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*A how-to guide and general information to help you get the most out of your new theme.*

**Firstly, a huge thanks for purchasing this theme, your support is truly appreciated!**

This document covers the installation and use of this theme and often reveals answers to common problems and issues - We encourage you to read this document thoroughly if you are experiencing any difficulties. If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this document, feel free to pose them in the dedicated support forum.

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## Installation

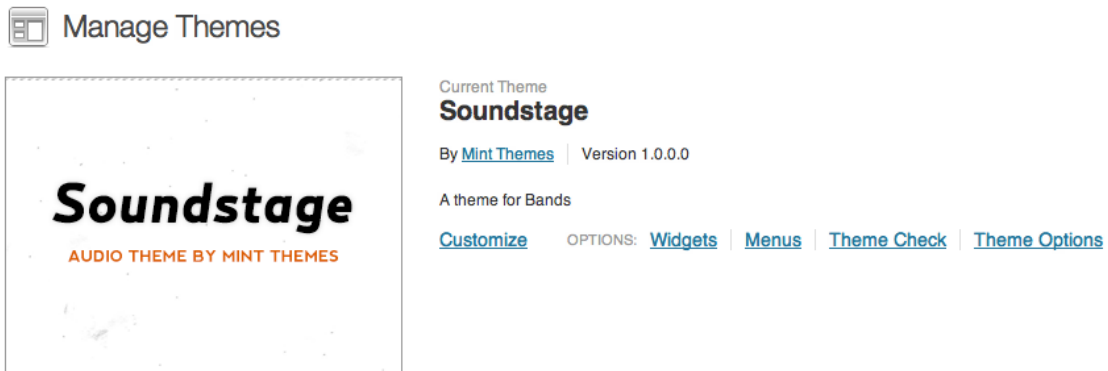
To install this theme you must have a working version of WordPress already installed. For information in regard to installing the WordPress platform, please see the WordPress Codex - [http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing\\_WordPress](http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress)

### 1.1 Installation

When you are ready to install a theme, you must first upload the theme files and then activate the theme itself. The theme files can be uploaded in two ways:

- **FTP Upload:** Using your FTP program, upload the non-zipped theme folder into the `/wp-content/themes/` folder on your server.
- **WordPress Upload:** Navigate to **Appearance -> Add New Themes -> Upload**. Go to browse, and select the zipped theme folder. Hit “Install Now” and the theme will be uploaded and installed.

Once the theme is uploaded, you need to activate it. Go to **Appearance -> Themes** and activate your chosen theme.

