

W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL 2018 updated 04-15-18

EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 20

FIRST METRO BANK'S "SAX IN THE CITY"

N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

7:30 pm **Wilson Park, Florence (in case of rain, this event will be moved to the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum)**
Featuring: The Midnighters
Sponsored by: First Metro Bank

SATURDAY, JULY 21

34th ANNUAL MID-SUMMER CLASSIC THREE-STATE BIKE RIDE

N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

McFarland Park, Florence (Rain or shine)

Information TBA

7 am Bike Ride
Sponsored by: Pepsi * Academy Sports * Primal * Blue Cross Blue Shield * TREK * ...

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-3pm Show time (registration 8 am-noon)
Information TBA: Ronnie James 256-381-3536 or Billy Griffith 256-335-2001

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

FONDA SKIPWORTH PRESENTS ...

8 pm **Shoals Theater, Florence** (doors open at 7 pm)
Cost: \$35 advance/\$40 at the door (Advance Tickets available at: TBA)
Featuring: TBA
Sponsored by: TNT Fireworks * TBA

SUNDAY, JULY 22

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

ACAPPELLA: THE MUSICAL (A PRE-VIEW)

3:30 pm **Shoals Theater, Florence**
Cost: \$20.00 at the door
Featuring: Singing Ensemble and Cast of *Acappella* the Musical
Sponsored by: Art City Institute & Foundation in residence at Alabama A&M University

CITY OF FLORENCE PRESENTS OPENING BI-CENTENNIEL 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: Dr. Eric Kirkman * [Pastor Christopher Reeves, Greater St. Paul AME Church](#) * Jalen Davis * Renewed * Marcus Stewart & Encounter * Pastor Jerry Reeves & Galilee M.B. Church Choir * Pastor Alphonso Bowens and Bethel Lauderdale M.B. Church

Sponsored by: City of Florence * W.C. Handy Home & Museum * Mt. Moriah PB Church * WZZA Radio * Keep the Shoals Beautiful * Music Preservation Society, Inc.

MONDAY, JULY 23

BOOK IT WITH JAZZ

11 1m-1 pm **Helen Keller Library, Tuscumbia**
Cost: Free (includes boxed lunch)
Featuring: [Jazz Allstars](#)
Sponsored by: Friends of Helen Keller Library

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

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

NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY & BBQ SUPPER

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence
5-6:30 pm BBQ Supper to benefit the Caring Place Adult Day Services
7 pm featuring Thompson Trio
Sponsored by: Westminster Presbyterian Church

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TUESDAY, JULY 24

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 * Music Preservation Society, Inc.

HEALING THE BLUES WITH THE SAINTS

11:30 am-1:30 pm Brookdale (formerly Merrill Garden), 2409 Wildwood St, Muscle Shoals
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints
Sponsored by: The Healing Place, Muscle Shoals

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

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 & The Relics
Sponsored by: Columbia Cottage Assisted Living * Kindred Home Health and Hospice

UNA NIGHT ON NORTH COURT STREET MEDIAN

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

COUNTING ON THE MUSIC (pending details!!!)

N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT
6:30-8:30 pm Patterson, Prince & Associates, 475 S. Seminary St., Florence
6:30 pm TBA
Sponsored by: Patterson, Prince & Associates, CPA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

MORNINGSIDE BLUES & BBQ

2-4 pm Morningside of Sheffield, 413 Cox Blvd, Sheffield
Featuring: Jazz Allstars (budget \$500 and they have sound)
Sponsored by: Morningside of Sheffield

HANDY'S CHURCH

6 pm Greater St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Florence
Featuring: TBA
Sponsored by: Greater St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Florence

THURSDAY, JULY 26

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

3-4:30 pm **Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield**
Featuring: Reddick Pernell Cunningham
Cost: Free
Sponsored By: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library

SUNSET PARTY AT SEVEN POINTS

6 pm **Seven Points Pocket Park, Florence**
Cost: Free
Featuring: TBA
Sponsored by: Seven Points Businesses: Abraham Rowe Photography

CITY OF FLORENCE PRESENTS BI-CENTENNIEL 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: Thompson Trio
Sponsored by: Beale Street Committee * City of Florence

FRIDAY, JULY 27

MUSIC AT MOUNT MORIAH & FESTIVAL FISH FRY

11am-6 pm **Mt. Moriah P.B. Church, Florence**
Featuring: Friday's Festival Fish Fry
Cost: Free to attend / \$10 Old Fashioned Fried Fish plates available for purchase
11 a-noon TBD (Southside Church of Christ???) Alphonzo Bowens??? Jerry Reeves & Galilee??
Sponsored by: Mt. Moriah P.B. Church

CITY OF FLORENCE PRESENTS RIVERSIDE BICENTENNIAL JAZZ N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

5-10 pm **McFarland Park, Florence /Rain location Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum**
Featuring: TBA
Sponsored by: City of Florence * Music Preservation Society, Inc.

10th ANNUAL MASSIVELY COOL AIR-CONDITIONED STREET FESTIVAL

6 pm **Marriott Shoals Conference Center, Shoals Ballroom, Florence**
Cost: TBA
Featuring:: TBA
Sponsored by: TBA

SATURDAY, JULY 28

STREET STRUT & PARADE

10 am **N HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT
Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, Florence**
Details TBA
Music by: TBA * All Marching Bands are welcome!
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society Inc.

4th 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.

ACOUSTIC BLUEGRASS GOSPEL JAM

2-4 pm **Shoals Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 2011 County Rd 41 (at intersection of Cox Creek), Florence**
Free refreshments. Come to play, sing, or just listen. All playing levels welcome. Acoustic instruments only.
Featuring: TBA
Sponsored by: Shoals Seventh-Day Adventist Church

WC HANDY FESTIVAL HEADLINER: TBA

7 pm until **Norton Auditorium, University North Alabama Campus, Florence**
Featuring: TBA
Cost: TBA
Sponsored by: University North Alabama * Music Preservation Society, Inc.