

THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC  
FLORENCE • ALABAMA

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THE 44TH ANNUAL



OFFICIAL  
HANDY SCHEDULE

*2025*

# HANDY FESTIVAL INFORMATION

**Music Preservation Society Inc.**

**W.C. Handy Music Festival**

**Proudly Present Our**

**44th W.C. Handy Music Festival!**

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

**[www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org](http://www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org)**

**You can also call 256-766-7642, find us on Facebook, or see [Twitter.com/WCHandyFestival](https://twitter.com/WCHandyFestival).**

**Send mail to: Post Office Box 1827, Florence, AL 35631.**

The best thing to do is to please come and see us at Handy Headquarters at the Kennedy Douglas Art Center Complex, Southall Moore Home, Tuscaloosa Street, Florence, AL 35630. That's where you'll find Handy Festival concessions such as T-shirts, posters, buttons, refrigerator magnets, and other items.

We will be happy to walk you through the schedule to help you find the events that you'll enjoy the most!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN  
AT NEXT YEAR'S MUSIC  
FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH –  
SUNDAY, 26TH 2026!**

## 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](http://www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org)**



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

The Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) was established to "preserve, promote, and present" the music of the Shoals. MPS sponsors multiple projects, with the W.C. Handy Music Festival being the largest and most widely known. Over the years, MPS has also sponsored Jazz Band Camps held on the UNA campus, partnered with Alabama Folklife and UNA to sponsor the Shoals Blues Challenge (with contestants who competed on a national level), partnered with Muscle Shoals Music Association to do songwriter in the round series, and compiled a study that was provided to the United States Parks Service which resulted in the establishment of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. Other partnerships include those with municipal, county, and state governments; tourism agencies; local businesses; and other non-profit organizations. MPS volunteers have conducted studies that show the positive impact of tourism, which increases traffic to our local area and boosts our local economy.

The Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) and its Handy Festival Steering Committee are excited to present the forty-fourth annual W.C. Handy Music Festival. Although there were celebrations to honor the memory and contributions of William Christopher Handy dating back to the 1970's, it was not until 1982 that the W.C. Handy Festival occurred annually in the Shoals. Since that first year, the Handy Festival has grown to more than three hundred different activities occurring in eight to ten different cities and towns over a span of up to two weeks. This year's Handy Festival's official events begin on Wednesday, July 16, and last until Tuesday, July 29. That's fourteen days of live music and enjoyment for everyone!

This year's winning design by the very talented Missy Miles thanks our "Handy Hometown" by including the word "Florence." Our beautiful Tennessee River is depicted by wavy blue lines. And the laudable accomplishments of W.C. Handy himself are honored by the use of braille to spell the word "Blues". (No, those are not dominoes!) That design is, as always, featured on the front of the brochures, and on the official Festival posters and t-shirts. Please visit us at Handy Headquarters, located in the Southall Moore House across from Wilson Park, to pick up brochures (we leave extras out on the Handy HQ porch at night). We hope you will come when we're there to get your t-shirt and poster (and lots of other items), or just to say hey.

Thanks so much to our hardworking Handy Festival team and our MPS Board of Directors, whose names are listed on our website and in our brochure, and to everyone who comes together to create the magic of the W.C. Handy Festival. We couldn't do this without the musicians and performers, event coordinators, sponsors, and city and county departments who work so hard, including law enforcement, sanitation, parks and recreation, and, of course, volunteers. We truly appreciate everyone who supports and attends official Handy Festival events, making the last weeks of July the largest and longest-lasting annual tourism event in Northwest Alabama. When you support the official events listed in the Handy Festival brochure sponsored by the Music Preservation Society, Inc., you help MPS to continue to present the best Festival ever. We hope that all of you will enjoy the great entertainment that the Handy Festival has to offer!

**Tori Bailey, Handy Festival Chair, & Dr. Felice Green, past MPS Board President**

**The Music Preservation Society presents the**  
**44TH ANNUAL**  
**W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL**  
**Honoring**  
**W.C. HANDY • (1873-1958)**  
**Composer, Publisher, Musician &**  
**“FATHER OF THE BLUES”**



**William Christopher Handy**



**W.C. Handy's Piano**

William Christopher (“W.C.”) Handy was born in 1873 in Florence, Alabama. 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...” Handy held his hometown in high regard, even conveying ownership of his home, a log cabin, and personal items to be displayed in the home, to the City of Florence.

