

SAT, MAY 3, 2025 **CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL** Held at: Highbanks Metro Park

Festival produced by Columbus Folk Music Society
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Festival co-sponsored by WCBE 90.5 FM



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TIME	Kirby Main Stage	Showcase Stage	Bailey Acoustic Stage	YouthFolk Tent	Bluegrass Jam	Folk Jam	Old-Time Jam	Just Sing Jam	Beg. Jam	Workshop Tent #1	Workshop Tent #2	Workshop Tent #3	TIME	
SAT	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											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)	WORKSHOP KEY: ALL = All; BEG = Beginner; ADV BEG = Advanced Beginner; INT = Intermediate; ADV = Advanced			11:00 am	
11:30 am					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-Sonwriter 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	Kid's storytelling with Teri Lott	Hosted by "Cbus Jammers" - bring the kids!	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30 PM	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30 PM	Jam tents open 11am - 6:30 PM	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										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	12:30 pm	
1:00 pm	Roberta Lea (Progressive Country)	Cross-Eyed Possum (Folk/Americana)	Roscommon Sessions (Trad-Irish)	Instrument Spotlight #3 & #4 Heather Evans/ Kristen Elliot						Banjo: Scruggs to Melodic Todd Sams INT-ADV	Irish Fiddle Technique Jeff Kanel ADV BEG & UP	Song Structure: Key to Creativity Scott Cook ALL	1:00 pm	
1:30 pm										Intro to Bodhran Jim Lindroth BEG	Breaking Barriers in Country Music Roberta Lea ALL	Narrative Voice in Songwriting Richard Shindell FESTIVAL HEADLINER ALL	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						Neil Young Songs on Dulcimer Butch Ross INT	Reinventing Traditional Songs Cigar Box Scott ALL	Old Time Fiddle Bobby Taylor ALL	2:00 pm	
2:30 pm				2:30 - 4 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent						Instrument Maintenance & Adjustment Todd Sams ALL	Jazz & Folk Fusion Cross-Eyed Possum ALL	Old-time Fiddle & Mandolin Duets Johnny Staats & Bobby Taylor INT	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)										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	
4:30 pm													4:30 pm	
5:00 pm		Roberta Lea (Progressive Country)	All Those Who Wander (Celtic) (To 6:30pm)										5:00 pm	
5:30 pm													5:30 pm	
7-9:30 pm	Kirby Main Stage - Saturday night Headliner: Richard Shindell											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)							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										Choosing Cover Songs Richard Shindell FESTIVAL HEADLINER ALL	Blues Harmonica Rainmaker Blues Duo ALL	Grooving on Acoustic Instruments Cross Eyed-Possum ALL	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)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM Snack Time Band (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM The Redbuds (kid's music)	Hosted by "Cbus Jammers" - bring the kids!	Arranging for an Esemble Stillhouse Junkies ALL	Reverse-Slant Chords for Dulcimer Butch Ross INT	Bluegrass Guitar Adam Schlenker ALL	1:00 pm
1:30 pm				2:30 - 2:45 PM Kid's Storytelling \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) 3:45 PM Kid's Parade led by Darby Duck										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							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)	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)										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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