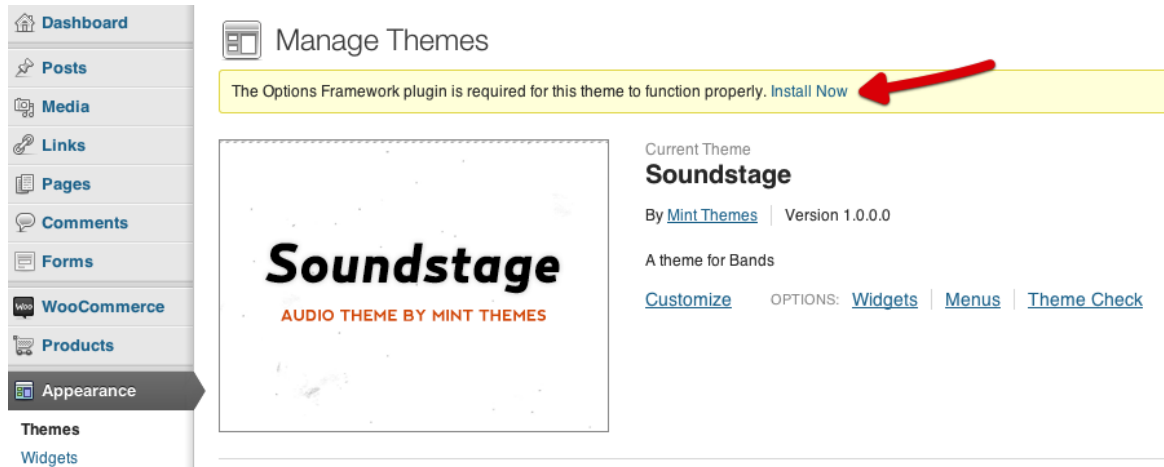


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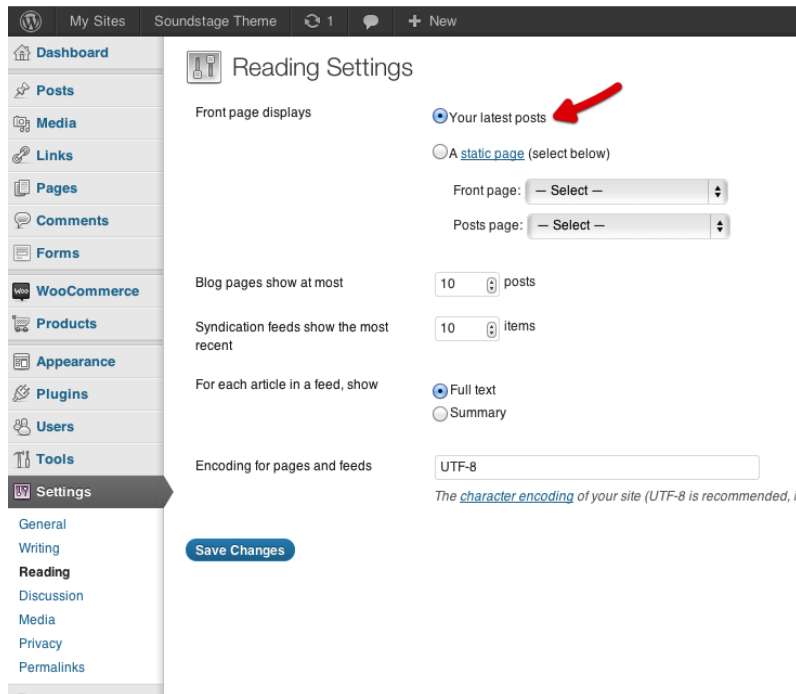
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## 1.1 Setting Up The Theme

In order for this theme to work correctly you will need to install a plugin called “Options Framework” a message will display in the WordPress backend asking to install the plugin with a link to “Install Now” click the link and it will install the plugin, next click on “Activate”



Next go to the WordPress backend and click on **Settings -> Reading ->** and ensure that the “Front page displays” is set to “Your latest posts”



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## 1.2 Setting Up Your Pages With Categories

In order to show your Blog, Tour, Photo Albums, Videos and Discography pages you need to setup a category for each. Click on **Posts -> Categories ->** Then add the categories, they can be any name but for this example we have kept the names the same.

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Description	Slug	Posts
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Blog</b>		blog	2
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Discography</b>		discography	1
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photos</b>		photos	1
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tour</b>		tour	2
<b>Uncategorized</b>		uncategorized	4
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Videos</b>		videos	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Description	Slug	Posts

Once you have added the categories go to the theme options panel. Click on **Appearance -> Theme Options -> Basic Settings** and select from the drop down the corresponding categories then save the settings, as shown in the screen shot below.

**Videos Category**

Videos Select the category you want to use for the videos.

**Photos Category**

Photos Select the category you want to use for photos.

**Discography Category**

Discography Select the category you want to use for discography.

**Tour Dates Category**

Tour Select the category you want to use for tour dates.