According to the Encyclopedia of Alabama, the W. C. Handy Birthplace Museum and Library in Florence “was established to celebrate the life of the musician and composer. Handy himself donated the seed money to create the museum, which... housed a

large collection of memorabilia, personal items, and objects relating to Handy's career.” This came about when, “in 1954, a new housing development sponsored by the city of Florence threatened the log cabin in which Handy was born. To save it, Handy gave the city the \$29,000 that he was paid for the land on which the cabin stood to be used for future restoration of his childhood home as a museum. The cabin was carefully dismantled and the logs numbered and stored for later reassembly. Handy also bequeathed a large number of his personal possessions to the city to be used in the cabin after a suitable new location was found.



During the late 1960s, a committee was formed to begin work on the museum honoring the "Father of the Blues." The committee was led by Karl Tyree, head of the Florence Housing Authority, and included a group of men from the Florence Junior Chamber of Commerce. A site was selected at 620 West College Street, in the southwest corner of town. Work began early in 1970 on reassembling the log cabin and on constructing a museum next to the cabin to properly house and display the artifacts and tell the story of Handy's life and career. The completed structure was filled with the artifacts that the Handy family sent to Florence from their home in New York, including the upright piano on which Handy composed the "St. Louis Blues," his brass trumpet, furniture, and numerous boxes of his letters, pictures, musical compositions, personal mementos, and datebooks.

"A group of local Florence women formed the Cabin Committee that same year to take on the work of furnishing the restored log cabin. Local citizens donated furnishings and other items that represented the time period during which Handy lived there as a child. The W. C. Handy Museum opened to the public on June 7, 1970. A separate building was added in 1980 to house the Black Heritage Library, which was filled with books donated to or purchased for the museum under the direction of the Cabin Committee. In 2002, an addition was constructed that included a new area for the Black Heritage Library, office space, a kitchen, and restroom as well as a community meeting room.

"Originally the museum and two other historic sites were owned and financed by the City of Florence, and appointed members of the Florence Historical Board had responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the three facilities. On April 6, 1988, operational control of the museum and several other historic properties in the city were transferred under the administration of the newly created position of Director of Arts and Museums. In July 2018, the city transferred ownership of the home and museum to the W.C. Handy Foundation, a non-profit operated by the Handy family." (Information taken from the Encyclopedia of Alabama)

W.C. Handy's musicianship earned him the well-deserved title as the "Father of the Blues" as he traveled around the world to perform for audiences of all types. His compositions have been, and continue to be, performed by countless musicians, featured in film, and played on the radio. He provided opportunities for players to perform, and he advocated for songwriters and publishers until his death in 1958. Since 1982 the Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) and northwest Alabama have celebrated his legacy with the annual festival named in his honor. The MPS Board of Directors continues to extend its appreciation to the family of William Christopher Handy for their years of support of the W.C. Handy Music Festival.

***Music Preservation Society, Inc.***

# 2025

## Festival Events

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16



#### HANDY ON THE PLAZA: NATIONAL HOT DOG DAY

6-10 pm **Mobile Plaza, between Court & Seminary Streets for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence**

Featuring: Local Band • Weston Harris • DJ Pedalyte

Cost: Free! Come join the fun!

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! Rain or Shine!

Presented by: FirstBank • The Hotels of Florence • Fuller Services • Wildwood Tavern • Lava Room • Chicago Café

#### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

6-10 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Lockridge & Co.

7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Music Trivia and Karaoke

### THURSDAY, JULY 17



#### HANDY ON THE PLAZA: THURSDAY NIGHT DOWNTOWN FLORENCE CELEBRATION

5:30-10 pm **Mobile Plaza, between Court & Seminary Streets for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence**

Opening: Lucie Tiger • Ghost River Revival

Featuring: North Mississippi Allstars

Cost: Free! Come join the fun!

Info: Rain or Shine!

Presented by: FirstBank • The Hotels of Florence • Fuller Services • Downtown Florence Alliance

#### 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. 5 of the best Shoals Area Singers! Dance offs! Silent Auction!

Cost: No Charge to attend. Entry fee \$25 to enter singing ontest.

