

We are so happy to have you here for the 35th annual edition of the marquee event of the Foundation, The Will McLean Music Festival.

With more than 85 separate musical acts on our various stages here at our home facility, Florida Sand Music Ranch, there is no greater gathering of Florida acoustic music and songwriters. Enjoy!

Like most large undertakings, this event does not come together overnight by elfin magic. It is the product of hundreds of hours of tireless work by an army of unpaid volunteers. Please take the time to thank a volunteer for their generous gift of time and labor. While you're here I hope you'll also take the time to use the QR codes throughout this program, both to fully enjoy the festival experience and to learn more about the Foundation, its many projects, and the opportunities for you to get more involved. We are growing and expanding, and we need you!

On behalf of the Board of The Will McLean Foundation, Welcome Home!
Doug Spears, President



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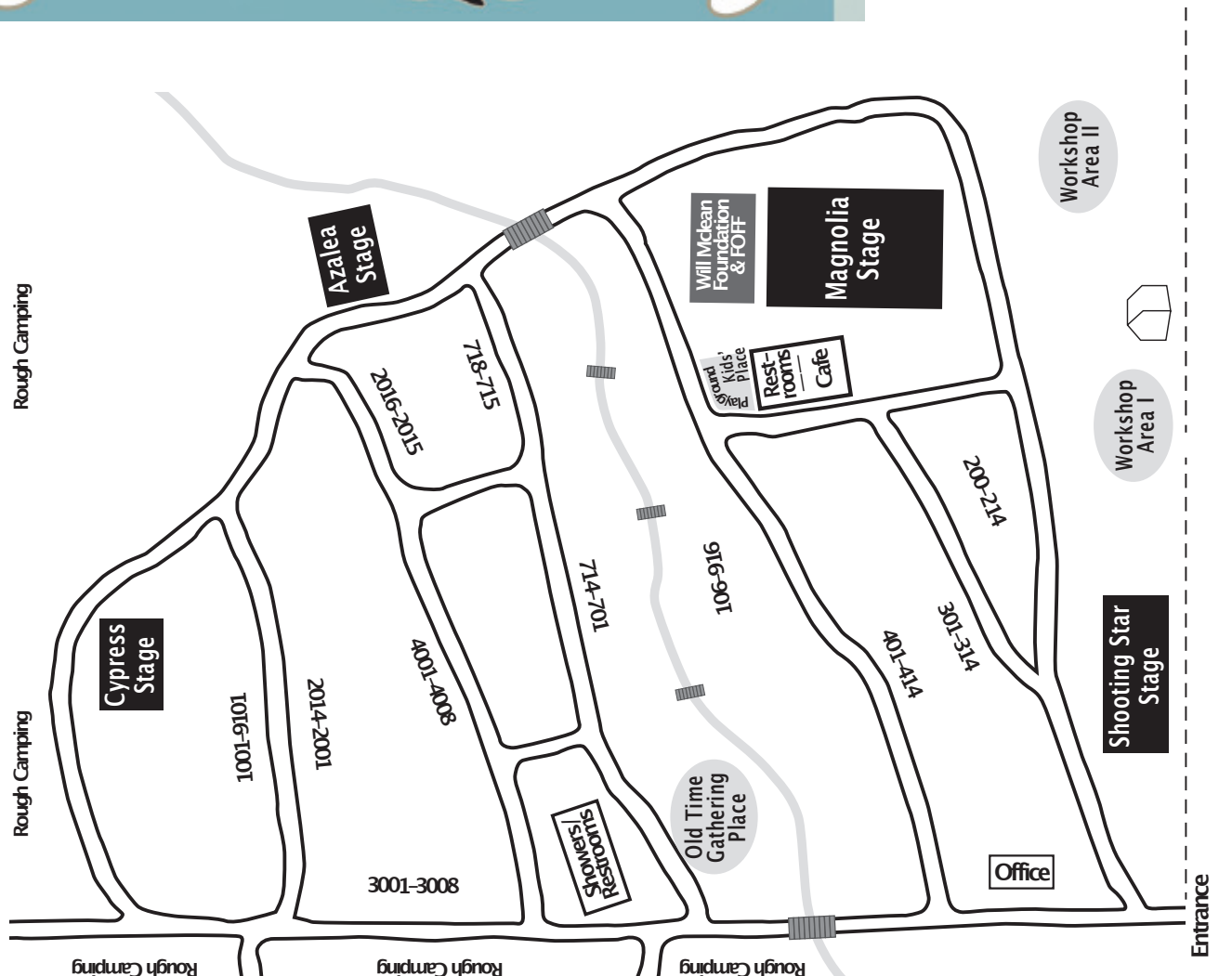
Artist Bios



