

SAT, MAY 3, 2025 CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL

Held at: Highbanks Metro Park



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SAT	<p>SATURDAY SCHEDULE: Festival opens 10:30 AM / Main Stage: 11 AM – 5 PM / Other Stages: Noon – 6 PM / Workshops: Noon – 6 PM / Jam Tents: all day until 6:30 PM / Kids' Programming: 11 AM – 4 PM, Crafts until 5 PM / YouthFolk Tent: 11 AM – 4 PM / Evening Headliner: 7 – 9:30 PM / Festival Store/Vendors' Booths: 10:30 AM - 6 PM / Food trucks: 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM / Beer Garden+Concession Tent #1 (Pavilion): 11 AM - 6:30 PM / Beer Garden+ Concession Tent #2 (by Kirby Main Stage): Noon - 7:30 PM / Sat. Drum Circle led by Baba Jubal Harris. All welcome. (SHELTER AREA JUST SOUTH OF BIG MEADOWS): 5 - 6 PM / Instrument Storage Tent (staffed): 10:30 AM - 4 PM</p>											Check message board in Store Tent for any last minute schedule changes.	SAT
11:00 am	Folk Heroes Opening Sing-Along with Phil Hart & Jeff Putnam			11-11:45 AM Ella Jenkins Tribute / Heather Evans 11:45- 11:50 AM Instrument Spotlight #1 / Heather Evans	Bluegrass Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Folk / Folk-Mix Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Old-Time Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Just Sing Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Harmonies & Strings Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	<p>WORKSHOP KEY: ALL = All; BEG = Beginner; ADV BEG = Advanced Beginner; INT = Intermediate; ADV = Advanced</p>			11:00 am
11:30 am				12:45-1 PM Instrument Spotlight #2 / Heather Evans	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30pm	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30 PM	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30 PM	A jam tent dedicated to pure song !	A jam tent dedicated to welcoming & encouraging beginning jammers. All skill levels welcome.				11:30 am
NOON	Scott Cook & Pamela Mae (Singer-Songwriter duo)	Moe Reen (Country Folk Singer-Songwriter)	Henry Harnetty (Singer-Songwriter)	Noon-12:45 PM Cigar Box Scott (Kids storytelling/song) 12:45-1 PM Instrument Spotlight #2 / Heather Evans					Intro to Autoharp Paul D. Race BEG (loaners available)	Introduction to Irish Whistle Beth Hicks BEG (loaners available)	How to Play in a Bluegrass Jam George Welling & Fred Staunton ADV BEG & UP	NOON	
12:30 pm													12:30 pm
1:00 pm	Roberta Lea (Progressive Country)	Cross-Eyed Possum (Folk/Americana)	Roscommon Sessions (Trad-Irish)	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	Instrument Spotlight #3 & #4 Heather Evans/ Kristen Elliot	Instrument Spotlight #3 & #4 Heather Evans/ Kristen Elliot	Instrument Spotlight #3 & #4 Heather Evans/ Kristen Elliot	Instrument Spotlight #3 & #4 Heather Evans/ Kristen Elliot	Intro to 5 string Banjo Paul D. Race BEG	Using Violin Technique to Improve Fiddling Matt Opachick ALL	Bluegrass History in Columbus, OH Brent Davis & Rich Baker ALL	1:00 pm
1:30 pm													1:30 pm
2:00 pm	Kanawha Tradition with Johnny Staats (Old-time)	Moe Reen (Country Singer-Songwriter)	Cigar Box Scott (Foot-stomping Folk)	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	2:30 - 4 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	2:30 - 4 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	2:30 - 4 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	2:30 - 4 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	Banjo: Scruggs to Melodic Todd Sams INT-ADV	Irish Fiddle Technique Jeff Kanel ADV BEG & UP	Song Structure: Key to Creativity Scott Cook ALL	2:00 pm
2:30 pm													2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Cross-Eyed Possum (Folk/Americana)	Dante Mazzetti (Indie-Folk / Singer Songwriter)	Kirby Scholarship Award(s) (Followed by) "Most Outrageous Song in World" Contest (MC: B.Lipetz)	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	Kirby Scholarship Award(s) (Followed by) "Most Outrageous Song in World" Contest (MC: B.Lipetz)	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	Intro to Bodhran Jim Lindroth BEG	Breaking Barriers in Country Music Roberta Lea ALL	Narrative Voice in Songwriting Richard Shindell FESTIVAL HEADLINER ALL	3:00 pm
3:30 pm													3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Stillhouse Junkies (Progressive String Band)	Fox & Clover (Singer-Songwriter duo)	Kanel & Tatum (Irish pub music)			4:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm	Neil Young Songs on Dulcimer Butch Ross INT	Reinventing Traditional Songs Cigar Box Scott ALL	Old Time Fiddle Bobby Taylor ALL	4:00 pm
4:30 pm													4:30 pm
5:00 pm		Roberta Lea (Progressive Country)	All Those Who Wander (Celtic) (To 6:30pm)			5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm	Instrument Maintenance & Adjustment Todd Sams ALL	Jazz & Folk Fusion Cross-Eyed Possum ALL	Old-time Fiddle & Mandolin Duets Johnny Staats & Bobby Taylor INT	5:00 pm
5:30 pm													5:30 pm
7-9:30 pm	<p>Kirby Main Stage - Saturday night Headliner: Richard Shindell</p>											The festival is an all donation event (donation tents set up at entrance). There is NO separate fee to attend the Sat. night Headliner concert. Pre-event donation is recommended over on-site if you hope to reserve inside tent seating for the Sat. night concert; otherwise seating is on the lawn. Search Central Ohio Folk Festival 2025 on Eventbrite; inside seating is limited.	7-9:30 pm