Sponsored by: Salvation Army of the Shoals-Echelon

## **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

7pm **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St,  
Florence**  
Cost: \$15.00  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre

## **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  
Sponsors: Franklin County Arts & Humanities Council

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence –  
Ty Moore**  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd.,  
Florence – Ryan Lindley & Tre Srygley**  
7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B,  
Tuscumbia – I-22s**  
9 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence –  
Jax Greenhill**

## **FRIDAY, JULY 18**



## **MUSIC AT BIG BAD BREAKFAST**

9 am **Big Bad Breakfast, 315 North Court St, Florence**  
Alexis Jackson

## **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

## **LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING CLASS – BOOTS ON THE GROUND! (Friday)**

11 am until **The Michael Community Center,  
1001 East 17th St, Sheffield**

Info: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. • Healthy snacks & water provided by Joyous Line Dancers • Kids bring swimwear and towels for the slip and slide on the playground donated by Double D Ent.

Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!

Sponsored by: Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority • Sheffield Utilities • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence –**  
Malcolm Singleton

6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –**  
Kerry Gilbert Band

## **HANDY ON THE PLAZA: FRIDAY NIGHT DOWNTOWN FLORENCE CELEBRATION**

**Mobile Plaza – between Court & Seminary  
Streets for GPS: 108 East Mobile St.,  
Florence**

5:30-9 pm Dr. Warren Ertle's Corpse Revivers

9-11 pm Billy Allen & the Pollies

Cost: Free! Come join the fun!

Info: Rain or Shine!

Presented by: FirstBank • The Hotels of Florence • Fuller Services

## **A DR. WILLIE RUFF NIGHT WITH TENNESSEE VALLEY MASTERS OF JAZZ**

6-8 pm **Sheffield Library,  
316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**

Featuring: Tennessee Valley Masters of Jazz Band

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

Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

## **FIRST ANNUAL TOWN OF LEIGHTON KICKBACK**

**Eleven03 Event Center,  
8765 Main St, Leighton**

6 pm Start setting up your chairs and tents!

7-11 pm The best in Blues music begins with a live D.J.!

Featuring: Line Dancing in the Street! Line dance instructors teaching all the latest line dances!

Info: Kick back with some chicken and fish!

Cost: Free! Food and drinks for purchase!

Sponsored by: Jalen Jones, Eleven03 Event Center • Town of Leighton • WZZA Radio

## **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

Cost: Free to enjoy! Food Trucks On Site!

Sponsored by: First Metro Bank • Florence Parks & Recreation

## **SHOALS MOM PROM / SAFER BIRTH IN BAMA BLOCK PARTY**

**Singing River Live Brewery,**  
**526 East College, Florence**

6-10 pm Outside on the Patio (Open to the Public):  
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music from  
Mama 'Nim at the Block Party—free and open to all!

Featuring: Mama' Nim

Cost: Free outside

Info: Vendors, Food Trucks, and Open Tap Room!

7-11 pm Singing River Live (Tickets Only): A fun, ladies-only  
night of dancing and celebration at  
Shoals Mom Prom!

Featuring: DJ Gorgeous

Cost: \$35 for the prom (tickets available at the door or at  
ShoalsMomProm.com)

Info: Prom Night for Ladies Only. A night of dancing and  
celebration benefitting Safer Births in Bama

Sponsored by: Safer Birth In Bama • MedSpa of the Shoals •  
Medical Associates of the Shoals •  
Harvest Midwifery • Long Lewis Foundation •  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

## **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

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

Cost: \$15.00

Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken,**  
**120 Second St., Sheffield** – Bee N' The Hive  
Tribute to The Decoys

8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd.,**  
**Florence** – Victoria Band

8-11 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,**  
**10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Ryan Lindley

8-12 mn **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B,**  
**Tuscumbia** – Blynd Lyon

9 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** –  
Alexis Jackson

10:30 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** –  
Dixie Mafia





## **DADOORUNRUN (5K RUN, 1 MILE WALK & YOUTH RACE)**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**

**In front of Burrell Slater School Gym,  
610 College Street, Florence**

- 6 am Race Day Registration and packet pickup  
7 am 5K Run  
8 am 1 Mile Run & Walk  
Featuring Jazz Ensemble from Florence High School  
Info: Awards and Door Prizes! Special Handy shirts for participants  
Cost: 5K \$20 • 1 Mile \$15 • Or both \$25.  
Add \$5 to each category on race day.  
Sponsored by: Run Flo • Holt Mussleman Feltman & Stinnett Attorneys at Law • Sam's Club • Florence Trophy Company • No Limits Running • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## **W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SHOALS CAR & TRUCK SHOW**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**