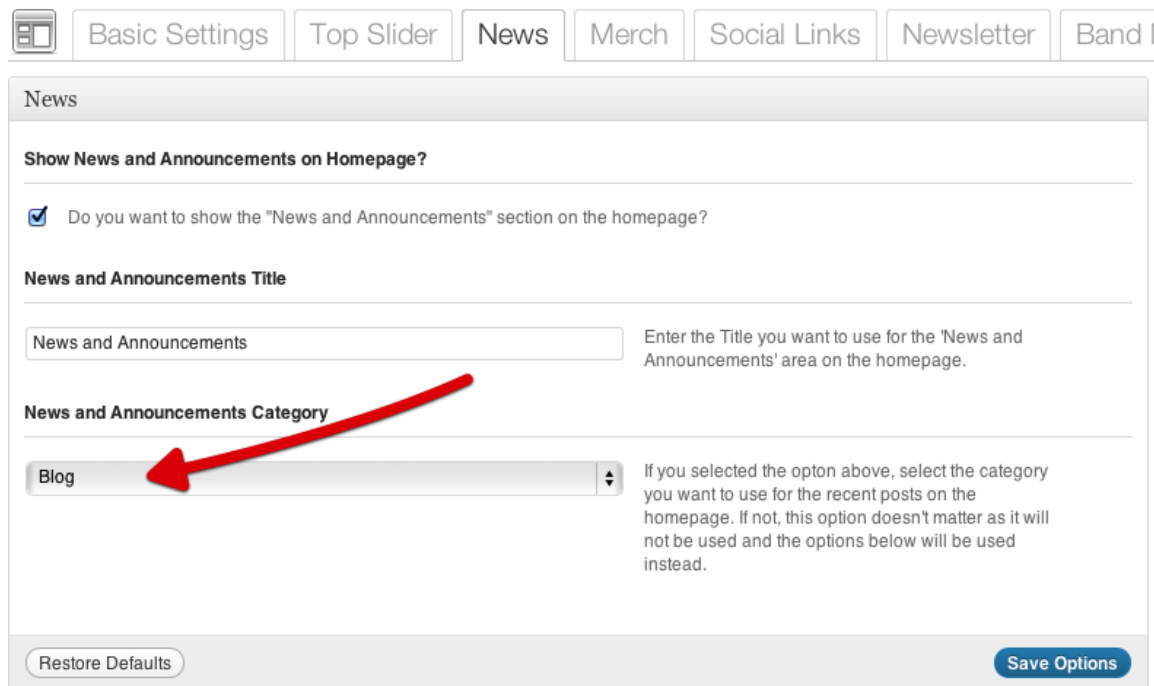
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## 1.2.1 Setting Up Your Blog

For setting up a news section/blog go to the Theme Options Panel. Click on [Appearance -> Theme Options -> News](#) and click on the “News” tab and select from the drop down your blog/news category.

See screen shot below.



Basic Settings Top Slider **News** Merch Social Links Newsletter Band I

**News**

**Show News and Announcements on Homepage?**

☒ Do you want to show the "News and Announcements" section on the homepage?

**News and Announcements Title**

News and Announcements Enter the Title you want to use for the 'News and Announcements' area on the homepage.

**News and Announcements Category**

Blog If you selected the option above, select the category you want to use for the recent posts on the homepage. If not, this option doesn't matter as it will not be used and the options below will be used instead.

Restore Defaults Save Options

## 1.2.2 Setting Up Your Menu

To add the Blog, Tour, Photo Albums, Videos and Discography pages to your menu. Click on [Appearance -> Menus](#) select from the Categories your menu items, i.e. Tour select it and then click on the “Add to Menu” button.



Categories

Most Used View All Search

☐ Uncategorized

☐ Blog

☐ Tour

☐ Videos

☐ Photos

☐ Discography

Select All Add to Menu

Music Category

Media Category

Tour Category

Videos Category

Save Menu

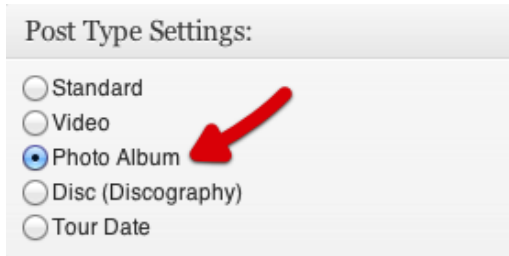
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## 1.2.3 Adding A Photo Album

To add a photo album to your site go to [Posts -> Add New](#) and in the “Edit Post” page click on the “Media Upload” icon next to where it says “Upload/Insert” select or drag the image files to upload, once uploaded click on the X to close the upload box.

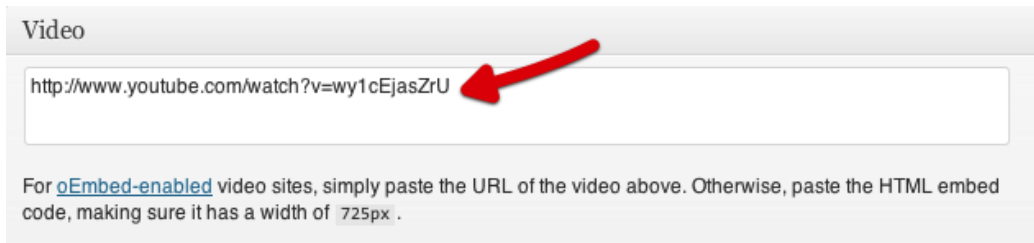
Then select from the “Post Type Settings” box the “Photo Album” radio box. Once complete you can publish the new photo album using the “Publish” button.