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11:00 am	C LA C I Mark Hunter (lead singer The Ark Band)				Bluegrass Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Folk / Folk-Mix Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Old-Time Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Just Sing Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	Harmonies & Strings Jam Tent (look for large identifier sign)	WORKSHOP KEY: ALL = All; BEG = Beginner; ADV BEG = Advanced Beginner; INT = Intermediate; ADV = Advanced			11:00 am
11:30 am	Opening "Songs for the Spirit" Reggae style												11:30 am
NOON	Butch Ross (Appalachian Dulcimer)	Stillhouse Junkies (Progressive String Band)	Scott Cook & Pamela Mae (Singer-Songwriter duo)		Jam tents open 11am - 4:30 PM	Jam tents open 11am - 4:30 PM	Jam tents open 11am - 4:30 PM	A jam tent dedicated to pure song !	A jam tent dedicated to welcoming & encouraging beginning jammers. All skill levels welcome.	Getting started on Uke Deborah Van Kleef BEG (loaners available)	Blues Guitar Fundamentals Rainmaker Blues Duo ALL	Mandolin Foundations Hayes Griffin ALL	NOON
12:30 pm									Hosted by "Cbus Jammers" - bring the kids!				12:30 pm
1:00 pm	Scott Lee & The Wanderers / Lo V (Americana Rap fusion) Presented by Music Columbus	Denison Univ. American Roots Ensemble (Blues/Bluegrass)	Doyle & Friends Jam Band (Folk Jam Band)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	2:30 - 2:45 PM Kid's Storytelling \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids)	2:30 - 2:45 PM Kid's Storytelling \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids)	2:30 - 2:45 PM Kid's Storytelling \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids)	2:30 - 2:45 PM Kid's Storytelling \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids)	Choosing Cover Songs Richard Shindell FESTIVAL HEADLINER ALL	Blues Harmonica Rainmaker Blues Duo ALL	Grooving on Acoustic Instruments Cross Eyed-Possum ALL	1:00 pm	
1:30 pm													1:30 pm
2:00 pm	Dante Mazzetti (Indie-Folk/ Singer Songwriter)	Upstream Drifters (Folk/ Old-time)	Previous Year's Kirby Scholarship Winners 1. Lilya Zhang 2. William Meisterheim							Arranging for an Esemble Stillhouse Junkies ALL	Reverse-Slant Chords for Dulcimer Butch Ross INT	Bluegrass Guitar Adam Schlenker ALL	2:00 pm
2:30 pm													2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Festival Artists' Improv Jam Band Jonah Howard / Jason Howard / Dante Mazzetti / Adam Schlenker / Alissa Wolf / Fred Kosak	Fox & Clover (Singer-Songwriter duo)	Rainmaker Blues Duo (Blues)							Getting started on Uke Deborah Van Kleef BEG (loaners available)	Introduction to Clawhammer Banjo Upstream Drifters BEG-INT	Introduction to the Irish Whistle Beth Hicks ALL (loaners available)	3:00 pm
3:30 pm													3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Drum Circle (4-5 PM) – SOUTH END OF BIG MEADOWS FIELD (FESTIVAL GROUNDS). Led by Baba Jubal Harris . All welcome.												4:00 pm
4:30 pm	Closing Song Circle (4:30-5:30 PM) – north end of Big Meadows field (festival grounds). Led by Eric Clemens . Bring an instrument or just your voice!												4:30 pm

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