Vendor Info & Map



Festival Schedule & HighLights



10:00					
10:30				<p>Young Performers</p> <p>Opening Ceremony Rehearsal 10:00</p> <p>"This Land is Your Land"</p>	
11:00					
11:50	<p>Festival Opening Remarks "This Land is Your Land" <i>Young Performers</i></p> <p>MC: Dean Parrish</p>	<p>Festival Opening Remarks "This Land is Your Land" <i>Ron & Bari</i></p> <p>MC: Chuck Hardwicke</p>	<p>Festival Opening Remarks "This Land is Your Land" <i>Mel & Vinnie</i></p> <p>MC: John McClure</p>	<p>"This Land is Your Land" 11:50 on Mag Stage</p>	<p>Artist Bios</p>
12:00	<p>North Florida Tail-draggers</p>	<p>Heartstrings</p>	<p>Mel & Vinnie</p>		
12:30	<p>Sharon Osuna</p>	<p>Peg & Em</p>	<p>Paul Smithson</p>		<p><i>Nature Coast Dulcimers</i></p> <p>Beginner/Advanced Beginner Workshop 12:30-1:30</p>
1:00	<p>Mike Quick</p>	<p>VGO</p>	<p>Lisa Thomas & Friends</p>		
1:30	<p>TOO MANY SMITHS</p> <p>MC: Sharon Osuna</p>	<p>Alana Debow</p> <p>MC: Bobby Bates</p>	<p>Mary Beth Campbell & Friends</p> <p>MC: Chris Kastle</p>		
2:00	<p>Emmett Carlisle</p>	<p>Ron & Bari</p>	<p>Jane Fallon</p>	<p>**Cacophany Ensemble 2:00</p>	
2:30	<p>Jenny & the Stray Dogs</p>	<p>Reckless Saints</p>	<p>Rural Route 2</p>		
3:00	<p>Rachel Grubb</p>	<p>Mike Quick</p>	<p>The Promise</p>	<p>**Accordian Demo w/ Greg Thomas 3:00</p>	<p><i>Nature Coast Dulcimers</i></p> <p>Dulcimer Jam sessions 3-4:30</p> <p>Slow Jam 3-3:45 pm Regular Jam 3:45-4:30 pm</p>
3:30	<p>Real Life Super-heros</p> <p>MC: Emmett Carlisle</p>	<p>Lucky Mud</p>	<p>Just Folks</p> <p>MC: Jane Fallon</p>		
4:00	<p>The Dunehoppers</p>	<p>Songwriters Round: Chad Spikes Paul Smithson Sharon Osuna James Hawkins</p>	<p>Richard D. Lewis</p>	<p>Young Performer Open Mic 4:00-4:45</p>	
4:30	<p>Carly Bak</p>		<p>Dan Gribbin</p>		
5:00	<p>Bryan Rivers & Friends</p>	<p>Corey Hall</p> <p>MC: Bobby Bates</p>	<p>Aripeka</p>	<p>**Annual Youth Song Collaboration 5:00</p> <p>** located in the adjacent tent area not on the Shooting Star Stage</p>	<p><i>Rod MacDonald</i></p> <p>Writing Interactive Songs 5:00-6:00</p>
5:30	<p>Jim Bickerstaff</p> <p>MC: Bear & Robert</p>	<p>Steve Compton</p>	<p>Hannah's Whirl</p> <p>MC: Danna Moore</p>		
6:00	<p>Lauren Heintz</p>	<p>Bob Patterson</p>	<p>Dolce Trio</p>	<p>Young Performer Open Mic 6:30-7:15</p>	
6:30	<p>2pm Band</p>	<p>Chuck Hardwick & the Hart Line</p>	<p>In Good Company</p>	<p>Flashy Fingers Jam 8:00</p> <p>Young Performers</p>	
7:00	<p>Lee Hunter & Joey Kerr</p>	<p>Chris Kastle</p> <p>MC: Corey Hall</p>	<p>Mac Martin</p>		
7:30	<p>Holt & Cabe</p> <p>MC: Lucky Mud</p>	<p>Doug Spears w/ Ron & Bari</p>	<p>The Florida Boys</p>	<p>Old Time Gathering Tent Fri Schedule</p>	
8:00	<p>Sarah McCulloch</p>	<p>The Ashley Gang 8:00-8:45</p>	<p>Frankie J Chicken Parade 8:00-8:45</p>	<p>12:00 Workshop: Beginning Old Time Banjo Jim Strickland, Clay Black, Steve Ryan</p> <p>1:00 Old Time Jam - all instruments welcome</p> <p>2:00 Workshop: Old Time Banjo - Steve Ryan</p> <p>3:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome Jam Leader - Marg Chauvin</p> <p>4:00 Banjo Pickin' girls - Marg Chauvin & others available</p> <p>5:00 Old Time Song Circle - Rochelle Morris</p>	
8:45	<p>The Little Mercies</p>	<p>Grant Peeples 8:45-9:30</p>	<p>MC: Glenn & Linda Smith</p>		
9:30	<p>Rod MacDonald</p>	<p>Cypress Stage "After Hours" Open Mics, Showcases, Jams 9:30 till ???</p>	<p>OPEN MIC 8:45-10:00PM</p>		