The screenshot shows a box titled "Post Type Settings:". Inside, there are five radio button options: "Standard", "Video", "Photo Album", "Disc (Discography)", and "Tour Date". The "Photo Album" option is selected, indicated by a blue dot. A red arrow points to the "Photo Album" radio button.

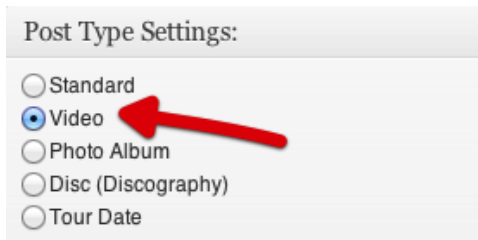
## 1.2.4 Adding A Video

To add a video to your site go to [Posts -> Add New](#) and in the “Edit Post” copy the video link from the browser window, and paste it into the box that looks like this:



The screenshot shows a box titled "Video". Inside, there is a text input field containing the URL "http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy1cEjasZrU". A red arrow points to the input field. Below the input field, there is a note: "For [oEmbed-enabled](#) video sites, simply paste the URL of the video above. Otherwise, paste the HTML embed code, making sure it has a width of 725px .

Once you have pasted the video link into the box click on the “Post Type Settings” box and select “Video” then click on the “Publish” button.



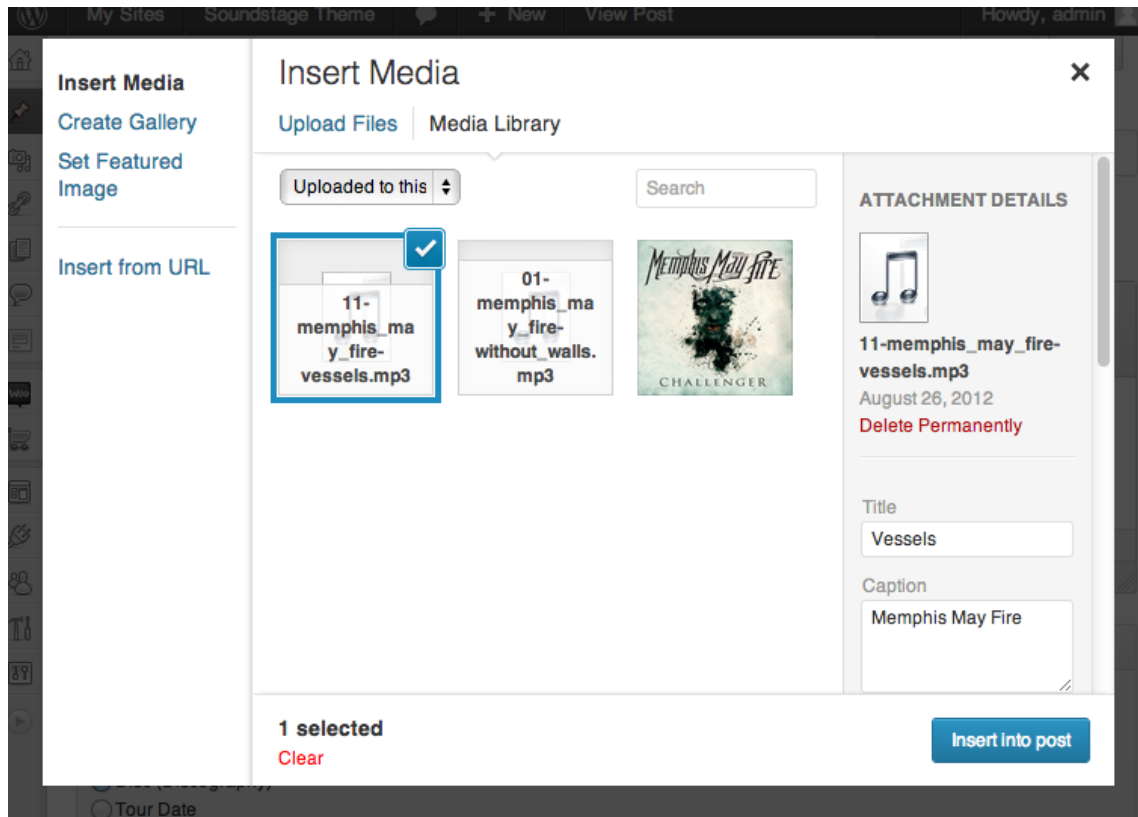
The screenshot shows a box titled "Post Type Settings:". Inside, there are five radio button options: "Standard", "Video", "Photo Album", "Disc (Discography)", and "Tour Date". The "Video" option is selected, indicated by a blue dot. A red arrow points to the "Video" radio button.

