southland, 1309 South Jackson
Highway, Sheffield**
Featuring: Jazz Allstars Robert Redd, Sue Matthews, Jim Ferguson,
Tom Wolfe, Mel Deal, Gary Lamb, Mark Lanter
Sponsored by: Stephano's Southland • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

SWINGING RIVER JAZZ

6 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave.,
Florence**
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz

Cost: Free of charge
Sponsored by: Magnolia Church of Christ

OFFICIAL HANDY SUNDAY CEREMONY

N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6:30-8:30 pm **Harvest Mitchell Gymnasium** (formerly Burrell Slater Gym), **610 West College St., Florence**
Previously: Lewis Field, 1050 Pruitt Street, Florence
Cost: Free! Delicious food available for purchase.
Prayer: The Reverend Grandville Anderson, Pastor Greater St. Paul AME Church (Handy's Church)
Featuring: Kimble Funchess • Quad Cities Mass Choir directed by Aaron Freeman • Shane Rainer & Fresh Wind • Pastor Jerry Reeves & Friends
Sponsored by: City of Florence • Music Preservation Society, Inc. • Keep the Shoals Beautiful

HANDY HAPPY HOUR

6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence**
John Bloomer

WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS WC HANDY SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

7 pm **Woodmont Baptist Church**
East Campus, 2002 Darby Dr., Florence
Featuring: Tommy Conners • Rob Crosby • Donny Lowery • Steven Dale Jones
Cost: Free! Everyone is welcome to attend!
Sponsored by: Woodmont Baptist Church

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Tremayne f/Ronnie Eades
7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Microwave Dave

MONDAY, JULY 22



JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library**
350 North Wood Ave., Florence
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: Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library • Florence Recycling Center • Keep the Shoals Beautiful
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

SCOPE LIVE ON HELTON DR.

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 St., Tuscumbia
Cost: Free (lunch available for purchase)
Featuring: Jazz Allstars Tom Wolfe, Jim Ferguson, Robert Redd,
Gary Lamb, Mark Lanter, Mel Deal, Sue Matthews
Sponsored by: Friends of Helen Keller Library • Tuscumbia Utilities

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence**
Featuring: Max Russell

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**
350 North Wood Ave., Florence
Featuring: Jazz Allstars Mark Lanter, Mel Deal, Sue Matthews,
Tom Wolfe, Jim Ferguson, Robert Redd, Gary Lamb
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, 10 Hightower Place,**
Florence – Mitch and Craig
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St., Florence** –
Lucero Adame
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence** –
An Abstract Theory
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence** –
Taylor Grace

A DR. WILLIE RUFF MONDAY AT SHEFFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3-5 pm **Sheffield Library**
316 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
Featuring: Nate Pruitt and Rick Vandiver with special guest
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by
your favorite author.
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

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

6:30 pm **University of North Alabama Norton Auditorium,**
Pine St., Florence
Featuring: Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band

Info: Contact Dr. Lloyd Jones at 256-810-8024
Sponsored by: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management •
Music Preservation Society Inc. • TBA

DETERMINED: CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF W.C. HANDY (a stage play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash)

7 pm **Shoals Theatre**
123 North Seminary St., Florence

Featuring: Trumpeter Kimble Funchess, the Reverend Shane Rainer,
Dr. Eric Kirkman, and other talented local actors

Cost: \$5.00

Sponsored by: City of Florence • Shoals Theatre • WZZA Radio •
Rhoda P's Catering • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

JOYFUL SOUNDS

7 pm **First United Methodist Church Sanctuary**
415 North Seminary St., Florence

Featuring: Choirs of FUMC and Guests

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church, Florence

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence –**
Déjà Vu

7- 11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,**
Tuscumbia – Tosha Hill Band

7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,**
Florence – Trey & Gary Nichols

8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence –**
Karaoke Night

TUESDAY, JULY 23



KIDZ JAMM

10 am **Parkview Baptist Church, 1404 US 72, Tuscumbia**

Featuring: Shoals Area piano students with bassist Bob Wray and
drummer David Waters
and piano students of the Shoals Area Music Teachers
Forum

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 St., 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 •
Keep the Shoals Beautiful

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11 am-1 pm **Taziki's, 261 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence**
Featuring: Rob Aldridge

11 am-1 pm **Smokin' Jalapeno's/306 Barbeque**
 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals
Featuring: Taylor Grace

