

# W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL 2017 **updated 07-05-17**

## PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

### FRIDAY, JULY 14

#### **BAND BATTLE AT THE BREWERY!!!**

6 until **Singin' River Brewing and Winery**  
Cost: Free. Dollar votes for favorite performers!  
Featuring: Competing Bands and Singers! Win studio recording time, and an opportunity to perform during the Handy Festival!  
Info: See [www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org](http://www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org) or Find Singin' River Brewery on Facebook!  
Judges: Michelle Jones, Singin' River Brewing & Winery; Rodney Hall, FAME Studios; Cody Simmons, Nutthouse Recordings; Suzanne Bolton, Amylase Events; Jimmy Oliver, Big River Broadcasting, Randy Bruce, Nothing Like It Music Publishing & Production  
Sponsored by: Singin' River Brewing and Winery \* Music Preservation Society, Inc. \* W.C. Handy Music Festival

### THURSDAY, JULY 20

#### **LAMB JAM!**

6-9 pm **Sweetwater Depot, Florence**  
Cost: Dinner tickets \$15 advance, \$20 at the door/ \$6 children ages 5-11 / free children under 5  
Featuring: Locally raised lamb and beef prepared by Chef Alan Phillips  
Music by: The Midnighters  
More info: 256-383-1446, [MLeighRCD@gmail.com](mailto:MLeighRCD@gmail.com) or 909 George Wallace Blvd, Suite C, Tuscumbia  
Sponsored by: Northwest Alabama RC&D \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## FESTIVAL EVENTS

### FRIDAY, JULY 21

#### **MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES**

10 am **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: *St. Louis Blues*, the movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10 am **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Microwave Dave  
Featuring: Hands-on activities making musical instruments from recycled materials / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Shoals Earth Month, Inc.

#### **SWAMPFEST – BEHIND THE MUSIC**

11 am **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Q&A Session: Swampers David Hood & Jimmy Johnson  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Crazy Chester Music \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

#### **SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #1**

2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Presentation by: James LeBlanc & Dylan LeBlanc  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Crazy Chester Music \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers, Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Hayden Scott  
6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Big Mike Griffin  
6:30-9:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Rewind of the Shoals

#### **COURTIN' THE BLUES PARADE**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
**Parade on Court Street, Florence**  
On-Line Registration [www.wqilt.com/events](http://www.wqilt.com/events) \* For additional info, contact Big River Broadcasting: 256-764-8121.  
6 pm Line-up on North Pine Street across from Norton Auditorium/UNA  
7 pm Parade begins  
Sponsored by: Big River Broadcasting

## W.C. HANDY BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**Deshler High School Gym, 200 N. Commons East, Tuscumbia**  
6 pm Ladies' Volleyball game: Deshler vs. Muscle Shoals  
7 pm Men's Basketball game: Deshler vs. Muscle Shoals  
Cost: \$10 Adults  
Sponsored by: Distinguished Productions, Nu Look Barber Shop \* Shoals City TV \* Theus & Daleisha Rowell, Realty South \*  
Kandid Beauty Hair Boutique

## BILLY REID PRESENTS LILLIE MAE

6-8 pm **Billy Reid, 114 N. Court St., Florence**  
Cost: Free with Complimentary food and drinks  
Featuring: Lillie Mae (solo artist and a member of Jack White's band!)  
Sponsored by: Billy Reid

## KO PRESENTS THE W.C. HANDY COMEDY KICKOFF

6:30 pm **Shoals Theater, Florence**  
Featuring: Tyler Craig, HBO Def Comedy Jam & BET Comic View; comedienne Tresha "Ms. L-O-L"; and comedian Tiny; hosted by Joel Byars  
Music by: DJ Doc  
Cost: \$15 advance/\$20 at the door (for ages 21 and over only)  
Sponsored by: Kenn Orr Productions

## FIRST METRO BANK'S "SAX IN THE CITY"

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
7:30 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**  
(Please note: in case of rain, this event will be moved to the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum)  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
Sponsored by: First Metro Bank

## SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: THE LOVELL-SLEDGE BAND

8 pm **Singin' River Brewing and Winery, Florence**  
Music By: The Lovell-Sledge Band  
Sponsored by: Singin' River Brewing and Winery

## THE DICK AND JANE PROJECT

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Music By: JORT (Just Over The Rainbow Theater) of Hattiesburg, MS  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsored by: The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

## MOOSE LODGE PRESENTS: ANTLERS AND ALE

8-11 pm **Moose Lodge, 4270 Chisholm Rd, Florence**  
Featuring: A full bar where smoking is allowed (Proceeds go in part to benefit orphans and retirees)  
Music By: Johnny Collier & The Misbehavers  
Sponsored by: The Moose Lodge

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8:30 pm **Shoals Theater, Florence**  
Featuring: Tyler Craig, HBO Def Comedy Jam & BET Comic View, hosted by Joel Byars, comedienne Tresha "Ms. L-O-L", and comedian Tiny  
Music by: DJ Doc  
Cost: \$15 advance/\$20 at the door (for ages 21 and over only)  
Sponsored by: Kenn Orr Productions

## HANDY NIGHTS

7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** - Southern Breeze Band  
7-10 pm **306 Barbeque** - Christian Turner  
**Legends** - Steve Cothren Trio (Jazz Standards)  
7-11 pm **Ricatoni's, Florence** - Julia Rich & Jazz Allstars  
8 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** - Decoys with Christine Ohlman  
8-11 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence** - Brandon Whyde & The Devil's Keep  
9 pm-1 am **Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** - Dixie Mafia  
9:30 pm-1:30a **On The Rocks, Florence** - The Shags  
10:30pm-1:30am **Flobama, Florence** - Johnny Holland & The Bama Jammers

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

**33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MID-SUMMER CLASSIC THREE-STATE BIKE RIDE**  
**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
**McFarland Park, Florence (Rain or shine)**

Package Pick-up and Pre-Registration on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Academy Sports. Info and Pre-registration at [www.Handy100.com](http://www.Handy100.com).

Pre-registration also at Shoals Cycling Club, POB 3851, Muscle Shoals Alabama 35661.

6 am On-site registration (includes t-shirt, aid stations, map, food and refreshments after the ride)  
7 am-4pm Bike Ride  
Cost: \$45 per rider until July 2<sup>nd</sup>/ \$55 if postmarked after July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Proceeds to benefit the Music Preservation Society, Inc.)