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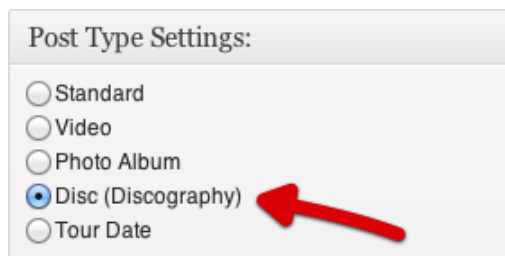
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## 1.2.5 Adding A Discography Album

To add a music album to your site go to **Posts -> Add New** and in the “Edit Post” page click on the “Add Media” select or drag the audio files to upload, once uploaded fill out the title, caption name details for each audio file.



Once complete click on the X to close the upload box and select from the “Post Type Settings” box the “Discography” radio box. Once complete you can publish the new music album using the “Publish” button.



Make sure to add a featured image to the post in order to display the album artwork in the audio player.



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## 1.2.6 Adding A Tour Date

To add a tour date to your site go to **Posts -> Add New** and in the “Edit Post” page fill out the “Tour Date Info” meta box, fill out the Date, Time, Venue, City, Text button/Link or leave it blank to not display a button.

**Tour Date Info (Leave blank if this post is not a tour date)**

Oct

07

2012

@

20

:

00

Venue:

City:

Button Text:

Button Link:

Then select from the “Post Type Settings” box the “Tour Date” radio box. Once complete you can publish the new tour date using the “Publish” button.

**Post Type Settings:**

☐ Standard

☐ Video

☐ Photo Album

☐ Disc (Discography)

☒ Tour Date

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## Theme Features

### 2.1 Custom Menus

There is one custom menu that comes with the theme for the header/footer area but you can also use the “Custom Menu” widget that comes with every WordPress theme to create a second menu area on the side bar.

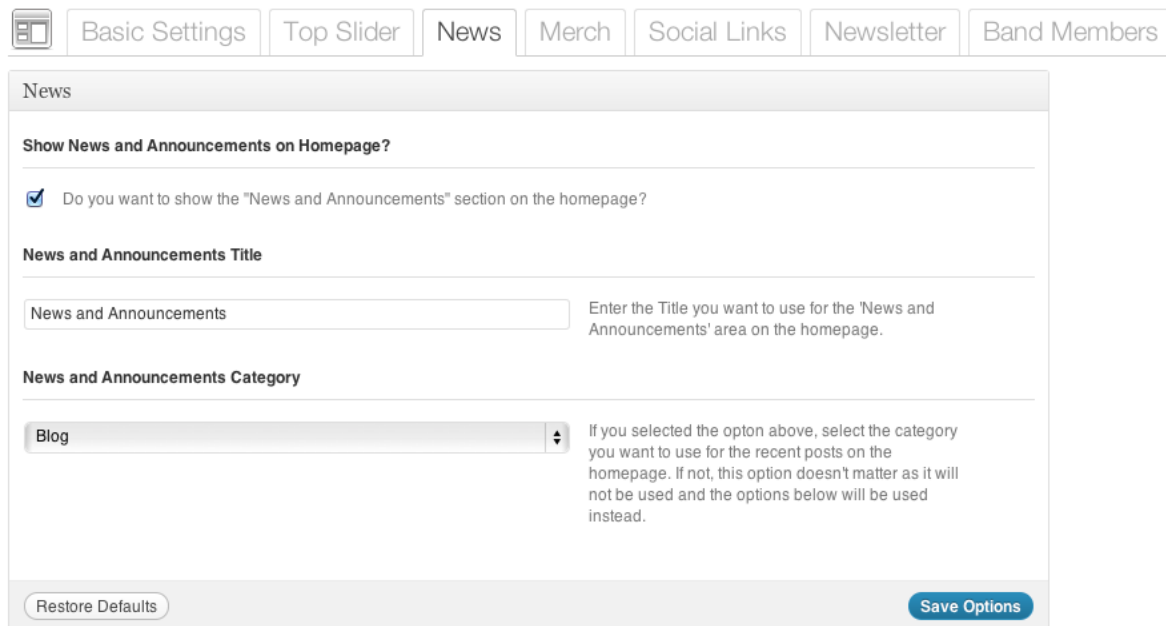
To setup your custom menus, navigate to [Appearance -> Menus](#). Give your menu a name and build it up using the available widgets. You can add a variety of items including pages, categories, and custom links.