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCH

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence — TBA**

ABCs OF BLUES AND JAZZ & BEYOND

1:30 pm **Mount Moriah P.B. Church**
 818 Irvine Ave., Florence
Featuring: The Kimble Funchess Quintet
Sponsored by: Dr. Felice J. Green • Brenda Mayes • Dinah Phillips •
 Teresa McDonald • Karen Young • Dorothy Buchanan
 Dallas Hoskins • 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, 10 Hightower Place,**
 Florence — Mark Narmore
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St., Florence —**
 Lindy Urban
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence —**
 Trey Nichols
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence —**
 Makin' Traxx

HYMNS ON THE HILLTOP

6 pm **Fairview Baptist Church**
 4825 Huntsville Rd., Florence
Cost: Free, and all are welcome!
Featuring: Congregational Style Hymn Singing
Sponsored by: Fairview Baptist Church

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS "SATCHMO" ARMSTRONG

6-8 pm **Rhoda P's Restaurant**
 500 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
Featuring: Kimbell Funchess Band
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Food available for purchase
Sponsored by: Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

HANDY AT ST. FLORIAN PARK

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7 pm **St. Florian Amphitheater**

83 St. Florian Road, St. Florian

Featuring: Pine Hill Haints
Info: No cost: to attend. Everyone is welcome rain or shine!
Sponsored by: The Town of St. Florian • Connolly Animal Clinic

UNA NIGHT HANDY NIGHT 2024!

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6-8:30 pm **Norton Auditorium, Pine Street, Florence**
Featuring: Bold Bloom The Shoal Nuff Band
Info: Live music and food vendors for the entire family to enjoy!
Sponsored by: University or North Alabama Office of Alumni Relations-
Division of Advancement

SHOALS COMMUNITY BAND

7 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ**
2650 Vulcan Ave., Florence
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz
Cost: Free of charge
Sponsored by: Magnolia Church of Christ

MIDNIGHTERS @ THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY

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

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** —
Fathers and Sons

7-10 pm **Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals** —
Justin and Tab

7-10 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** —
Jonathan Len

7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,**
Tuscumbia — Greentown

7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,**
Florence — Tosha Hill Band

8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence** —
Single Lock Records Showcase

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24



ROUND TABLE WITH MUSCLE SHOALS MUSIC LEGEND SPOONER OLDHAM

10:30 am-12n **Counts Brothers Music**
713 Waverly Ave., Muscle Shoals
Featuring: The Legendary Spooner Oldham
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 St., 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 • Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling • Keep the Shoals Beautiful

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11 am-1 pm **Taziki's, 261 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence**
 Featuring: Taylor Grace
 11 am-1 pm **306 BBQ, 322 North Court, Florence**
 Featuring: Andy Lyle Hall

JAZZ AT FLOBAMA

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence**
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars featuring Sue Matthews
 Sponsored by: FloBama

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** — Will and Janet McFarlane
 6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St., Florence** — Jax Greenhill
 6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence** — Cadence Baker
 6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** — Blue Water Revival
 6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence** — Big Al & The Heavyweights

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

6-7:30 pm **Greater St. Paul AME Church**
129 North Cherokee St., Florence
 Featuring: Shoals Area Community Choir
 Food: Fish plates available for purchase
 Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc.

AMITY DAY AT SUNDOWN ON WEDNESDAY

7 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St., Florence**
 Featuring: Ariella • Kimble Funchess Band
 Sponsored by: Amity Day Friends • Baha'is of the Shoals • WZZA Radio

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-10 pm **Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals** — Tyler AK
 7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tuscumbia** — Wayne Chaney and Bama Borders
 7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** — Dave Anderson
 8-11 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** — Justin and Tab
 8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence** — Thad Saajid & Friends
 10:30 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** — Heathen



JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10:30 am **Muscle Shoals Public Library**
1918 Avalon Ave., 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

SWINGING WITH THE SENIORS!

11 am-1 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum**
702 East Veterans Dr., Florence

Music by: Jazz Allstars • Ariella

Cost: Free to attend and lunch provided by Trio Food Services (Reservations required. Call 256-760-6389)

Info: Open seating on the floor for those eating, plus seating in the bleachers. All are welcome!

Sponsored by: Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments • Florence Parks & Recreation

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11 am-1 pm **306 BBQ, 322 North Court, Florence**

Featuring: Cadence Baker

11 am-1 pm **Smokin' Jalapeno's/306 Barbeque**
400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Featuring: Moore and Co.

HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** – Angela Hacker & Bay Simpson

2-5 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Andrew Carpenter

POETRY IN MOTION AT BURRELL MUSEUM

12 noon **Burrell Museum at Harvest Mitchell (formerly Burrell Slater) Gymnasium, 610 West College St., Florence**

Featuring: Alta Jean Wilson Morrow as Maya Angelou, James Weldon Johnson, Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Info: Burrell School Museum Tours will be available

Cost: Free to attend

Sponsored by: Burrell School Alumni Association • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

KEESTONE OF FLORENCE

2 pm **Keystone of Florence, 201 N. Cedar St., Florence**

Cost: Free (Complimentary snacks available)

Featuring: Velvet Soundwave

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.

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,
Florence** — Justin Holder Duo
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St., Florence** —
Mikey Ledbetter
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence** —
Bad Ethyl
6-9 pm **Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd.,
Sheffield** — Trey Nichols on acoustic guitar
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** —
Shoal Nuff Band
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence** —
Tom Foolery

CHURCHIN' DOWN THE ST. GOSPEL CONCERT

6pm **St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
220 E. Alabama St., Florence**
Featuring: Quad Cities Mass Choir Directed by Aaron Freeman
Sponsored by: A & N Property Maintenance • Bank Independent •
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Group • St. Mark M.B. Church • Saint's Funeral Home
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MAKING MUSIC AT GLENWOOD!

6-8 pm **Glenwood Center & Rehab parking lot,
211 Ana Dr., Florence**
Featuring: Kimble Funchess Band
Info: Fun for the entire family. Bring your lawn chairs
Extra: Food trucks on site!
Sponsored by: Glenwood Center • Genesis Healthcare

PARTY WITH THE PATRIOTS

6-8:30 pm **Northwest Shoals Community College
800 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals**
6:30-8 pm Winston Ramble
Cost: Free to the public, everyone is welcome!
Sponsored by: Northwest Shoals Community College

COUNTING ON THE MUSIC

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

**Patterson, Prince & Associates
475 S. Seminary St., Florence**
6-8 pm Isabella Robertson • Iron Horse
Info: Bring your lawn chairs! Everyone welcome!
Sponsored by: Patterson, Prince & Associates, CPA

BEALE ST. BLUES!

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6:30-8:30 pm **Lewis Field, 1050 Pruitt St., Florence**
(in case of rain, event will be delayed or rescheduled)
Featuring: Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Band
Info: Fun activities for the kids!
Sponsored by: City of Florence

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS PRESENTS CC JAGS

8-10 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

STRICKLIN SOCIAL

7-10 pm **Stricklin Social in the Stricklin Hotel,**
Court St., Florence
Featuring: Warren Ertle's Corpse Revivers
Info: Authentic and world class musicians bring to you the most incredible Ragtime Jazz show. Renowned for his compositions, stylistic approach to his craft, and surrounded by equally talented musicians, this show will take you back to the Roaring 20s when Speakeasies were real, Al Capone was running the show, and William Christopher "WC" Handy was already born in the Shoals!
Tickets: Available online at OldTime Rag Time (TicketSpice.com or at www.TheStricklin.com)
Sponsored by: Stricklin Hotel • Southern Hospitality Holdings

WILDWOOD TAVERN / SINGING RIVER BREWING TAP TAKEOVER!

7-10 pm **Wildwood Tavern, 108 East Mobile St., Florence**
Cost: Delicious food and unique drinks available for purchase
Info: Join us at Wildwood Tavern for some super-limited, special edition brews by your favorite local brewery: Singin' River!
Sponsored by: Wildwood Tavern • Singin' River Brewing

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken,**
120 Second St., Sheffield – Big Al & The Heavyweights
The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St.,
Florence, – Cadence Baker
7-10 pm **Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals**
Moore and Co.
7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,**
Tuscumbia – Ghost River Revival
7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,**
Florence – Skeleton Krew
8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence** –
LaFonda Reunion • All-Star Jam
9 pm-12 mn **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** –
Trey Allred & Andy Lyle Hall
10:30pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** –
Gary Nichols Band

FRIDAY, JULY 26



ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

9 am-noon

Big Bad Breakfast

315 North Court St., Florence — Justin and Tab

MOUNT MORIAH'S FRIDAY FESTIVAL FISH FRY

11am-6 pm

Mt. Moriah P.B. Church

818 West Irvine Ave., Florence

Featuring:

Official Clutch Band of Birmingham •

Lorinda "Pinky" Warren

Sponsored by:

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ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

11 am-1 pm

306 BBQ, 322 North Court, Florence

Featuring:

Taylor Grace

FLOBAMA PRESENTS MICROWAVE DAVE!