Sponsored by: Pepsi \* Academy Sports \* Primal \* Blue Cross Blue Shield \* Boy Scouts \* The Spinning Spoke Cycle Club \* Logan's Roadhouse \* Singin' River Brewing and Winery \* Water Street Communications \* Shoals Cycling Club \* Shoals Radio Group \* YMCA of the Shoals \* Cardiovascular Institute of the Shoals \* Holt's Pest Control \* Hardin County Veterinary Hospital \* Epicurean Day Spa \* North Alabama Wellness School of Massage

#### SHOALS CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

##### N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

**Wilson Park, Florence (in case of rain, moved to the parking deck on Pine Street)**

8 am-2pm Show time (registration 8 am-noon)  
Cost: Registration \$20 per vehicle (Mail to: POB 3672 Muscle Shoals, AL 35662 or 1307 Southwest 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheffield, AL 35660)  
Deadline: July 9<sup>th</sup> for Pre-registration fee of \$18  
Information: Terry Mashburn 256-366-0564 or Ronnie James 256-381-3536 or [www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com](http://www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com)  
Sponsored by: Shoals Car & Truck Club \* Advance Auto Parts Highway 72, Florence \* Astro Tops \* B & L Transmissions \* Bob's Tire & Service Center \* Coca-Cola Bottling Company \* Designers Graphics \* Detail Supply \* Extreme Auto Design \* First Choice Chiropractic \* First Southern Bank \* Holt's Radiator \* Holt's Upholstery \* Legend's Steakhouse \* Oakley's NAPA \* O'Reilly Auto Parts \* Ronnie Gist Excavating \* Shoals Distributing \* Shoals Pest Control \* Shoals Tire & Wheel \* Tires Only \* Singing River Dentistry \* Supreme Beverage Company

#### BOOK SIGNING & PRESENTATION: *PROMISES TO KEEP*

10 am **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Featuring: *Promises to Keep*, presented by Tom McDonald, a collection of short Southern stories dedicated to William Lindsey McDonald.  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism & Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

#### BLUES + BREWS + BRUNCH @ THE FACTORY

11 am-1 pm **The Factory Café @ The Factory, 462 Lane Dr., Florence**  
Featuring: Will and Janet McFarlane  
Sponsored by: Alabama Chanin

#### WATERMELON WINE: THE POETRY OF AMERICANA MUSIC

11 am-12:30 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence**  
Cost: Free  
Featuring: Performances and readings celebrating the literary value of songwriting  
Special Guests: Frye Gaillard and Anna E. DeChant  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Library

#### HANDY LUNCH

Noon-3 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Mitch Mann  
11:30 am-1 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Big Mike Griffin

#### SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #2

2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Performers: Buzz Cason & Russell Mefford  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Crazy Chester Music \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

#### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

4-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Tosha Hill Band \* Truitt Williams Band  
5-9 pm **On the Rocks, Florence** – Jacob Brock  
6:30-9:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Daryl Aldridge

#### SHOALS SCHOLAR DOLLARS BIDS AND BLUES AUCTION

5 pm **Marriott Conference Center, Florence**  
Cost: \$30 (includes bid paddle, food, and soft drink)  
Proceeds to fund scholarships to Northwest Shoals Community College and University of North Alabama  
Featuring: Wildwood Ruminators  
Sponsored by: Shoals Scholar Dollars Foundation, Inc. \* University of North Alabama \* Northwest Shoals Community College \* TNT \* North American Lighting \* Florence Mayor Steve Holt \* Florence City Councilman Andy Betterton \* Tom & Mary White

#### HANDY AT HIGHLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

5-7 pm **HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH PARKING LOT, 219 Simpson Street, Florence**  
Featuring: The UNA Jazz Combo, The Swinging River Jazz Band, the HBC Ministry of Praise, and Dr. Eric Kirkman  
Featuring: Free concessions and homemade ice cream while they last! Inflatables for children! Bring lawn chairs! Register for giveaways! (For more info, visit the facebook event at <http://bit.ly/handyathighland> )  
Sponsored by: Highland Baptist Church

## W.C. HANDY BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**Deshler High School Gym, 200 N. Commons East, Tuscumbia**  
6 pm Ladies' Volleyball game: Bradshaw vs. Coffee  
7 pm Men's Basketball game: Bradshaw vs. Coffee  
Cost: \$10 Adults  
Sponsored by: Distinguished Productions \* Nu Look Barber Shop \* Shoals City TV \* Theus & Daleisha Rowell, Realty South \*  
Kandid Beauty Hair Boutique

## DOCTORS AND TEACHERS IN HARMONY

6-8 pm **Medical Associates of the Shoals, 1120 S. Jackson Highway, Sheffield (Helen Keller campus)**  
**(In case of rain, event will move to the Keller Wellcare Center)**  
Special feature: Free give away of special bundle of classroom supplies for teachers in Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale Counties  
Cost: Free (treats from Miami Ice available for purchase)  
Featuring: Déjà Vu  
Sponsored by: Medical Associates of the Shoals

## MUSIC IN THE PARK

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
7-10 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**  
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals  
Sponsored by: CB&S Bank

## THE DICK AND JANE PROJECT

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Music By: JORT (Just Over The Rainbow Theater) of Hattiesburg, MS  
Cost: \$10  
Sponsored by: The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

## MOOSE LODGE PRESENTS: ANTLERS AND ALE

8-11 pm **Moose Lodge, 4270 Chisholm Rd, Florence**  
Featuring: A full bar where smoking is allowed (Proceeds go in part to benefit orphans and retirees)  
Music By: Lovell-Sledge Band  
Sponsored by: The Moose Lodge

## HANDY NIGHTS

7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Josh & Judy Alison  
7-10 pm **Legends, Florence** – The Midnighters  
7-11 pm **City Hardware, Florence** - Julia Rich & Friends  
**Ricatoni's Italian Grill, Florence** - Tosha Hill Band  
8 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Travis Wammack & Snakeman Band  
8-11 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals**– Trent Beaver  
9 pm-1 am **Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** – Dixie Mafia  
**On the Rocks, Florence** – CBDB  
10:30pm-1:30am **Flobama, Florence** – Sean Rivers Band

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

### 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANDY CHAMPAGNE JAM AT THE SHOALS

11 am-2 pm **Robert Trent Jones Golf Course Clubhouse, Muscle Shoals**  
Cost: \$16.95  
Featuring: Ray Reach, Chuck Redd & The Jazz Allstars

### BLUE NAVIGATORS

11 am **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals, 1332 N. Pine St., Florence**  
Featuring: Blue Navigators  
Sponsored by: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals

### ARTWORKS: An Exhibition of Current Works by Tennessee Valley Art Association Member Artists

1-3 pm **Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Free admission  
Music by: Doctors, Lawyers & Such  
Sponsored by: Northwest Shoals Community College \* Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling \* Bank Independent \* Sheffield Utilities

### SUNDAY JAZZ AT 306 BARBEQUE

1-4 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence**  
Featuring: Robert Dickson & the Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: 306 Barbeque

### CC JAGS @ WESLEY CHAPEL UMC

2 pm **Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Florence**  
Featuring: CC Jags  
Sponsored by: Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

**NOTHING BUT HANDY AT HANDY'S CHURCH: FEATURING THE LEGEND'S MUSIC**

3 pm **Greater St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Florence**  
Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman, directing the Heart & Soul Handy Choir & the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale  
Sponsored by: Greater St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Florence

**AFTERNOON MUSIC: SHOALS CONCERT BAND**

3 pm **First Presbyterian Church, Florence**  
Music by: Shoals Concert Band  
Sponsored by: First Presbyterian Church, Florence

**HANDY AFTERNOON**

4-8 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Julia Rich & Jazz Allstars  
4-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** –Truitt Williams Band \* Travis Wammack & Christine Ohlman  
6-10 pm **City Hardware, Florence** – Kent DuChaine  
**On The Rocks** – Big Mike Griffin

**SINGING RIVER WORSHIP NIGHT**

6 pm **HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 503 South Wilson Dam Road, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Highland Park Worship Ministry and Friends  
Sponsored by: Highland Park Baptist Church

