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FRIDAY JUNE 7



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HOUSTONFEST

DAILEY & VINCENT, SHENANDOAH, HOGSLOP STRING BAND, CARSON PETERS & IRON MOUNTAIN, LOOSE STRINGS BAND, WAYNE HENDERSON & VIRGINIA LUTHIERS, SIDELINE & MANY MORE.

Fri 12 PM - 10:30 PM • Sat 10 AM to 10:30 PM • \$25 per day or \$40 weekend pass advance pricing through June 5, \$35 per day after June 5 • Free to Children 12 and under with paying adult.

Hosted by: Galax Volunteer Fire Department. Location: Felts Park, 601 S. Main St., Galax, VA 24333.

HoustonFest, one of the region's premier bluegrass and old-time music festivals, is back with another stellar two day lineup of artists including Grand Ole Opry Stars **Dailey & Vincent**, country music legends **Shenandoah**, singer/songwriter **Dori Freeman**, the rollicking **Hogslop String Band**, **Carson Peters & Iron Mountain**, and many others performing in historic Felts Park in Galax. HoustonFest features performances on four stages, workshops, luthiers, vendors, instrument petting zoo, and Houston's Bluegrass Boot Camp. There is grandstand seating in the park and space for lawn chairs in front of the stage. Camping is available on site. More information at houstonfestgalax.com or call HoustonFest at (276) 236-9908.

FRIDAY JUNE 14



BILL MONROE'S "SONS OF BLUEGRASS": BILLY BAKER, ROBERT BOWLIN, MIKE COMPTON, TOM EWING, BUTCH ROBINS & DOUG HUTCHENS

7:00 PM • \$15 ADVANCE • \$20 AFTER MAY 31 • \$10 CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER).

Hosted by: Blue Ridge Music Center. Location: 700 Foothills Rd., Galax, VA 24333 (Milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway). Bringing a lawn chair or blanket to this outdoor concert is recommended.

EVENT EXTRAS:

5:00 PM: Presentation on Bill Monroe by author Tom Ewing in the auditorium. Free admission.

5:30 PM: "The Bill Monroe Legacy," featuring stories about Bill Monroe by the artists in the auditorium. Free admission.

6:45 PM: Youth program performance by Galax JAM.

Bill Monroe, the revered Father of Bluegrass, considered his Blue Grass Boys band a training ground for musicians, and the lengthy list of the artists who performed in it comprises a Who's Who of bluegrass musicians. This concert brings together musicians who shared the road and the stage with Monroe for a celebration of his enduring body of music. Banjoist **Butch Robins**, fiddler **Billy Baker**, and bassist **Doug Hutchens**

hail from Southwest Virginia. They will be joined by Ohio guitarist **Tom Ewing**, Illinois fiddler **Robert Bowlin**, and mandolinist **Mike Compton** of the Nashville Bluegrass Band, whose intimate understanding of the Monroe style completes the ensemble. The Blue Ridge Music Center is a National Park facility dedicated to presenting the history and heritage of music from the Blue Ridge Region of Virginia and North Carolina. In addition to the beautiful outdoor amphitheater, visitors enjoy the Center's world class museum exhibit called "The Roots of American Music" which was curated by Crooked Road co-founder Joe Wilson.



BLUE RIDGE BACKROADS LIVE WITH THE WHITETOP MOUNTAIN BAND & LITTLE STONY NIGHTHAWKS

**7:00 PM • \$10 ADVANCE • \$15 AFTER
MAY 31 • \$7 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER.
Hosted by: The Rex Theater Location: 113
E Grayson St., Galax**

Blue Ridge Backroads at the Rex Theater will present two of the region's most popular old time bands in a live radio show broadcast around the world on WBRF, Classic Country FM 98.1. A family-based band from Grayson County, Virginia, the Whitetop Mountain Band is known for its exuberant accompaniment of square dances and for its diverse and wide-ranging repertoire, mixing fiddle and banjo

instrumentals, ballads, as well as songs from many genres (blues, bluegrass, classic country, honky tonk, originals, and gospel). The Little Stony Nighthawks are serious students of Appalachian old time music and bring a fiery intensity to a repertoire full of great fiddle and dance music. The Rex Theater, with a wide dance floor immediately in front of the stage, is a great venue to kick up your heels in.





CULTURAL EVENTS

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

At the Blue Ridge Music Center, the Roots of American Music exhibit tells the compelling story of the region's rich music heritage and serves as an insightful complement to the Midday Mountain Music performances and Summer Concert Series. Visitors can listen to and enjoy music while learning about the development and national significance of this part of Blue Ridge Mountain cultural heritage. This is a state-of-the-art museum exhibit and brings visitors from around the world.

BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

700 Foothills Rd., (Mile Marker 213 Blue Ridge Parkway), Galax, VA 24333
info@BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org
276-236-5309

MIDDAY MOUNTAIN MUSIC JAM AT THE BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

The Blue Ridge Music Center holds Midday Mountain Music jam sessions on Fridays and Sundays in the covered breezeway at the visitor center. The Friday session is a bluegrass jam hosted by Jim Purcell and Lynn Wolf, and the Sunday session is an old-time jam hosted by Stu Shenk. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments to play with friends new and old. Everyone is welcome whether you want to sit back and listen, or join in to play, sing or dance!