11:30 am-2:30 pm

FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence

Featuring:

Microwave Dave

Sponsored by:

FloBama

IN TUNE WITH THE OUTDOORS

5-7 pm

Alabama Outdoors

119 North Court St., Florence

Featuring:

Hope Stamps and Guest

Cost:

Free to the public!

Sponsored by:

Alabama Outdoors

FLATT AND SCRUGGS BLUEGRASS REVIVAL

Elgin Senior Citizens Center

2519 Highway 101, Rogersville

5 pm

First show!

7 pm

Second show!

Featuring:

Tri-State Ramblers • Conner and Ty McMeans

Amelia and Reagan Brown

Info

Food! Fun! Entertainment! Fellowship!

Cost:

\$10 Advance, \$12 At The Door, \$7 Students ages 12-18 years, Free for kids under 12

Sponsored by:

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HANDY HAPPY HOURS

4:30-7:30 pm

Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,

Tuscumbia — The Victoria Band

5-7 pm

Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,

Florence — Justin and Tab Veal

6-9 pm

Pie Factory, 106 North Court St., Florence —

Mitch Mann

6-9 pm

On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence —

Austin Bohannon

6-9 pm

Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence —

Tom Foolery

6:30-9:30 pm

FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence —

Jim Seales and the Sundogs

6:30-9:30 pm

Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence —

Doc Ellison

16TH ANNUAL MASSIVELY COOL INDOOR STREET FESTIVAL

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa Conference Center, Florence

6 pm	The Kerry Gilbert Band • Rewind
Cost:	\$35 (includes Barbeque Dinner)
Info:	Doors open at 5pm (Cash Bars all evening. No reserved tables.)
Tickets	See the ticket link at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa Facebook page.
Sponsored by	Fuller Services

RIVERSIDE JAMZ

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

6:30 pm until	McFarland Park, Florence Harbor 1050 Clayborn Liles Dr., Florence (in case of rain, event postponed)
Featuring:	Shoals Blues Band • Ariella • Mary Mason Band • Jazz Allstars • Lorinda "Pinky" Warren • Kimble Funchess Band
Sponsored by:	City of Florence

BLUES ON THE BLUFF

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7-9 pm	Standpipe Park, North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
Featuring:	Drs., Lawyers & Such
Sponsored by:	City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities

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
Cost:	Free!
Sponsored by:	K&S Tree Service • Lewis Electric • Cornerstone Flooring • Cook's Pest Control • Allstate Insurance-Brad Tank Agency • Patriot Realty/Monty Allen

CABARET!

9 pm-1 am	Listerhill Credit Union Auditorium 4790 E. Second St., 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-Hall, Sue Reeder

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm	Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield – Microwave Dave
7-10 pm	Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals – Corey Phillips
8-11 pm	Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield – Big Joe and the Catfish Junkies
8-11 pm	Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence – Fathers and Sons
8 pm until	Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence – Fishman Aquadome • The Admiral
9 pm-12 mn	Boiler Room, Muscle Shoals – Trey Nichols
9 pm-1am	Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B, Tuscumbia – Lockridge & Co
10 pm-1 am	On The Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence – DJ Arate
10:30pm until	FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence – Austin Bohannon Band]

SATURDAY, JULY 27

ACOUSTIC PATIO SESSION

9 am-noon	Big Bad Breakfast 315 North Court St., Florence – Taylor Grace
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ST. STRUT & PARADE

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

10 am	Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary St.s, Florence
Route:	From Corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary St., left to Court St., left to College St., left to Seminary St. ending at Wilson Park for music and prizes
Music by:	High School Bands and Local DJ
Cost:	Free to participate in the parade, registration requested. Call Grant Gunn at 256-483-9417
Sponsored by:	Music Preservation Society, Inc.

MUSIC AT THE MANSION

2-4 pm	Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia
Cost:	Music is free • Donations accepted
Featuring:	Pianist Pernell Cunningham
Sponsored by:	Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation • The Alabama Historical Commission and Cameron Kay on behalf of the Tuscumbia Civitan Club and in memory of Dr. Willie Ruff, founder of the W.C. Handy Festival • Friends of Belle Mont

ACOUSTIC BLUEGRASS GOSPEL JAM

2-4 pm	Shoals Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2011 Country Rd 41 & Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence
Cost:	Free event!

Featuring: Lidabell and the Slackers Bluegrass Band
Sponsored by: Shoals Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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.