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER- FREE EVENT**  
6:30- 8:30pm **W.C. Handy Home & Museum Front Lawn, College St., Florence**  
**Rain location: Mt. Moriah PB Christian Life Center, Florence**  
Featuring: Shelly Williams \* Pastor Trevor Crenshaw \* Renewed \* Marcus Stewart & Encounter \* Dorothy Cole's Tribute to Mahalia Jackson \* Andrea Brown \* Rod Fuqua \* Dr. Eric Kirkman  
Sponsored by: City of Florence \* Firestone Building Products \* Shoals Democratic Club \* Casey Eggleston \* WZZA Radio \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* W.C. Handy Home & Museum \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

**SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: ROBERT EARL KEEN**

**Singin' River Brewing and Winery**  
8 pm Concert Begins (Doors open at 7pm)  
Cost: \$30 Advance / \$35 at the Door  
Featuring: Robert Earl Keen  
Sponsored by: Singin' River Brewing and Winery

**HANDY NIGHTS**

7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Kenny Tengal (featured on *The Voice*)  
7 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Big Shoes  
8-11 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** –Tim Cannon

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

**CHECK OUT THE BLUES**

11 am-1 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence**  
Cost: Free (Lunch available for purchase at Bookmarks Café in the Library)  
Featuring: Mel Deal & Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Library

**HANDY LUNCH**

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Denise Thimes & Jazz Allstars  
11 am-2 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Julia Rich & Jazz Allstars  
11:30 am-2:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Max Russell

**SCOPE LIVE ON HELTON DRIVE**

11:30 am-1 pm **Scope 310, 4129 Helton Dr., Florence**  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
Sponsored by: Scope 310 Authority

**GROOVIN' AT THE MUSCLE SHOALS LIVING CENTER**

12:30-2 pm **Muscle Shoals Living Center, 994 Gattman Park Dr., Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Back On Track  
Sponsored by: Muscle Shoals Living Center

**JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Microwave Dave

Featuring: Hands-on activities making musical instruments from recycled materials / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Florence Recycling Center \* Florence-Lauderdale Public Library \* Shoals Earth Month, Inc. \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful

### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Ashley Klein  
5:30-8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Kenny P  
6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Jazz Allstars featuring the Redds  
**Legends, Florence** – Steve Cothren Trio (Jazz Standards)  
6-10 pm **City Hardware, Florence** – Mitch Mann  
**Pie Factory, Florence** – Drumb & Drumber

### **MUSIC AT THE MICHAEL CENTER**

5:30-7:30 pm **Michael Community Center, 1001 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Dorothy Cole as "Tina Turner"  
Sponsored by: Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

### **DETERMINED: Celebrating The Life of W.C. Handy (stage play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash)**

6 pm **Shoals Theatre, Florence**  
Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman, accompanied by Mr. Kimbell Funchess \* The Orr Sisters \* local actors  
Cost: \$10.00  
Sponsored by: City of Florence \* BrooksvilleVoice.com \* Rhoda P's Catering

### **AN EVENING WITH WILL AND JANET McFARLANE**

6-8 pm Shoals Gold Record Room  
Music by: Will and Janet McFarlane  
Sponsored by: Lyons Human Resources

### **OH!HANDY AT OH!BRYAN'S**

6-9 pm **Oh!Bryan's Family Steakhouse, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: Denise Thimes & Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Oh!Bryan's Downtown \* The Pace Family

### **AT SUNDOWN**

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

6-9 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**  
Featuring: Off The Chain  
Sponsored by: Lauderdale County Commission \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### **HANDY NIGHT AT THE SUMMIT**

6:30-7:30 pm **Mitchell-Hollingsworth Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Florence**  
Featuring: Justice Storm & Daniel Bryson  
Sponsored by: Hospice of North Alabama \* Champion Rehab \* Felder Services

### **LYMAN MITCHELL'S SHOALS BIG BAND**

6:30 pm **The Mane Room, Pine Street, Florence**  
Featuring: The Shoals Big Band  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society Inc. \* Florence Ophthalmology, Dr. P. Keith Thompson

### **CELEBRATE ON SEMINARY**

**First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Seminary Street, Florence**  
7 pm Concert in Sanctuary  
Featuring: First United Choir & Friends  
Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church Florence

### **NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY**

7 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence**  
Featuring: Thompson Trio  
Sponsored by: Westminster Presbyterian Church

### **HANDY ON THE BRIDGE**

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

7-8:30 pm **Old Railroad Bridge Ashe Boulevard (over the Tennessee River), Sheffield**  
Featuring: Kent DuChaine  
Sponsored by: Lewis Electric \* Phil Wigginton, State Farm Insurance \* Jimmy Gardner, Singing River Dentistry \* Jim Holland Investments \*  
Bob's Tire & Alignment \* Tennessee Valley Authority Community Credit Union

### **ROCK 'N SOUL ON MOBILE PLAZA**

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

7-9 pm **Mobile Plaza, Florence**  
Featuring: CC Jags  
Sponsored by: K&S Tree Service \* Cornerstone Flooring \* Country Financial-Vic Porter \* SEC Roofing & Construction \* Lewis Electric \* Burger Depot

**A SPOON FULL OF SUGAR: THE LADIES OF MUSCLE SHOALS MUSIC CELEBRATE SPOONER OLDHAM**

7-9 pm **Full Moon Theater at Cypress Moon Studios, 1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**  
Performers: Presented by Tonya Holley, hosted by Christine Ohlman, and featuring Donna Jean Godchaux McKay, Carla Russell, Angela Hacker, Marie Lewey, Cindy Richardson Walker, Shonna Tucker, Krista Sparks, Tosha Hill, and more. Plus an allstar band led by Kelvin Holly and including NC Thurman, Shonna Tucker, and Michael Dillon.  
Cost: \$25 (call 256-335-6961 for more info or VIP Tickets)  
Sponsored by: Cypress Moon Studios

**SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: CARVER COMMODORE**

8 pm **Singin' River Brewing and Winery, Florence**  
Music By: Carver Commodore  
Sponsored by: Singin' River Brewing and Winery

**DETERMINED: Celebrating The Life of W.C. Handy (stage play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash)**

8 pm **Shoals Theatre, Florence**  
Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman, accompanied by Mr. Kimbell Funchess \* The Orr Sisters \* local actors  
Cost: \$10.00  
Sponsored by: City of Florence \* BrooksvilleVoice.com \* Rhoda P's Catering

**CONNECTION CABARET (performances by Shoals area high school students)**

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Cost: \$10 (suggested)  
Featuring: FAFAs Students \* Local Talent  
Sponsored by: Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

**HANDY NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Bob & Etta Britt  
7-10 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Pine Hill Haints  
**Flobama, Florence** – Déjà Vu  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Lovell-Sledge Band  
7-11 pm **Ricatonì's Italian Grill, Florence** – John Blummer & The Late Blummers  
8-11 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Dave Anderson  
9 pm -1 am **On The Rocks, Florence** – Defiance  
10:30pm-1:30am **Flobama** – Billy Allen & Dusty French

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

**MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES**

10 am **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 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.

**KIDZ JAMM**

10 am **First Presbyterian Church, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Shoals Area piano students with drummer James Counts and bassist Bob Wray  
Sponsored by: Shoals Area Piano Teachers Forum

**JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10:30 am **Rogersville Public Library, Rogersville**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Microwave Dave  
Featuring: Hands-on activities making musical instruments from recycled materials / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Rogersville Public Library \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Shoals Earth Month, Inc.