**McFarland Park, Florence Harbor,  
200 James M. Spain Drive, 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](http://www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com)  
Sponsored by: Shoals Car & Truck Club

## **LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING – BOOTS ON THE GROUND! (Saturday)**

- 11 am until **The Michael Community Center,  
1001 East 17th St, Sheffield**  
Info: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. • Healthy snacks & water provided by Joyous Line Dancers • Kids bring swimwear and towels for the slip and slide on the playground donated by Double D Ent.  
Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!  
Sponsored by: Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. • City of Sheffield • Sheffield Redevelopment Authority • Sheffield Utilities • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## **A DR. WILLIE RUFF BRUNCH AT SOUTHERN GROCERY**

11 am **Southern Grocery,  
1419 East Second St, Sheffield**

Featuring: Libby Counts, Terry Richardson, and Ronnie Eades!

Cost: Delicious Meals and Drinks available for purchase

Sponsored by: Southern Grocery

## **VILLAGE SCHOOL SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**

3-7 pm **Village School House,  
200 Chickamauga St, Sheffield**

Featuring: Caleb Elliott with guitarist Austin Motlow • James LeBlanc • The Burney Sisters • Steve Conn with Will McFarland • Pat Huggins with Jimmy Nutt and Jimmy Nutt & Will McFarlane

Cost: \$10.00 at the door (for ticket info visit [www.TheVillageSchoolFoundation.com](http://www.TheVillageSchoolFoundation.com))

Sponsored by: The Village School Foundation

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

4-6 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B,  
Tuscumbia – TBA**

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 Rd, Florence –  
Jesse Lee**

## **HANDY ON THE PLAZA: SATURDAY NIGHT DOWNTOWN FLORENCE CELEBRATION**

**Mobile Plaza – between Court and Seminary  
Streets for GPS: 108 East Mobile St.,  
Florence**

5-7 pm Drew Dixon and the Real Thing

9-11 pm The Funk Brotherhood

Cost: Free! Come join the fun!

Info: Rain or Shine!

Presented by: FirstBank • The Hotels of Florence • Fuller Services • Carriage Wine Bar • Lost Pizza

## **3RD ANNUAL SHEFFIELD HANDY BLOCK PARTY!**

6 pm **201 South Atlanta Ave, Sheffield**

Featuring: Sax Legend • DJ Dez

Cost: Free for Performances and line dancing!  
(Food Available for Purchase)

Info: Rain or shine!

Sponsored by: City of Sheffield • Sheffield Utilities

## **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  
Menu: Buffet meal with your choice of meats included with ticket purchase  
Cost: Tickets are \$40 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**  
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals  
Cost: Free to enjoy! Food Trucks On Site!  
Sponsored by: CB&S Bank • Florence Parks & Recreation •  
Derrick Gargis at Alabama Health Guidance

## **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

7pm **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Cost: \$15.00  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield** – Billy Lawson & Wishbone  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Ghost River Revival  
8-11 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Dave Anderson  
9 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** – Max McDonald  
9p m-1 am **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Carl & the Road Dawgs  
10:30 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Carson Carlise Band

## **SUNDAY, JULY 20**



## **MUSIC AT BIG BAD BREAKFAST**

9 am **Big Bad Breakfast, 315 North Court St, Florence**  
Ellie Clayton Bowling

## **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

2 pm **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Cost: \$15.00  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre

## **OLD-TIME BLUEGRASS GOSPEL MUSIC HOUR**

3-4 pm **Tuscumbia First Methodist Church,**

### **104 E. Third St, Tuscumbia, AL 35674**

Featuring: The Lisa Lambert Band  
Cost: Free, rain or shine!  
Sponsored by: Tuscumbia First Methodist Church

### **VILLAGE SCHOOL SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**

3-7 pm **Village School House, 200 Chickamauga St, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Bryan Joyce (a/k/a King Leg) with Will McFarland • The Dirty Rain Revelers • Kara Hesse • Rob Aldridge with Clint Bailey • Russell Mefford & Mitch Mann  
Cost: \$10.00 at the door  
([www.TheVillageSchoolFoundation.com](http://www.TheVillageSchoolFoundation.com))  
Sponsored by: The Village School Foundation