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Magnolia


Cypress

Azalea

Shooting Star Stage

Wkshp1

Wkshp2

	Magnolia	Cypress	Azalea	Shooting Star Stage	Wkshp1	Wkshp2
10:00	MC: John McClure Holt & Cabe	MC: Dan Gribbin Tom's Choice	MC: Paul Garfinkel Peg & Em	**Annual Write A Song Collaboration 8:30-9:30	 Young Performers Program	Nature Coast Dulcimers Advanced Dulcimer Workshop 10:00-11:00
10:30	Mary Ann Dinella and Friends	Mel & Vinnie	Rachel Grubb	Sharon Huston Memorial Breakfast (Youth only)	<i>Mike & Maggie</i>	<i>David Beede</i>
11:00	Rural Route 2	Richard D. Lewis	The Lilly Jane Band	<i>Meet & Greet Orientation</i> 10:00 - 12:00	Yodeling Fun With Lucky Mud 11:00-12:00	Unrequited Love Songs on Dulcimer 11:00 - 12:00
11:30	Sarah McCulloch	TOO MANY SMITHS	Lee Hunter & Joey Kerr			
12:00	Mac Martin	Florida Cracker Cowboys	Paul Smithson	Steel Drum Workshop Paul Ranney 12:00-1:00pm	Acoustic Under the Oaks 12:00-5:30	Chris Kastle Writing for Audience Participation
12:30	MC: Jerry Mincey Hannah's Whirl	MC: Rod MacDonald Chris Kahl	MC: Lee Hunter Honey Miller & Friends		12:00 - Aripeka	12:00-1:00
1:00	Bear and Robert	John Bois Emotional Support Band	Patchwork	**Battle Band Practice 1:00-2:30	12:25 - Alana Debow 12:50 - Sharon Osuna	Jim Bickerstaff, Sarah McCulloch, James Hawkins Songwriting 1:00-2:00
1:30	OtherEndOftheRoad	Dolce Trio	Corey Hall		1:15 - Emmett Carlisle 1:40 - Mary Beth Campbell & Friends	
2:00	In Good Company	Songwriters in Round: Alana Debow Roy Schneider Mac Martin Dan Stepp	The Little Mercies	**Annual Write A Song Collaboration 2:30-3:30	2:05 - Heart Strings 2:30 - Ken Holt/The Promise 2:55 - Chris Kastle	Dan Gribbin Blues With Dan 2:00-3:00
2:30	Alivia Hunter & Victoria Griffin		MC: John Bois Lucky Mud	** located in the adjacent tent area not on the Shooting Star Stage	3:20 - Corey Hall 3:45 - Honey Miller & Friends	Joey Kerr Railroad Songs 3:00-4:00