**MUSIC AT LUNCH**

11:30 am-1 pm **Hospitality House, Northwest Shoals Community College**  
Cost: Free (lunch available for purchase)  
Featuring: Doctors, Lawyers & Such  
Sponsored by: Northwest Shoals Community College \* Superior Print Solutions

**SWINGING WITH LIFE WISE SENIORS**

11 am-1 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, Florence**  
Music by: Off The Chain  
Cost: \$5 lunch, all are welcome (call for lunch reservations 256-768-8056)  
Sponsored by: North Alabama Medical Center \* Shoals Hospital \* Florence Parks & Recreation Department

**HANDY LUNCH**

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Jim Ferguson & The Jazz Allstars  
11 am-2 pm **Ricatonì's Italian Grill, Florence** – Renee Stamps  
11:30am-2:30pm **Flobama, Florence** – Michael Curtis

**W.C. HANDY: JAZZ MELODIES**

1 pm **Brookdale (formerly Merrill Garden), 3275 CR47, Florence**  
 Featuring: Thompson Trio  
 Sponsored by: Brookdale, Florence

**ABCs OF BLUES, JAZZ & BEYOND**

1:30 pm **Mount Moriah Church, Florence**  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars  
 Sponsored by: Dr. Felice Green \* Dinah Phillips \* Ryerson & Associates, DMD

**CHILLIN' WITH THE CRAMER CHILDREN BLOCK PARTY**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE**  
 2-6 pm **Cramer Children's Center, 404 West Tennessee Street, Florence (between Locust and Cedar Streets)**  
 (In case of rain, event will be rescheduled. See [www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org](http://www.WCHandyMusicFestival.org) for updates!)

2 pm Kidz Idol Winners  
 2:30 pm Mary Mason Band  
 4 pm The Midnighters  
 Featuring: Games, food, and family friendly activities (Bring chairs and quilts.)  
 Sponsored by: Florence Housing Authority \* Cramer's Children's Center \* Well Fargo \* Shoals Pest Control \* Bank Independent

**HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Lucero**  
 5:30-8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence – Travis Wammack**  
 6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield – Mojo Mixers**  
**Legends Steakhouse, Florence– Kent Duchaine**  
 6-10 pm **Pie Factory, Florence – Gary Nichols**  
**City Hardware, Florence – Tosha Hill Band**  
 6:30-9 pm **Flobama, Florence – Fathers & Sons**

**CAPSTONE REALTY 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HANDY EVENT**

6-8 pm **Capstone Realty, 4050 Helton Drive, Florence**  
 Featuring: 3 Lanes Crossing  
 Sponsored by: Capstone Realty

**ST. FLORIAN MUSIC IN THE PARK**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
 6-8 pm **St. Florian Park, St. Florian**  
 Featuring: Pine Hill Haints  
 Sponsored by: Town of St. Florian

**COTTAGE FRONT PORCH "SWING!"**

6-8 pm **Columbia Cottage Assisted Living, 2373 Roberts Lane, Florence**  
 (Event moved inside if inclement weather. Seating on the lawn, bring chairs and quilts. Hot dog supper and drinks provided.)  
 Featuring: Rusty and the Relics  
 Sponsored by: Columbia Cottage Assisted Living \* Kindred Home Health and Hospice

**ROCKIN' THE ROUNDHOUSE!**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
 6-9 pm **Tuscumbia Depot & Roundhouse, Tuscumbia**  
 Featuring: The Decoys  
 Sponsored by: Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* Colbert County Commission \* City of Tuscumbia \* Tuscumbia Parks & Recreation

**UNA NIGHT ON NORTH COURT STREET MEDIAN**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
 6-9:30 pm **North Court Median, Florence**  
 Featuring: Kirkman Combo \* Kidz Idol Winners  
 Sponsored by: University of North Alabama

**CAJUN AT THE CREDIT UNION**

6:30 pm **Alabama Central Credit Union, 1902 Bruin Drive, Florence**  
 Cost: Free, with giveaways! Face painting for the kids! Fun for the family!  
 Featuring: Big Al & the Heavyweights  
 Sponsored by: Alabama Central Credit Union

**COUNTING ON THE MUSIC**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
 6:30-8:30 pm **Patterson, Prince & Associates, 475 S. Seminary St., Florence**  
 6:30 pm Goose Gossett  
 7 pm Iron Horse Band  
 Sponsored by: Patterson, Prince & Associates, CPA

**RUBY TIGGS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOSPEL CELEBRATION**

7 pm **Christ Chapel, 3051 Cloverdale Road, Florence**  
 Cost: Admission is free (Free will offering accepted)



Featuring: Celebration Ensemble with special guests Jamel Strong \* Desiree Cole \* Andrea Lindsey Crayton \* PJ Winston  
Directed by: Pastor Shane Rainer \* Marcus Stewart \* LaTresha Davidson Woods \* Joey Richey  
Sponsored by: Chenaniah Music

#### **SWINGING RIVER JAZZ**

7 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Avenue, Florence**  
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz Band  
Sponsored by: Magnolia Church of Christ

#### **SUNSET SERENADE IN THE PARK**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER- FREE EVENT**  
7:30-10 pm **Riverfront Park, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Deja Vu  
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield \* Zoey Belle's \* The Rock \* Medical Center Pharmacy

#### **AN ELEGANT EVENING OF ELLA FITZGERALD**

8 pm **Shoals Theatre, Florence**  
Featuring: W.C. Handy Jazz Allstars, directed by Scott Silbert  
Cost: \$10.00  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society Inc. \* Jazz Loving Friends of the Festival

#### **SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: THE JOSH BRANNON BAND**

8 pm **Singin' River Brewing and Winery, Florence**  
Music By: The Josh Brannon Band  
Sponsored by: Bank Independent

#### **WILDWOOD RUMINATORS AT THE ZODIAC**

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Cost: \$10  
Featuring: Wildwood Ruminators  
Sponsored by: Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

#### **HANDY NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Stacy Mitchhart  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – P.F. Groove  
7-10 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Winston Ramble  
7-11 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Mary Mason Band  
8-11 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – The Skeleton Krew  
9 pm-1 am **On the Rocks, Florence** – Microwave Dave  
10:30 pm-1:30 am **Flobama, Florence** – Casey Thrasher Band

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

#### **DOCUMENTARY PREMIER: MR. HANDY'S BLUES &**

##### **BOOK SIGNING: FATHER OF THE BLUES**

10 am **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: "Mr. Handy's Blues": Showing of documentary by producer/director Joanne Fish, with Q&A  
Featuring: "Father of the Blues", the Autobiography of William C. Handy, presented by Dr. Carlos R. Handy, President & CEO  
of Handy Brothers Music and grandson of William Christopher Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10 am **Muscle Shoals Public Library, Muscle Shoals**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Microwave Dave  
Featuring: Hands-on activities making musical instruments from recycled materials / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Shoals Earth Month, Inc.