### **HANDY HAPPY HOUR**

6-9 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Shane Davis  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence**  
CONNR & Taylor Grace

### **OFFICIAL HANDY SUNDAY CEREMONY**

#### **IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**

6:30-8:30 pm **W.C. Handy Gymnasium, 1050 Pruitt St, Florence (next to Lewis Field)**  
Cost: Free! With a wide variety of delicious food available for purchase.  
Featuring: Pastor LaSagne Smith • Shelly Williams • 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

### **WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS: W.C. HANDY SONGWRITER SHOWCASE**

5 pm **Woodmont Baptist Church / East Campus, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence**  
Featuring: Gary Baker • Becky Hobbs • Jerry Salley • Bobby Tomberlin  
Info: Free and in the air conditioned indoors!  
Sponsored by: Shoals Engineering, Jason Lenz

### **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Cole Nichols  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Tim Cannon  
8 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** – Lucie Tiger



## 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 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 St, Tuscumbia**

Cost: Free (Call the Library at 256-383-7065 to purchase \$10 boxed lunches)

Featuring: Jazz Allstars

Sponsored by: Friends of Helen Keller Library

## HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

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

## SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #1

1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism & Visitors  
Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence**

Presentation by: Phillip White • James LeBlanc • Angela Hacker

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

## 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  
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

## SONGWRITERS AND STORIES

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library,  
316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Featuring: James LeBlanc, Phillip White, Renee Armand,  
and Randy O'Dell  
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by  
you favorite author.  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

## HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence –  
Maggie Granlund**  
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence –  
Gracie Harris**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence –  
Microwave Dave**

## STOGIES, SIPS, AND SOUND AT SUPERHERO CHEFS!

6-8 pm **104 South Main St, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: TBA  
Cost: \$60 includes three each of cigar and bourbon  
samples, plus a small plate of three appetizer  
samples.  
Sponsored by: PROJECTXYZ • Superhero Chef's

## 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

## 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: CC Jags

## HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm **Sheffield Public House, 312 North  
Montgomery Ave, Sheffield – Hannah Clark**  
7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –  
Déjà Vu**

- 7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Jax Greenhill
- 8 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** – Andy Lyle Hall
- 7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Nettie & Delta Boy

## TUESDAY, JULY 22



### KIDZ JAMM

- 10 am **Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Drive, Sheffield, AL**
- Featuring: Shoals Area piano students with bassist Terry Richardson and drummer Quinn Stanhill 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

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

- 11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Jazz Allstars
- 11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Cole Nichols

### ABCs OF BLUES AND JAZZ

- 1:30 pm **Mount Moriah P.B. Church, 818 Irvine Ave, Florence**
- Featuring: The Jazz Allstars
- Sponsored by: Dr. Felice J. Green • Brenda Mayes • Dinah Phillips • Teresa McDonald • Dorothy Buchanan • Jacqueline Poole • Dallas Hoskins • Ryerson & Associates, DMD

### SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #2

- 1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence**
- Presentation by: Gary Nichols • Mike Curtis • Walt Aldridge
- Cost: Free!
- Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

## **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.

## **ROCKING BLUES**

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library,  
316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Russell Mefford, Mitch Mann, Scott Todd  
Cost: Free!  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library •  
City of Sheffield

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Van Burchfield  
6-9 pm **Rosie’s Cantina, 302 North Court St.,  
Florence** – Microwave Dave  
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St,  
Florence** – Logan Clark  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone’s, 3370 Cloverdale Rd,  
Florence** – Ariella

## **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)**  
5:30-8:30 pm Thad Saajid & Members Only Band  
Info: Live entertainment with a wide variety food and  
dessert vendors with delicious choices!  
(Canceled if it rains.)  
Sponsored by: University of North Alabama

## **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: Dr. Eric Kirkman, Dr. Rachel Winston,  
Dr. Rod Shepard, and other local celebrities  
Cost: \$5.00  
Sponsored by: City of Florence • Shoals Theatre •  
Rhoda P’s Catering • Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## **MIDNIGHTERS @ THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY**