3:00	MC: Art Crummer Lauren Heintz	MC: Tamera Beisler Jane Fallon	Grant Peeples	<i>Head to Azalea Stage for Showcases</i> 4:00	4:10 - Dolce Trio 4:35 - David Beede & Janet Rucker Trio 5:05 - Wild Shiners	Stan Geberer 4:00-5:00 Harmonica Basics to Blues The Do Re Mi of Diatonic Harp
3:30	Rod MacDonald	Reckless Saints	Real Life Superheroes	Showcases start at 4:30 on The Azalea Stage		
4:00	Flathead String Band	Carly Bak	North Florida Taildraggers	<i>Amy Carol Webb</i>		
4:30	Dean Johansen	Bryan Rivers & Friends	Holt & Cabe	Empower Your Voice 4:30-5:30		Tim Martin Musical Saw Workshop 5:00-6:00
5:00	MC: Lauren Heintz Florida Cracker Cowboys	MC: Cathy Dewitt Bob Patterson	Faith Alene	<i>Patchwork</i>	<i>Lisa Thomas</i>	
5:30	Justin Mason & Blue Night	James Hawkins	Costello Sisters	Harmony Workshop 5:30-6:30	Circle of Florida Songs 5:30-6:30pm	Barry Brogan Fingerstyle Guitar 6:00-7:00
6:00	Doug Spears w/Ron & Bari	The Ashley Gang	Just Folks	Light Up The Night Drum Circle 7:30 - 8:30		
6:30	2025 Song Contest Winners	Grant Livingston	Alivia Hunter & The Nobody Band			
7:00	Reset for Evening	Passerine 7-7:45pm	<i>Young Musicians Showcase</i>	Old Time Gathering Tent Sat Schedule 10:00 Performance: VGO 10:30 Performance: Flathead String Band 11:00 Workshop: Beginning Old Time Banjo Clay Black, Steve Ryan, Marg Chauvin 12:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome Leader - Jack Metzger 1:00 Performance: Dunehoppers 2:00 Workshop: Easy Banjo Tunes - Clay Black 3:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome - Mark B 4:00 Performance: Traveling Bilberries - Old Time Songs 5:00 Old Time Jam: All instruments welcome - Mark B		
7:30	MC: Wayne Martin The Wirebirds	2PM 7:45-8:30	Reset for Evening Dance			
8:15	Reckless Saints		7:45 - A beginners workshop will be held before dance starts at 8:00			
9:00	Mean Mary	Cypress Stage "After Hours" Open Mics, Showcases, Jams 9:00 till ???	Family Dance 7:45-10pm			
9:45	New 76ers		Jenny & The Stray Dogs Andy Kane - Dance Caller			
10:30			7:45 - 10pm			