#### **MASTER CLASS**

10:30 am-Noon **Counts Brothers Music, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Norbert Putnam, interviewed by Sherry St. John. (Book signing to follow.)  
Sponsored by: Counts Brothers Music

#### **HANDY LUNCH**

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Kirkman Combo  
11 am-2 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Michael "Supe" Granda (of the Ozark Mtn. Daredevils)  
11:30 am-2:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Neal Starkey's Jazz Allstars

#### **MUSIC AND MUNCHIN' IN MUSCLE SHOALS**

11:30 am-1:30 pm **Gattman Park Recreation Center, Gattman Park Drive, Muscle Shoals**  
Cost: Event is free (lunch available for purchase)

Featuring: CC Jags  
Sponsored by: City of Muscle Shoals

#### **MORNINGSIDE BLUES & BBQ**

2-4 pm **Morningside of Sheffield, 413 Cox Blvd, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Sue Matthews & the Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Morningside of Sheffield

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Doc Dailey  
5:30-8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Drumb & Drummer  
6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Combo Kings  
**Legends, Florence** – Jazz Allstars featuring Chuck & Robert Redd  
6-10 pm **Pie Factory, Florence** – Aaron Blades Band  
6:30-9:30 pm **UMI's, Florence** – The Midnighters  
**Flobama, Florence** – James LeBlanc & Angela Hacker

#### **NORTH WOOD ROCKS THE BLOCK**

6-8 pm **N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
**North Wood United Methodist Church, Florence**  
Bring your lawn chair or blankets \* Food available.  
Featuring: North Wood's own SALT & LIGHT  
Sponsored by: North Wood United Methodist Church

#### **GOSPEL & HYMN SING**

6 pm **First Baptist Church Atrium, Florence**  
Featuring: The congregation in harmony  
Sponsored by: First Baptist Church, Florence

#### **SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: CACTUS COWBOYS**

6 pm **Singin' River Brewing and Winery, Florence**  
Music By: Cactus Cowboys with special guest Caroline Webb  
Sponsored by: Singin' River Brewing and Winery

#### **RHYTHM AT RHODA P'S RESTAURANT**

6-9 pm **Rhoda P's, Florence**  
Music By: Off The Chain  
Sponsored by: Rhoda P's \* WZZA Radio

#### **AT SUNDOWN**

6-9 pm **N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
**Wilson Park, Florence**  
Featuring: Déjà Vu'  
Sponsored by: Rosie's Cantina \* Music Preservation Society Inc.

#### **LISTENING ROOM**

7:30-9 pm **Mane Room, 310 N Pine St, Florence**  
Featuring: Chris Burroughs, Ken Watters, Neal Starkey, Ray Reach, Sue Matthews  
Sponsors: Friends of the Festival

#### **THEZ CABARET NIGHTS**

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Cost: \$10  
Featuring: Local Talent from various stages all over the Shoals  
Sponsored by: Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

#### **HANDY NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Big Al & the Heavyweights  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – J.D. Sellnut  
7-10 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Microwave Dave  
**Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** – The Harvey Thompson Jazz & Dance Band  
7-11 pm **City Hardware, Florence** – Supe & The Sandwiches  
8-11 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – The Pine Hill Haints  
**Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Kenny P  
9 pm-1 am **On The Rocks, Florence** – Sonny Moorman Group  
10:30 pm-1:30 am **Flobama, Florence** – Gary Nichols Band

## **THURSDAY, JULY 27**

#### **JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

10 am **N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
**Helen Keller Library, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Microwave Dave

Featuring: Hands-on activities making musical instruments from recycled materials / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Shoals Earth Month, Inc.

## HANDY LUNCH

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Tim Goodwin & Jazz Allstars  
11 am-2 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Christian Turner  
11:30 am-1 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Combo Kings from South Carolina  
11:30am-2:30pm **Flobama, Florence** – Drumb & Drumber

## HANDY HOMES "SENIOR FUN"

11:45am-1:15pm **Handy Homes Community Room, 309-A Handy Homes (corner of Lincoln & Perry Streets), Florence**  
Lunch will be provided

Featuring: Dorothy Cole as "Tina Turner"  
Sponsored by: Florence Housing Authority \* Carver Handy Homes Property Management Office

## DOCUMENTARY PREMIER: *MR. HANDY'S BLUES* &

### BOOK SIGNING: *FATHER OF THE BLUES*

1 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, Tuscumbia**

Featuring: *Mr. Handy's Blues*: Showing of documentary by producer/director Joanne Fish, with Q&A

Featuring: *Father of the Blues*, the Autobiography of William C. Handy, presented by Dr. Carlos R. Handy, President & CEO of Handy Brothers Music and grandson of William Christopher Handy

Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## LISTENING ROOM

12-1:30 pm **Mane Room, Florence**

Featuring: Ray Reach, Gary Wheat, Gary Lamb, Mark Lanter, Mel Deal, Robert Dickson

Sponsored by: Friends of the Festival \* Selwyn Jones

## FLORENCE/LAUDERDALE TOURISM PRESENTS: SUMMER SOLOS

2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**

Music by: Lucero Adame

Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism, Crazy Chester Music & Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

## KEESTONE OF FLORENCE JAZZFEST

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

Cost: Free

Featuring: Thompson Trio

Sponsored by: Keestone of Florence

## BLUES-N-BREAD PUDDING

3 pm **Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**

Featuring: Reddick Pernell Cunningham

Cost: Free

Sponsored By: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

## HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Drumb & Drumber

5:30-8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Gary Nichols

6-9 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Max Russell Trio

6-10 pm **Cajun's Food Inc.** – BB & The King

**Pie Factory, Florence** – Kenny P

6:30-9:30 pm **UMI's, Florence** – Kozmic Mama

**Flobama, Florence** – Three Wheel Drive

## CHURCHIN' DOWN THE STREET GOSPEL CONCERT

6-7 pm **St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 220 E. Alabama Street, Florence**

Featuring: Quad Cities Mass Choir Directed by Aaron Freeman \* Pastor Marcus Davidson

Sponsored by: A & N Property Maintenance \* CJ Entertainment \* Colbert Farmer's Cooperative, Inc. \* Divine Expressions Dentistry, the Rev. Dr. Laurentis Barnett \* Gus Gerrard, State Farm Insurance \* God's School of Medicine-Rev. Pat Smith \* Dr. William A. McClanahan \* Occupational Solutions Group, LLC \* Pretty 1 Salon \* Robbins LLC \* St. Mark M.B. Church \* Quad Cities Mass Choir

## LISTENING ROOM

6-7:30 pm **Mane Room, Florence**

Featuring: Rene Koopman, Jim Ferguson, Bill Goodwin, Tom Wolfe, Scott Silbert

Sponsored by: Friends of the Festival \* Selwyn Jones

## AT SUNDOWN

### N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

6-9 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**

Featuring: Kidz Idol Finalists \* Singin' River Brewing & Winery Battle of the Bands Winner

Sponsored by: Rosie's Cantina \* Music Preservation Society Inc. \* Singin' River Brewing & Winery

**SINGING RIVER DENTISTRY & TUSCUMBIA DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS PRESENT ST. JUDE AND THE BLUES  
N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**

6:30 until **Corner of Sixth and Main Streets, Tuscumbia**  
(restaurants and businesses open with Handy Fest specials! Donations to St. Jude Hospital)  
Featuring: Déjà Vu \* Josh Brannon Band  
Sponsored by: Singing River Dentistry - Dr. Jimmy Gardiner

**BEALE STREET BLUES**

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
6:30-8:30 pm **Lewis Field, Florence (in case of rain, location moved to Burrell-Slater Gym)**  
Featuring: Off The Chain  
Sponsored by: Beale Street Committee \* City of Florence

**SHOALS CONCERT BAND**

7 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Avenue, Florence**  
Featuring: Shoals Concert Community Band  
Sponsored by: Magnolia Church of Christ