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WE ARE THE MUSIC MAKERS

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

"We Are the Music Makers" celebrates the

cultural history of America's music. The blues, gospel and string band traditions of the South have formed a deep aquifer of music that contemporary artists around the world draw from daily. The combination of photography and multi-media materials in the exhibit shine a light on the many unsung heroes that continue to feed these traditions in our nation and asks viewers to reflect on how poverty, geography, and age have limited the exposure of these artists.

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700 Foothills Rd., (Mile Marker 213 Blue Ridge Parkway), Galax, VA 24333
info@blueridgemusiccenter.org
276-236-5309

SATURDAY JUNE 8

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

See listing description under June 7

APPALACHIAN MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS OPEN HOUSE

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM • FREE

Appalachian music jam sessions, short performances, regional art displays, and demonstrations by luthiers will be held throughout the afternoon. Young students in the Galax Junior Appalachian Musician Program will also play. There will be opportunities for walk-in participation in the jam sessions, and opportunities to receive instruction in the playing of traditional music in our regional styles.

CHESTNUT CREEK SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

100 North Main Street, Galax, VA 24333
jam@chestnutcreekarts.org
276-236-3500

MIDDAY MOUNTAIN MUSIC AT THE BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

The sounds of the fiddle, banjo, and guitar will welcome you when you visit the Blue Ridge Music Center. You will experience regional traditional music each day of the week with Mid-Day Mountain Musicians on the covered breezeway of the visitor's center. These sessions are free and feature local traditional musicians. Mondays during the season feature The Buck Mountain Band, Tuesdays and Thursdays feature Scott Freeman & Willard Gayheart, Wednesdays feature Bill & Maggie Anderson, and Saturdays feature various performers from throughout the region.

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SUNDAY JUNE 9

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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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MONDAY JUNE 10

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

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MIDDAY MOUNTAIN MUSIC AT THE BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

See listing under June 8

WE ARE THE MUSIC MAKERS

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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TUESDAY JUNE 11

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 12

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT OLD TIME MOUNTAIN MUSIC JAM

6:30 - 9:00 PM • FREE

Every Wednesday night from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., the Historic 1908 Courthouse sponsors an Old time Mountain Music Jam. In the summer, when the weather is nice, it is conducted in the bandstand (Gazebo). If the weather is threatening or cold, we move inside. Come join us and bring your instrument or just a listening ear!

HISTORIC 1908 COURTHOUSE

107 East Main Street,
Independence, VA 24348
1908courthouse@gmail.com
276-773-3711

THURSDAY JUNE 13

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

See listing description under June 7

MIDDAY MOUNTAIN MUSIC JAM AT THE BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

See listing description under June 7

KICK BACK THE RUG OLD TIME SQUARE DANCE AND FROLIC

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM • FREE

This is a Community Social modeled after the traditional summer socials circa 1900. There will be a square dance, box supper, and ice cream social. Local musicians will provide music. A professional caller will guide visitors through the basic moves in square dancing. At intermission, there will be a traditional cake walk, giving folks a chance to win home baked cakes. Local fiber artists will demonstrate spinning, weaving and/or quilting and offer wares for sale, and offer a chance for visitors to try their hands at one or more activities.

MATTHEWS LIVING HISTORY FARM MUSEUM

476 White Pine Road, Galax, VA
bdaniel1@vt.edu
276-235-4911

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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SUPER JAM

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM • FREE

The Super Jam provides a cultural event where experienced and novice musicians and dancers come together. There will be stories about the history of Appalachian music. The new musicians will have the opportunity to learn from the experienced musicians. Dancers will enjoy the music and dance the flatfoot, clog, square dance, etc. If you don't dance or play a musical instrument, no problem, take part in the cake walk or just enjoy. Stomp your feet clap your hands. You are a part of Appalachian culture! Enjoy this event, and come back!

FRIES HISTORIC THEATER

Main St, Fries, VA 24330
willowhaus@yahoo.com
276-233-1104



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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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SATURDAY JUNE 15

ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM EXHIBIT

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM • FREE

See listing description under June 7

WAYNE HENDERSON MUSIC FESTIVAL & GUITAR COMPETITION

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM • \$20

On the third Saturday of every June at Grayson Highlands State Park in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, the Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition features some of the region's best traditional musicians. The event takes its name from National Heritage Award recipient Wayne C. Henderson, a musician and instrument maker who lives in nearby Rugby, Virginia. Henderson's top-notch finger-picking is a source of great pleasure and pride to his friends, family, and neighbors in Grayson County, Virginia. His guitar playing has also been enjoyed at Carnegie Hall, in three national tours of Masters of the Steel-String Guitar, and in seven nations of Europe, Asia and Africa. Wayne and many of his musical friends are

featured performers at the festival, with bluegrass and old-time music dominating the program. The Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition was established in 1995 to express appreciation for this living legend. A portion of the proceeds from the festival are placed into a scholarship fund to aid local young musicians in continuing their educations. More than \$237,950 has been awarded through the 2018 festival.

GRAYSON HIGHLANDS STATE PARK

Grayson Highland Ln,
Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363
Andrew.Stern@dcr.virginia.gov
276-579-7092

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • FREE

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