SATURDAY 2025

SUN	Magnolia	Cypress	Azalea	Shooting Star Stage	Wkshp1	Wkshp2
10:00				**Battle of The Bands Practice 8:30-11:00	Art Crummer Gospel Sing Along & Jam 10:00-11:00	
10:30				**Annual Song Collaboration 11-12:00		
11:00	MC: Peg & Em Patchwork	MC: Alana DeBow Dan Gribbin	MC: Cher Wilson Steve Compton	** located in adjacent tent area	Justin Mason Songwriting on Guitar 11:00-12:00	Heart Strings Learn Florida Songs all welcome 11:00 - 12:00
11:30	Florida Cracker Cowboys	Mary Beth Campbell & Friends	Lisa Thomas & Friends	Open Mic 11-11:45	Jane Fallon Songwriting with Intent 12:00-1:00	Grant Livingston Clever Songwriting 12:00-1:00
12:00	John Bois Emotional Support Band	David Beede & Janet Rucker Trio	The Florida Boys			
12:30	Passerine MC: David Brain	Chelsea Sadler MC: Janet Rucker	Charlie Robertson MC: Patrick Barmore	Battle of Bands Contest 12:30-2:00	St. Pete Shanties Florida Sea Shanties 1:00-2:00	Emmett Carlisle Writing Florida Songs 1:00-2:00
1:00	Frankie Jay and the Chicken Parade	Bear & Robert	The Dunehoppers	Protostar Showcase 2-2:30		
1:30	Dean Johansen	Mary Ann Dinella & Friends	Ron & Bari	Olivia Martinez Faith Manner		
2:00	Grant Livingston	Charlie Robertson	Lilly Jane Band		"Empty Chair" Song & Story Circle Hosted By: Rochelle Morris, Goody Haines Dennis' family	
2:30	Daniel Stepp (Wirebirds) MC: Mel & Vinnie	OtherEndOfTheRoad MC: Art Crummer	Chris Kahl MC: Chuck Hardwicke	Battle of the Bands Awards 2:30		
3:00	Justin Mason & Blue Night	Jim Bickerstaff	Chuck Hardwicke & The Hart Line Band		Remembering Dennis Divine 2:00 - ??	
3:30	2PM Band	The Hoochie Digs	Flathead String Band	Write A Song Collaboration Rehearsal (youth only) 3:00-5:00		
4:00	Mean Mary	Wild Shiners	The New 76ers			
4:30	"Light Comes Shining" Emcee: Doug Spears			5:00 - Head over to Magnolia Stage (presentation is at 5:20)		
5:00	5:20 Youth Song Collaboration					
5:30	Hour of Power Will McLean's Songs & Stories			<div data-bbox="1260 1780 1974 2122" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Young Musician's Thank-Yous</p> <p>Thank you to Friends of Florida Folk, Jann DeVries and the many others who support the Young Musician's Program.</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="1302 2136 1953 2730" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Old Time Gathering Tent Sun Schedule</p> <p>10:00 Mt Dulcimer Jam Session - All Levels Sammye Johnson & Nature Coast Dulcimers</p> <p>11:00 Workshop: Beginning Old Time Banjo Jim Strickland, Clay Black</p> <p>12:00 Workshop: Old Time Fiddle Rags Jenny & Ron</p> <p>1:00 Performance: Jenny & The Stray Dogs</p> <p>2:00 Workshop: Fiddle Harmony Deb Gilman & Kathie Aagaard</p> <p>3:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome Debbie Sue</p> </div>		
6:00	Ballad of Silver Springs - Jane Fallon Conch Island - Mary Ann Dinella Wild Hog - Just Folks					
6:30	Abraham Washington - Grant Livingston Florida Sand - Florida Cracker Cowboys Sandhill Crane - Amy Carol Webb Brother for Brother - 2PM					
7:00						
7:30	WILL McLEAN BEST NEW FLORIDA SONG CONTEST WINNERS					
8:00	1st: Sarah McCulloch, "Everglades City 1985"					
8:30	2nd: Daniel Stepp, "Goodbye Senator"					
8:30	3rd: Bob Patterson, "A Place in My Heart"					
9:00	Sound Provided By					
9:45	Ernie Evans/Evans Media Source: Magnolia Stage Bobby G Sound: Azalea Stage Tom Ellis: Cypress Stage					

SUNDAY 2025