**EVENING AT THE ROXY WITH THE GREAT PRETENDERS**

7 pm **The Historic Roxy Theatre, Russellville**  
Cost: \$5.00  
Featuring: Local Talent  
Sponsored by: Franklin County Arts & Humanities \* Franklin County Arts & Humanities \* Sinclair-Lawrence Insurance \* Lanny Norris State Farm \* Sherry & Tim Trapp/Farmers Insurance \* Happy Days \* Murray's Tire \* Hester Printing \* Susie Hovater Malone \* Debbie & William Nale \* Mayor David Grissom \* Foodland \* Big Star \* Green's Dependable Hardware \* Dr. Alan Sherrill \* BenchMasters Jewelers \* Edward Jones Investment \* Valley Health Care \* Jon Oliver All-State Insurance \* Brenda & Troy Oliver \* David & Kim Palmer \* Bedford, Rogers & Bowling \* Audrey's Gifts \* Probate Judge Barry Moore \* Franklin County Times \* Greg & Cheri McCain \* Abstract & Appraisal-Wanda Myrick \* Campbell Vision Center \* Gary & Barbara Cummings \* Thompson Drapery \* Frosty Inn \* Sibley Oil Company \* Chase Sparks \* Gault Signs \* Strickland and Barksdale CPA \* Franklin County Chamber of Commerce \* Franklin Free Press/WGOL Radio \* Wood Thompson Insurance \* Family Pharmacy--Russellville/Littleville --Hometown Pharmacy

**THE DECOYS FEATURING CHRISTINE OHLMAN**

7:30 pm **Cypress Lakes Country Club, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: The Decoys featuring Christine Ohlman, the Beehive Queen from Saturday Night Live!  
Sponsored by: Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* City of Muscle Shoals

**SINGIN' RIVER BREWING AND WINERY PRESENTS: TYLER KINCHEN & RIGHT PIECES**

8 pm **Singin' River Brewing and Winery, Florence**  
Music By: Tyler Kinchen & The Right Pieces  
Sponsored by: First Federal Mortgage

**ERIC ESSIX IN THE SHOALS**

8 pm **Shoals Theatre, Florence**  
Cost: \$10 advance/ \$12 at the door (tickets available at TheShoalsTheatre.org, or call the theatre at 256-764-1700)  
Featuring: Eric Essix  
Sponsored by: Shoals Community Theater

**HANDY NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Sonny Moorman Group  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Southern Breeze Band  
7-10 pm **Legends, Florence** – Denise Thimes & the Jazz Allstars  
**306 Barbeque, Florence** – Lamont Landers  
7-11 pm **Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** – Mojo Mixers  
**Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Kent DuChaine  
**City Hardware, Florence** – Microwave Dave  
8-10 pm **Singing River** – Tyler Kinchen & The Right Pieces  
8-11 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Dustin Richardson  
9 pm-1 am **On The Rocks, Florence** – Big Al & the Heavyweights  
10:30 pm-1:30 am **Flobama, Florence** – Justus Storm Band

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

**DOCUMENTARY PREMIER: MR. HANDY'S BLUES &  
BOOK SIGNING: FATHER OF THE BLUES**

10 am **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Visitor Center Gallery**  
Featuring: "Mr. Handy's Blues": Showing of documentary by producer/director Joanne Fish, with Q&A  
Featuring: "Father of the Blues", the Autobiography of William C. Handy, presented by Dr. Carlos R. Handy, President & CEO of Handy Brothers Music and grandson of William Christopher Handy  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

## HANDY LUNCH

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Bill Goodwin & Jazz Allstars  
11 am-2 pm **Rosie's Cantina, Florence** – Thompson Trio  
**Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Christian Turner  
11:30-2:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Microwave Dave

## MUSIC ON THE LAWN AT CITY HALL

### N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

11 am-1 pm **Front Lawn at Sheffield City Hall, Montgomery Ave. (In case of rain, inside City Hall)**  
Featuring: Doctors Lawyers & Such  
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield \* Zoey Belle's \* The Rock \* Medical Center Pharmacy

## MOUNT MORIAH HANDY FEST FISH FRY

11am-6 pm **Mt. Moriah P.B. Church, Florence**  
Cost: Free to attend / \$10 Old Fashioned Fried Fish plates available for purchase  
11 a-noon Mt. Moriah Choir and other musical guests!  
Sponsored by: Mt. Moriah P.B. Church

## LISTENING ROOM

12-1:30 pm **Mane Room, Florence**  
Featuring: Sue Matthews & Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: SunTrust \* Friends of the Festival

## SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #3

2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Music by: Donnie Fritts & Scott Boyer  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Crazy Chester Music \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

## RIVERSIDE JAZZ

### N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

5-10 pm **McFarland Park, Florence /Rain location Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum**  
Featuring: Kids Idol Winners \* Jalen Davis \* Southern Soul \* Porcelain Hill Band \* Mary Mason Band \* Clarence "Bluesman" Davis, Jock Webb, Sr. and Aretta Woodruff \* Jazz Allstars \* Dee Lucas \* Aretta Hill \* Off The Chain  
Transportation: Free shuttle from Florence Parking Deck to McFarland Park  
Sponsored by: City of Florence \* Sutherland Sight & Sound

## HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Will McFarlane  
5-10 pm **Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Combo Kings, Deja' Vu  
5:30-8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Drumb & Drumber  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, Florence** – Beth Bosheers  
**Legends, Florence** – Lovell-Sledge Band  
6-8 pm **Blue Coast Burrito** – Hollis Band  
6:30-9:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Big Mike Griffin

## 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MASSIVELY COOL AIR-CONDITIONED STREET FESTIVAL

6 pm **Marriott Shoals Conference Center, Shoals Ballroom, Florence**  
Cost: \$15 with Barbeque Buffet, \$10 without buffet / (Tickets available at the door)  
Featuring: Kerry Gilbert \* Rewind of the Shoals  
Sponsored by: Bentley Chevrolet Cadillac \* Muscle Shoals Sound Studio \* Big River Broadcasting \* Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

## SOUTHERN GOSPEL QUARTET

6 pm **First Baptist Church**  
Featuring: Unashamed  
Sponsored by: First Baptist Church of Florence

## SPRING VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RODEO

**North Alabama State Fairgrounds, Muscle Shoals**  
Cost: \$15.00 for adults/ \$10.00 for kids ages 6-12/ free for kids 5 & under  
6 pm Gates open  
7:30 pm Rodeo begins  
9 pm Southern Heat  
Sponsored by: Spring Valley Firefighters

## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

6-10 pm **Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville**  
Featuring: Dorothy Cole as 'Tina Turner' \* Local Entertainers  
Sponsored by: Joe Wheeler State Park \* Florence-Lauderdale Tourism

## DAVIAN TALLEY'S NIGHT OF ART & SOUL MUSIC

7 pm until **Mane Room, Pine Street, Florence**  
(Doors open at 6:30 pm)  
Featuring: DJ C. Battle, Davian Talley, Deysha Garner, Thaddeus Rowell, Briana Tanner, Denisha Reed, Kabrina Isabelle, Benjamin Mastin, Jasmine Bone, Kennedie Casey, and acrylic painter Kerrigan Casey

Sponsored by: The Mane Room \* Davian Talley \* Something Elegant Florals & Gifts \* Soul: Music & Wings \* Theus & Daleisha Rowell, Realty South \* Rhoda P's Catering \* Dick Howell's BBQ \* Dr. Thomas Calhoun

