

# SAT, MAY 3, 2025 CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL

Held at: Highbanks Metro Park



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SAT	<b>SATURDAY SCHEDULE:</b> 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)	<b>WORKSHOP KEY:</b> ALL = All; BEG = Beginner; ADV BEG = Advanced Beginner; INT = Intermediate; ADV = Advanced			11:00 am
11:30 am				Noon-12:45 PM Cigar Box Scott (Kids storytelling/song) 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.	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	11:30 am
NOON	Scott Cook & Pamela Mae (Singer-Songwriter duo)	Moe Reen (Country Folk Singer-Songwriter)	Henry Harnetty (Singer-Songwriter)	Roscommon Sessions (Trad-Irish)									NOON
12:30 pm				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	12:30 pm
1:00 pm	Roberta Lea (Progressive Country)	Cross-Eyed Possum (Folk/Americana)		Roscommon Sessions (Trad-Irish)									1:00 pm
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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	Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	Frame Box Drums (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids) / followed by Kid's Jam Hour in nearby Jam Tent	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 Todd Sams INT-ADV	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)							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)							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)							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	Kirby Main Stage - Saturday night Headliner: <b>Richard Shindell</b>											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	<b>C LA C I</b> 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)	<b>WORKSHOP KEY:</b> ALL = All; BEG = Beginner; ADV BEG = Advanced Beginner; INT = Intermediate; ADV = Advanced			11:00 am
11:30 am	<b>Opening "Songs for the Spirit" Reggae style</b>												11:30 am
NOON	<b>Butch Ross</b> (Appalachian Dulcimer)	<b>Stillhouse Junkies</b> (Progressive String Band)	<b>Scott Cook &amp; Pamela Mae</b> (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.	<b>Getting started on Uke</b> Deborah Van Kleef BEG (loaners available)	<b>Blues Guitar Fundamentals</b> Rainmaker Blues Duo ALL	<b>Mandolin Foundations</b> Hayes Griffin ALL	NOON
12:30 pm									Hosted by "Cbus Jammers" - bring the kids!				12:30 pm
1:00 pm	<b>Scott Lee &amp; The Wanderers / Lo V</b> (Americana Rap fusion) Presented by Music Columbus	<b>Denison Univ. American Roots Ensemble</b> (Blues/Bluegrass)	<b>Doyle &amp; Friends Jam Band</b> (Folk Jam Band)	1:00-1:35 PM <b>Snack Time Band</b> (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM <b>The Redbuds</b> (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM <b>Snack Time Band</b> (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM <b>The Redbuds</b> (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM <b>Snack Time Band</b> (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM <b>The Redbuds</b> (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM <b>Snack Time Band</b> (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM <b>The Redbuds</b> (kid's music)	1:00-1:35 PM <b>Snack Time Band</b> (kid's music) 1:45-2:30 PM <b>The Redbuds</b> (kid's music)	<b>Choosing Cover Songs</b> Richard Shindell <b>FESTIVAL HEADLINER</b> ALL	<b>Blues Harmonica</b> Rainmaker Blues Duo ALL	<b>Grooving on Acoustic Instruments</b> Cross Eyed-Possum ALL	1:00 pm	
1:30 pm				2:30 - 2:45 PM <b>Kid's Storytelling</b> \ Julie McGhee 2:45-3:45 PM <b>Frame Box Drums</b> (Youth) & Parade Streamer Crafting (Kids)									1:30 pm
2:00 pm	<b>Dante Mazzetti</b> (Indie-Folk/ Singer Songwriter)	<b>Upstream Drifters</b> (Folk/ Old-time)	<b>Previous Year's Kirby Scholarship Winners</b> 1. Lilya Zhang 2. William Meisterheim	3:45 PM <b>Kid's Parade</b> led by Darby Duck						<b>Arranging for an Esemble</b> Stillhouse Junkies ALL	<b>Reverse-Slant Chords for Dulcimer</b> Butch Ross INT	<b>Bluegrass Guitar</b> Adam Schlenker ALL	2:00 pm
2:30 pm													2:30 pm
3:00 pm	<b>Festival Artists' Improv Jam Band</b> Jonah Howard / Jason Howard / Dante Mazzetti / Adam Schlenker / Alissa Wolf / Fred Kosak	<b>Fox &amp; Clover</b> (Singer-Songwriter duo)	<b>Rainmaker Blues Duo</b> (Blues)							<b>Getting started on Uke</b> Deborah Van Kleef BEG (loaners available)	<b>Introduction to Clawhammer Banjo</b> Upstream Drifters BEG-INT	<b>Introduction to the Irish Whistle</b> Beth Hicks ALL (loaners available)	3:00 pm
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4:00 pm	<b>Drum Circle (4-5 PM) – SOUTH END OF BIG MEADOWS FIELD (FESTIVAL GROUNDS).</b> Led by <b>Baba Jubal Harris</b> . All welcome.												4:00 pm
4:30 pm	<b>Closing Song Circle (4:30-5:30 PM)</b> – north end of Big Meadows field (festival grounds). Led by <b>Eric Clemens</b> . Bring an instrument or just your voice!												4:30 pm

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