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

## HANDY AT ST. FLORIAN PARK

### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

7 pm **St. Florian Amphitheater,  
83 St. Florian Rd, 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

## HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7-9 pm **Sheffield Public House, 312 North  
Montgomery Ave, Sheffield** – Noah Carter

7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd,  
Florence** – Hickory Switch

7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** –  
Gary Nichols & the Slaw Dogs

9 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St,  
Florence** – Ellie Clayton Bowling

7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence** –  
Brad Guin & Norman Garner

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23



## JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH

### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am **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: Friends of the Helen Keller Public Library •  
Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling •  
Keep the Shoals Beautiful

## MUSCLE SHOALS MUSIC LEGENDS: SERIES AT COUNTS BROTHERS

10:30 am-12n **Counts Brothers Music,  
713 Waverly Ave, Muscle Shoals**

Featuring: Jerry Phillips and Halley Phillips

Cost: Free and open to the public!

Sponsored by: Counts Brothers Music

## HANDY MUSICAL LUNCH

11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St.,  
Florence** – Cadence Baker

## **ALLSTAR JAZZ AT FLOBAMA**

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

Featuring: Jazz Allstars featuring Chuck Redd, Robert Redd,  
Sue Matthews

Sponsored by: FloBama

## **SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #3**

1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors**

**Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence**

Presentation by: Peanut Montgomery • Bobby Tomberlin •  
Mark Narmore

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

## **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/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Eric Erdman

6-9 pm **Rosie’s Cantina, 302 North Court St.,  
Florence** – Déjà Vu

6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence** –  
Christian Turner

6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone’s, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, 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: Cadence Baker • Shelly Williams • Jazz Allstars •  
Ariella

Sponsored by: Amity Day Friends • American Association Of  
University Women • Baha’is of the Shoals •  
First Presbyterian Church, Sheffield •  
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## HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

- 7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St.,, Sheffield** – Tomfoolery
- 7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Blue Water Revival
- 7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Austin Bohannon, Gary Nichols, Justin Holder
- 7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia** – Pall Bearers
- 7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Microwave Dave
- 9 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** – Jordan Denton
- 9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence** – Bingo!

## THURSDAY, JULY 24



## 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 • Keep the Shoals Beautiful  
Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling

## HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

- 11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Devin Underwood, Swinging River Jazz Quartet
- 11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Cadence Baker

## KEESTONE OF FLORENCE

- 2 pm **Keestone of Florence, 201 N. Cedar St., Florence**
- Cost: Free (Complimentary snacks available)
- Featuring: Erik Kirkman Combo
- Sponsored by: Keestone of Florence

## SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #4

- 1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence**
- Presentation by: Cindy Richardson Walker • Lisa Silver • Kensie Coppin
- Cost: Free!
- Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

## **W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES**

3 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby,  
617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tusculum**  
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 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence –  
Kutter Bradley**  
5-7 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10  
Hightower Place, Florence – Drum & Drummer**  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St.,  
Florence – Bama Border**  
6-9 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence –  
Jax Greenhill**  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –  
Three Wheel Drive**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence –  
Cadence Baker**

## **CHURCHIN' DOWN THE ST GOSPEL CONCERT DIRECTED BY AARON FREEMAN**

6pm **St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church,  
220 E. Alabama St, Florence**  
Featuring: Quad Cities Mass Choir,  
Guest Emcee Pastor Harold Tisdale  
Sponsored by: St. Mark M.B. Church • A & N Property  
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## **PARTY WITH THE PATRIOTS**

6-8 pm **Northwest Shoals Community College,  
800 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: 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**

6:30-8:30 pm **Patterson, Prince & Associates,  
475 S. Seminary St., Florence**  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
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 **W.C. Handy Gymnasium,  
1050 Pruitt St, Florence (next to Lewis Field)**  
Featuring: Studio Code 502 Production Band

Info: Air Conditioned Event held INDOORS!  
Fun activities for the kids!

Sponsored by: City of Florence

## **A NIGHT FOR EDDIE HINTON: A TRIBUTE TO A MUSICAL LEGEND**

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

Featuring: Christine Ohlman (The Beehive Queen) •  
10 Gallon Hat

Cost: \$25, available at the door.