#### SHOALS PRAISE HANDY CELEBRATION

**Woodmont Baptist Church (main auditorium), 2001 Darby Dr., Florence**  
7 pm (doors open at 6 pm)  
Featuring: Ruby Tiggs \* Deborah Nehemiah \* David Russell  
Sponsored by: Shoals Praise Choir \* Woodmont Baptist Church

#### PARK 'N SOUL

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
7-9 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**  
Featuring: CC Jags  
Sponsored by: Cook's Pest Control

#### ROCK THEZ

8 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse, Florence**  
Cost: \$10 (suggested)  
Featuring: Chieftain and Guests  
Sponsored by: Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ)

#### CABARET!

9 pm-1 am **Listerhill Credit Union Auditorium, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Utopia R&B Band, Tullahoma, Tennessee  
Cost: \$15 in advance / \$20 day of event (Age 25 and older only)  
For Tickets call: 256-766-7642 or 256-412-0316 or 256-648-6412 or 256-412-6961  
Sponsored by: BUDWEISER \* Emmitt Jimmar \* Fuller Heating AC & Plumbing \* Tax Mart \* Brian & Chiquita Suggs \* Sherry & Myron L. Hughes, BlueRose Supply \* C-N-D Hair Care \* Glenda K. Williams \* Simpson's Heating & Air, LLC \* Nash Bar-B-Que

#### HANDY NIGHTS

7-10 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Tosha Hiill Band  
7-11 pm **City Hardware, Florence** – Pine Hill Haints  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Kessell Runners  
8 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Fathers & Sons  
8-11 pm **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – Microwave Dave  
**Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Michael Curtis and Friends  
8 pm-mid **Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** – The Midnighters  
9 pm-1 am **On the Rocks, Florence** – Second Creek]  
10:30 pm-1:30 am **FloBama, Florence** – The Springs

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

#### DADOORUNRUN (5K) & FUN RUN (1 MILE) & WALK (1 MILE)

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
**W.C. Handy Home & Museum, Florence through beautiful and historic downtown Florence!**  
5:30-6:30 am Registration and packet pickup / race day \* Pre-registration due July 22, 2017 (packet pickup and pre-registration at First Place Athletics on July 27 and 28 from 12 noon to 6 pm)  
7 am 5K Run (Certified) AL01020JD\* Events will be chip timed by Solid Rock Race Timing  
8 am 1 Mile Run & Walk  
Registration: 1 Mile Run/Walk \$10; 5K Run \$15; Both \$20; prices increase by \$5 after July 22, 2017  
Online: [www.DaDooRunRun.ItsYourRace.com](http://www.DaDooRunRun.ItsYourRace.com) before July 22 (\$2.50 add'l fee if paid on-line) \*  
Handy Headquarters: 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence \* Mail: P.O Box 1827, Florence AL 35631  
Featuring: Mary Mason Band  
Sponsored by: Abroms & Associates \* Singin' River Brewing and Winery \* Tennessee River Athletic Club (TRAC) \* Ricaton's Italian Grill \* City Hardware \* All Sports Trophy \* Anytime Fitness \* Solid Rock Race Timing \* First Place Athletics \* Sam's Club \* Plaxco Chiropractic \* Ryerson & Associates, DMD

#### STREET STRUT & PARADE

**N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
10 am **Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, Florence**  
(Rain location-Florence Mall) Route: Tuscaloosa to Court St., left; to College St, left; to Seminary St., left; back to Wilson Park)  
Put on your dancing shoes and strut to festive music on the streets of downtown Florence! Grand Marshals Dr. Jimmy Shaw and Dr. Lynne Hice, and Deputy Grand Marshals Dr. Rod Sheppard and Ms. Connie Wallace  
Cost: Free to participate in the parade, registration requested by calling Handy HQ at 256-766-7642, Gwen Woods at 256-412-0316 or e-mail [gwenwoods02@comcast.net](mailto:gwenwoods02@comcast.net) / Prizes given for the best Strutters!  
Music by Thompson Trio \* All Marching Bands are welcome!  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society Inc.

#### ACAPPELLA: THE MUSICAL (A PRE-VIEW)

12 pm **Wilson Park, Florence**  
Cost: Free! See what's coming in 2018!

Featuring: Singing Ensemble and Cast of *Acappella* the Musical  
Sponsored by: Darryl Wormely, Art City Institute & Foundation in Residence at Alabama A&M University

#### **TUNES IN THE TERMINAL**

12-4 pm **Northwest Alabama Regional Airport, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Aaron Blades Band \* Asleep By Ten  
Sponsored by: Northwest Alabama Regional Airport Authority \* Ricatoni's \* City Hardware \* Chicago Café \* Ichiban \* Pie Factory \* Aunt Bea's Bakery \* Buffalo Wild Wings

#### **HANDY LUNCH**

11 am-1 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Devere Pride Combo  
11 am-2 pm **Rosie's Cantina, Florence** – Ken Watters & Jazz Allstars  
**Ricatoni's Italian Grill, Florence** – All Star Jazz  
**City Hardware, Florence** – Tosha Hill  
12-3 pm **Legends, Florence** – Dorothy Cole as "Tina Turner"

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SHOALS BLUES CHALLENGE**

1 pm until **The Mane Room, Florence**  
Cost: Free  
Featuring: Various Performers  
Information: For more information about the Blues Challenge, call Dr. Bob Garfrerick at 256-765-4369  
Sponsored by: University of North Alabama Dept. of Entertainment Industry \* The Mane Room \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **LEARN TO LINE DANCE AND GROOVE TO CLASSIC R&B!**

2-6p **The Michael Community Center, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free! Classes for all ages taught by Luther Jarmon  
Featuring: Off The Chain  
2 pm Beginning Line Dance  
4 pm Intermediate Line Dance  
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield Councilwoman Penny Freeman \* Shoals Solid Waste Authority \* Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

#### **HANDY AT THE TEMPLE - "A GIG AT THE GOGUE"**

2 pm **TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL, 201 E. Hawthorne Street, Florence**  
Cost: Free  
Music by: Tunick-Whitehead Family Singers  
Sponsored by: Temple B'nai Israel

#### **ACOUSTIC BLUEGRASS GOSPEL JAM**

2-4 pm **Shoals Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 2011 County Rd 41 & Cox Creek, Florence**  
Free refreshments. Come to play, sing, or just listen. All playing levels welcome. Acoustic instruments only.  
Featuring: Lidabell and the Slackers Bluegrass Band  
Sponsored by: Shoals Seventh-Day Adventist Church

#### **SWAMPFEST SONGWRITER SHOWCASE SERIES #4**

2 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Gallery, Florence**  
Music by: The Songs of Stephanie C. Brown & Friends – Mark Narmore, Mitch Mann, Will McFarlane, Milton Sledge & Mike Curtis  
Sponsored by: Florence-Lauderdale Tourism \* Crazy Chester Music \* Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

#### **MUSIC AT THE MANSION**

3-5 pm **Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Music is free \* Donations accepted \* Oh!Bryan's Sweet Tea & Fried Pies for sale  
Featuring: Rene Koopman and Dixieland Friends  
Sponsored by: Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation \* Oh!Bryan's Downtown \* Friends of Belle Mont

#### **LISTENING ROOM**

3-4:30 pm **The Historic Zodiac Playhouse (TheZ), Florence**  
Featuring: Gary Lamb, Robert Dickson, Mark Lanter, Ray Reach, Tom Wolfe  
Sponsored by: Shoals Community Theatre \* Friends of the Festival