To extend the available widgets, click the screen options tab at the very top of the screen and configure your options. Once you have built your menus, ensure to assign them to a menu location.

### 2.2 Theme Options

This theme has a number of theme options that can be accessed via [Appearance -> Theme Options](#)

It should look like this:



The screenshot shows the 'News' theme options panel. At the top is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Basic Settings', 'Top Slider', 'News' (selected), 'Merch', 'Social Links', 'Newsletter', and 'Band Members'. The 'News' panel has a title bar 'News'. Below it is a section 'Show News and Announcements on Homepage?' with a checked checkbox 'Do you want to show the "News and Announcements" section on the homepage?'. This is followed by a 'News and Announcements Title' section with a text input field containing 'News and Announcements' and a placeholder text 'Enter the Title you want to use for the "News and Announcements" area on the homepage.'. Below that is a 'News and Announcements Category' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Blog' and a placeholder text 'If you selected the option above, select the category you want to use for the recent posts on the homepage. If not, this option doesn't matter as it will not be used and the options below will be used instead.'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Restore Defaults' and 'Save Options'.

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## 2.3 Custom Logo Options

With this theme you can either upload your own custom logo and the size can be up to  $234 \times 47$  pixels or you can use the text option and it will display a text logo instead of the graphic logo. This option is found in **Appearance -> Theme Options -> Basic Settings -> Custom Logo**

**Basic Settings**

**Custom Logo**

Upload a logo for your theme, or specify the image address of your online logo.  
(<http://yoursite.com/logo.png>). Recommended Size: 168px by 22px. It is also recommended to upload a logo with a transparent background in PNG format.



## 2.4 Custom Widgets

The theme comes with 4 custom widgets that can be used to configure how your site displays content - they can be found under **Appearance -> Widgets**.

There are 3 widget areas included in this theme, footer, sidebar and the home page widget area.

**Home Page Widget Area** ▼  
*The home widget area*  

**Upcoming Shows: Upcoming Gigs** ▼

**Latest Video: Latest Video** ▼

**Music Player: Audio Player** ▼

**Sidebar Widget Area** ▼

**Footer Widget Area** ▼

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## 2.5 Setting up WooCommerce

To add the merch area to your site you will need to install the WooCommerce plugin, when activating the theme a message will display asking you to install WooCommerce.



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Make sure to download, install, and activate the [WooCommerce](#) plugin.

Once installed you will need to go through setup of WooCommerce by accessing the options in [WooCommerce -> Settings -> General Options](#). If you require help setting up WooCommerce please refer to the documentation located here:

<http://wcdocs.woothemes.com/>

## 2.6 Custom Page Templates

The theme comes with a number of in built custom page templates. These templates can be used on individual pages to alter the display or functionality.

## 2.7 Full Width Template

The Full Width template allows the creation of a page without a sidebar. The main content will span the full width of the site. To use the template, simply create a page using the “Full Width” page template.

### 2.7.1 Featured Images

The theme supports the use of featured images.

To upload a post thumbnail, go to [Posts > Add New](#) or open an existing post in editing mode. Locate the Featured Image module and click the Set featured image link.

Clicking the link will open up the usual WordPress image uploader where you will upload your image. Simply make sure that it is either the same size or larger than what the final thumbnail will be. Once you’re done uploading the image, simply click the link that says “Set Featured Image”, which is next to the button to insert it into the post. For more on how to use the WP2.9+ Post Thumbnail feature you can view this article - [http:// en.support.wordpress.com/featured-images/](http://en.support.wordpress.com/featured-images/)

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## 3.1 Cascading Style Sheets

The theme includes one CSS file that is used at various times depending on user-controlled options. The main CSS file (style.css) can be found in the theme's directory folder.

## 3.2 JavaScript Files

The theme imports various Javascript files depending on the page being viewed, widget configuration and settings in the theme options.

jQuery Library - jQuery is a fast and concise JavaScript Library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating, and Ajax interactions for rapid web development. More information can be found at <http://jquery.com/>

FlexSlider.js- This file controls various sections of JS throughout the theme dependant on settings in the theme options. More information can be found at <https://github.com/woothemes/FlexSlider>