Presented by: Impound Productions • Deryle Perryman •  
Kara McGee

## **SWAMPERS FUNDRAISER FOR THE KIDS**

7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence**

Featuring: Russell Mefford, Scott Campbell, Mitch Mann,  
and Jimmy Nutt

Cost: Tips raised will go toward building of a  
special needs playground.

Presented by: Swampers at the Renaissance Shoals

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken,  
120 Second St., Sheffield – Big Al &  
The Heavyweights**

7-10 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence –  
Bohannon**

7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd.,  
Florence – Max McDonald**

7-11 pm **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B,  
Tuscumbia – Roadside Mattress**

9 pm **The Boiler Room, 315 North Court St,  
Florence – Jordan Denton**

10:30pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –  
Whiskey Ridge**

## **FRIDAY, JULY 25**



## **MOUNT MORIAH'S FRIDAY FESTIVAL FISH FRY**

11am-6 pm **Mt. Moriah P.B. Church,  
818 West Irvine Ave, Florence**

Featuring: Live Performances All Day!

Cost: Free for the music. Fish plates \$18

Sponsored by: Mt. Moriah P.B. Church

## **FLOBAMA PRESENTS MICROWAVE DAVE!**

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

Featuring: Microwave Dave

Sponsored by: FloBama

## **SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #5**

1-3 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence**  
Presentation by: Billy Lawson • Pryor Baird • Ed Hill  
Cost: Free!  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau

## **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.

## **JAZZ AT THE COVE**

4-6 pm **Cypress Cove, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Allstars featuring Ken Watters • Ariella  
Info: Fun for the entire family. Bring your lawn chairs  
Extra: Food trucks on site!  
Sponsored by: Cypress Cove

## **IN TUNE WITH THE OUTDOORS**

5-7:30 pm **Alabama Outdoors, 119 North Court St, Florence**  
Featuring: Hope Stamps and Dylan Stamps  
Cost: Free to the public!  
Sponsored by: Alabama Outdoors

## **ELGIN HANDY TOUR**

6-8 pm **Elgin Senior Citizens Center, 2519 Highway 101, Rogersville**  
Featuring: The Sweet Sue Band  
Info: Food! Fun! Entertainment! Fellowship!  
Cost: \$10 at the door. Free for kids under 12  
Sponsored by: Elgin Senior Citizens Center

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence – Kutter Bradley**  
5-7 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence – Brad Guin, Alyssa Ashley, & Angela Hacker**  
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence – Jax Greenhill**  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence – James LeBlanc & Ten Gallon Hat**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Menagerie**

## **17TH ANNUAL MASSIVELY COOL INDOOR STREET FESTIVAL**

**Renaissance Shoals Hotel & Spa Conference Center, Florence**

5:30 pm Doors Open  
6 pm The Kerry Gilbert Band • Rewind  
Cost: Free with Cash Bars and Concessions  
Presented by Bentley Automotive

## **THE LONG LEWIS BUZZ**

6:30 pm **Long Lewis, 1602 Florence Blvd., Florence**  
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints • Jacob Feltman  
Cost: Free! Bring your lawn chairs. Food Trucks on site  
Sponsored by: Long Lewis Volkswagon & Mitsubishi, Shoals

## **RIVERSIDE JAMZ**

### **IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**

6:30 pm until **McFarland Park, Florence Harbor,  
1050 Clayborn Liles Drive, Florence**  
(in case of rain, event postponed)  
Featuring: Hot Air Balloon Rides!  
Performers: Cadence Baker • Shelly Williams Band •  
Jazz Allstars • Ariella • Déjà vu • Shoal Nuff Band  
Sponsored by: City of Florence

## **CABARET!**

**Florence Lauderdale Coliseum,  
702 Veterans Drive, Florence**

6:30-8 pm DJ 7-11  
8-11:30 pm Entice Band of Nashville, TN  
Info: It's a "Grown Folks Party" y'all.  
Cost: \$25 advance / \$35 day of event  
(Ages 25 and older only)  
BYOB Setups available.  
Info: For Tickets call: 256-412-0316 or 256-648-6412  
or 256-412-6961  
Sponsored by: Gwen Woods, Renita Jimmar-Hall, Sue Reeder

## **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

## **THE LAST WALTZ**

7 pm **Shoals Theatre,  
123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Featuring: Live musical performances followed by the  
movie screening  
Cost: \$5  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre • Gold Star Piano Services