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5:30- 8:30 pm **On The Rocks, Florence** – Fathers & Sons  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, Florence** – The Decoys  
**Stephano's Southland, Sheffield** – Rob Malone & Rob Aldridge  
6-10 pm **Cajun's Food Inc.** – Travis Wammack  
6:30-9:30 pm **Flobama, Florence** – Asleep By Ten

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL CONCERT AND SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE AWAY!**

6 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, Florence**  
Cost: Free (with free backpacks and school supplies)  
Featuring: Gospel Singing \* Gospel Rappers \* Step Teams \* Food, Games, Free School Supplies, and MORE!  
For more info: contact Pastor Robert Turner Jr., at <https://www.facebook.com/NewBirthMinistriesFlorence>  
Sponsored by: New Birth Ministries

### SPRING VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RODEO

**North Alabama State Fairgrounds, Muscle Shoals**

Cost: \$15.00 for adults/ \$10.00 for kids ages 6-12/ free for kids 5 & under  
6 pm Gates open  
7:30 pm Rodeo begins  
9 pm Skipper Grace, Nashville, TN  
Sponsored by: Spring Valley Firefighters

### WC HANDY FESTIVAL HEADLINER: THE SALT & PEPPER BLUES SERIES CONCERT

7 pm until **Norton Auditorium, University North Alabama Campus, Florence**  
Featuring: Maxwell Russell \* Jock Webb, Sr. \* Clarence "Bluesman" Davis \* Alabama Annie \* 2 Blu Duo \* Jontavious Willis  
Sponsored by: University North Alabama \* Alabama Folklife \* Dr. Robert Garfrerick \* Russell Gulley \* Dick Cooper \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### SHEFFIELD "BOTTOMS" BLOCK PARTY

7-9 pm **400 South Atlanta Avenue, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free  
Featuring: Thompson Trio  
Sponsored by: Sheffield Councilwoman Penny Freeman \* Helen Keller Hospital \* Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

### FONDA SKIPWORTH PRESENTS THE LEGENDARY R&B FUNK BAND MIDNIGHT STAR

8 pm **Shoals Theater, Florence** (doors open at 7 pm)  
Cost: \$35 advance/\$40 at the door (Advance Tickets available at: Bunyan's Barbeque, The London Shop, Jamie's Cut & Style, Handy Headquarters) Food available for purchase.  
Featuring: Orlando "Dee" Lucas \* Midnight Starr  
Sponsored by: Fonda Skipworth \* Alabama Health Guidance \* Allstate at Long Lewis-Dealer Insurance Services \* Alter Image, Sharon Bogus \* Anderson Company \* Bob's Tire And Alignment \* Bohannon Services \* Boyd Auto Sales \* Brooks BBQ \* Bunyan's BBQ \* Chandler Painting Company \* Cloth And Stone Boutique \* Coats Clothing \* Coldwater Banker \* Tennessee Valley Realty \* Coldwater Mill Restaurant \* Copper Market \* Creative Jewelers \* Crouch & Son's Plumbing \* Curtis Jackson \* Attorney Curtis Michael Simpson \* Dandy's Package Store \* Divine Expressions Family Dentistry, Dr. Laurentis Barnett \* Dunagan Yates & Alison \* Epicurean Day Spa \* Elgin Medical Center \* Executive Investments \* First Heritage Credit \* Florence Smoke Shop \* Ford City Pool Supply \* Fowler Marketing Group \* Hickory Hills Dental Care, Bruce Evans, DMD \* Homeside Restaurant \* Hope Church \* Jody's Restaurant \* Keestone Of Florence \* Lovely Nails & Spa \* Tonya & Spud Mitchell \* Mobil Lube Express \* Motor Credit \* Open Gates Pet Resort \* Pounders & Associates \* Quad Cities Carpets \* Attorney Ralph Holt \* Shoals Distributing Inc./Budweiser \* Shoals Southern Kitchen \* Smokin' On The Boulevard \* State Farm, Patrick Laney \* Stells Sports Grille \* Stephenson Tire & Alignments \* University Chevrolet \* Valley Health Food \* The Hair Salon \* Willows Day Spa \* Workout Anytime \* World Finance Loans \* Yellow Hammer Roofing

### HANDY NIGHTS

7-10 pm **306 Barbeque, Florence** – Mary Mason Band  
7 pm until **Lil' Capone's, Florence** – Slightly Damaged / Bama Border  
8 pm **Champy's, Muscle Shoals** – Lamont Landers  
8-11 pm **Swampers/Marriott Shoals, Florence** – Josh Allison & The Corner Pocket  
8-mn **City Hardware, Florence** – Christian Turner  
9 pm-1 am **Singing River Bar & Grill (Radisson Hotel), Sheffield** – Dixie Mafia  
**On The Rocks, Florence** – Bad Brad & The Sipsey Slims  
9 pm-1:15 am **PJ's, Muscle Shoals** – The Midnighters  
10:30 pm-1:30 am **Flobama, Florence** – Second Creek

### HANDY JAM

9 pm-Until **Ricaton's Italian Grill, Florence** – ALL-STAR JAZZ JAM

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

#### WC HANDY & FRIENDS

11 am **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals, 1332 N. Pine St., Florence**  
Featuring: Speaker Daphne Simpkins  
Sponsored by: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals

#### COLLEGE STREET GOSPEL

2-4 pm **College Street Park, Southwest Corner of West College Street and Beverly Avenue, Florence**  
**(in case of rain, event will be moved to the Dwelling Place, 919 West College Street, Florence)**  
Featuring: Renewed \* Orr Sisters \* St. James Special Chorus \* Carrine Thompson  
Sponsored by: James Barnett \* Dave Smith \* Selwyn Jones \* Cassie Barnett \* Gina Smith \* Kaytrina Simmons

#### HOT BLUES IN THE AFTERNOON

5-8 pm **Stephano's Southland, 1309 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Microwave Dave & Travis Wammack  
Sponsored by: Suzanne Hamlin, Colbert Co. Tourism \* Tom Heflin, Atty At Law \* John VanSandt, Expert Oil Change



**SWINGING RIVER JAZZ**

6 pm **First Baptist Church, 209 N. Walnut Street, Florence**  
Featuring: Swinging River Jazz Band  
Sponsored by: First Baptist Church of Florence

**NEW MUSIC NIGHT**

6 pm **Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, Muscle Shoals**  
(in case of rain, event will move to Woodward Avenue Baptist Church)  
Featuring: Woodward Avenue Baptist Church Praise Team  
Sponsored by: Woodward Avenue Baptist Church

**W.C. HANDY AND PERCY SLEDGE (A GOSPEL MUSIC TRIBUTE)**

6 pm **Galilee M.B. Church, Old Highway 20, Leighton**  
Featuring: Howell "Flipper" Sledge and the Lovell-Sledge Band \* Renewed \* Christine Ohlman \* Rev. Jerry Reeves & Galilee Church Choir \*  
other special guests  
Sponsored by: Friends and Family of the late Percy Sledge

**HANDY NIGHT**

8-11 pm **Swampers/ Marriott Shoals, Florence – Nicki Scruggs**

**POST-FESTIVAL EVENTS****FRIDAY, AUGUST 05****BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

10 am-4 pm **Michael Community Center, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free  
Featuring: Bounce Houses and Other Activities for kids!  
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield \* First Missionary Baptist Church, Sheffield \* Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8460 \* Florence Flotilla Coast Guard Auxilliary \* NAACP Tri County Branch \* TBA