VILLAGE SCHOOL SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

4-6:30 pm **Village School House
200 Chickamauga St., Sheffield**

Featuring: Songwriter Caleb Elliott with guitarist Heath Fogg (formerly of the Alabama Shakes) Singer-songwriters James LeBlanc and Angela Hacker, Singer-songwriter Pat Huggins with guitarist Will McFarlane
Musician and studio owner Jimmy Nutt

Sponsored by: Pat Huggins and Friends

HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-8 pm **Kingpin’s, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,
Tuscumbia** – Will Paustian

6-9 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence** –
Corey Phillips

6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone’s, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence** –
Lindy Urban

6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence** –
Rewind of the Shoals

COLDWATER JAM

6-9 pm **Main St. in downtown Tuscumbia
104 South Main St., Tuscumbia**

Rain Location: Deshler Gymnasium, North Dickson St., Tuscumbia

Featuring: Chapel Hart and special guest

Cost: Free to the public!

Sponsored by: City of Tuscumbia • Downtown Tuscumbia, Inc.
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JAZZ AND FOOD TRUCKS AT THE AMPHITHEATER

7 pm **Muscle Shoals Amphitheater,
2010 E. Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals**

Info: (in case of rain, event will be delayed or postponed to August 3rd)

Featuring: Swinging River Jazz Band

Sponsored by: City of Muscle Shoals



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HANDY FESTIVAL HEADLINER 2024

**STARRING
THE BAR-KAYS
FEATURING
LARRY DODSON!**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
NORTON AUDITORIUM**



7 pm

**University Of North Alabama Norton
Auditorium, Florence**

(doors open at 6:30 pm)

Opening:

Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Pryor with the
Kimble Funchess Band

Starring:

The Legendary Bar-Kays featuring Larry Dodson

Cost:

\$40 General Admission

(\$75 VIP Seating with Meet and Greet)

Tickets:

available at Handy Headquarters, Counts
Brothers Music, WZZA Radio and at Eventbrite
or www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com

Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc. • WZZA Radio

FONDA SKIPWORTH PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS THE GRAND FINALE

8:30 pm until

Shoals Theatre

123 North Seminary St., Florence

Featuring:

Co-Fletch & Company • Melvia Chick Rodgers •

Hosted by Michael Darrel

Cost:

Tickets are \$35 advance, \$45 at the door

Info:

Contact Fonda Skipworth at 256-349-3882

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HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-10 pm

Birdy's, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals –
Greentown

8-11 pm

Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd.,
Sheffield – Outlaw Apostles

8-11 pm

Swampers/Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place,
Florence – Midnighters

8 pm until

Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence –
Cody Gaisser & Glass Cannon • Dream Suite

9 pm until

Boiler Room, 315 North Court St., Florence –
Austin Bohannon

10 pm -2 am

Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,
Tuscumbia – Creedance Johnson Band

10:30 pm until

FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence –
Second Creek

SUNDAY, JULY 28

BLUE NAVIGATORS

11 am

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

Featuring:

Blue Navigators

Cost:

FREE! Event held inside in the cool

Sponsored by:

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals

HANDY HAPPY HOUR AND NIGHTS

2-5 pm

Kingpin's, 203 East 6th St. - Suite B,
Tuscumbia – TBA

BLACK BUSINESS EXPO

3-7 pm **Clarion Ballroom, 4900 Hatch Boulevard, Sheffield**
Cost: Free to enter. Items available for purchase!
Everyone is invited!
Featuring: A sample of goods and services offered by local and regional businesses!
Info: Come and visit vendors from around the state of Alabama
Sponsored by: Recrissha Doxie

CACTUS COWBOYS JAM

4-7 pm **Shaffers Happy Hollow Marina, 270 Hammond Dr., Florence, 35634**
Cost: Free to attend!
Featuring: Cactus Cowboys
Sponsored by: Shoals Radiology Associates

SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND

5 pm **First Baptist Church Sanctuary 218 N. Wood Ave., Florence**
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz Band
Cost: Free to attend and enjoy!
Sponsored by: First Baptist Church

HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals 10 Hightower Place, Florence – Taylor Grace Band**

2024 Post Festival Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17



2ND ANNUAL AFTER HANDY BLOCK PARTY!

6 pm **201 South Atlanta Ave., Sheffield**
Featuring: Midnighters • Local DJ
Cost: Free for Performances (Food Available for Purchase)
Info: Rain or shine!
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities • Sheffield City Councilwoman Casheta Rutland, District Four

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Visit the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

for world-famous music, Native American history
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