## TOP SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

8 pm until **Lava Room, 116 East Mobile St., Florence**  
Featuring: Songwriters with multiple consecutive singles on the Music Row Country Breakout Chart  
Cost: Free  
Sponsored by: 2120 Music and Muscle Shoals Music Now

## HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield** – The Time Travelers  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Mark “Muleman” Massey  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Roadside Mattress  
8 pm-12 am **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia** – TBA  
9 pm **Boiler Room, Muscle Shoals** – Caleb Stone  
10:30pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – TBA

## SATURDAY, JULY 26



## STREET STRUT & PARADE

### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am-2 pm **Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, Florence**  
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: 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. • Florence Parks & Recreation

## HANDY ON THE H2O! (BOAT ACCESS ONLY!)

**384 Johnson Drive, Florence, (Approximately one mile south of Happy Hollow Bridge)**  
Alfred Home, SW Colbert County side of Wilson Lake near Wilson Dam @ mile marker 260  
3-6 pm until Music by Tomfoolery  
Info: Call 256-710-9880  
Sponsored by: Fred Cabler and Friends

## MUSIC AT THE MANSION

2-4 pm **Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Music is free • Donations accepted  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation • The 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.

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5 pm **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence –  
Max McDonald**  
6-9 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence –  
Bad Ethel**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence –  
Josh Alison**  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –  
Rewind of the Shoals**

## **SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND IN THE PARK**

6:30 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St, Florence**  
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz  
Cost: Free for everyone so come enjoy some fun  
live music in Wilson Park!  
Sponsored by: The Trapp Group at Morgan Stanley

## **THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS THE HEADLINER!**

7 pm **University Of North Alabama Norton  
Auditorium, Florence**  
Introducing: Earl "Guitar" Williams  
Starring: Melvin "Melly" Baldwin, Drummer Extraordinaire!  
Info: Doors Open at 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$40 General Admission  
Tickets: Available at Handy Headquarters, Counts Brothers  
Music, and at [www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com](http://www.WCHandyMusicFestival.com)  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc. • WZZA Radio

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken,  
120 Second St., Sheffield – The Shags**  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd.,  
Florence – Ben Daniels**  
8-11 pm **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals,  
10 Hightower Place, Florence – Howell Sledge  
& Friends**  
8-11 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence –  
Bad Ethyl**  
8 pm-12 am **Kingpin's, 203 East 6th Street, Suite B,  
Tuscumbia – Five O'Clock Charlie**  
9 pm until **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence –  
Kutter Bradley**  
10:30 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence –  
Second Creek**

**SUNDAY, JULY 27**



## **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

## **SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND AT WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**

5 pm      **Woodmont Baptist Church / East Campus, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence**

Featuring:      Swinging River Jazz Band

Info:      Come and enjoy our free Handy Festival finale at the Woodmont East Campus!

Sponsored by:      Shoals Engineering, Jason Lenz

## **UNENDING PRAISE**

6 pm      **Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Drive, Sheffield, AL**

Featuring:      Church musicians from the Shoals Area

Sponsored by:      Shoals Area Music Teachers Forum •  
Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7-10 pm      **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd., Florence** – Mat Prater's String Band

7:30-10 pm      **Swampers/Renaissance Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence** – Tim Cannon

9 pm      **Boiler Room, 315 North Court St, Florence** – Ellie Clayton Bowling

**2025 Post Festival Event**

**TUESDAY, JULY 29**



## **SHOALS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND**

7 pm      **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave, Florence**

Featuring:      Shoals Concert Band

Cost:      Free of charge

Sponsored by:      Magnolia Church of Christ

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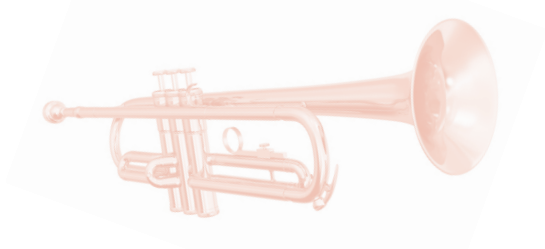
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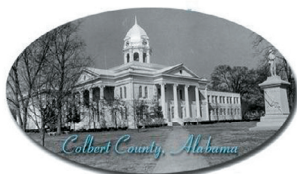
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