

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



Foundation Membership



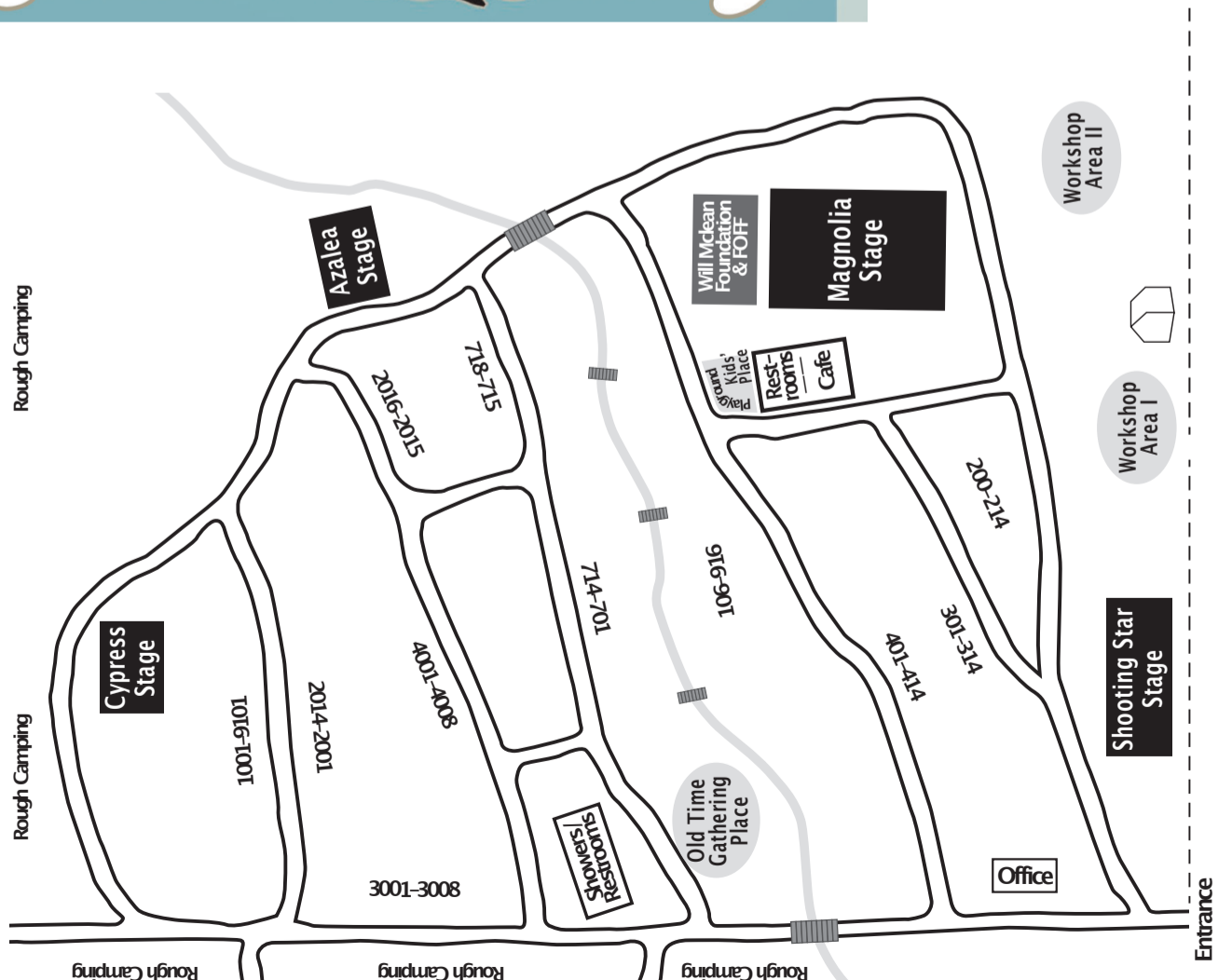
Artist Bios



Vendor Info & Map



Festival Schedule & HighLights



FRI**Magnolia****Cypress****Azalea****Shooting
Star Stage****Wkshp1**

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

FRIDAY 2025

	Magnolia	Cypress	Azalea	Shooting Star Stage	Wkshp1	Wkshp2
10:00	MC: John McClure Keith Hope	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)	Mike & Maggie	David Beede
11:00	Rural Route 2	Richard D. Lewis	The Lilly Jane Band		Meet & Greet Orientation 10:00 - 12:00	Yodeling Fun With Lucky Mud 11:00-12:00
11:30	Sarah McCulloch	TOO MANY SMITHS	Lee Hunter & Joey Kerr	Steel Drum Workshop Paul Ranney 12:00-1:00pm	Acoustic Under Acoustic Under the Oaks 12:00-5:30	Chris Kastle Writing for Audience Participation
12:00	Mac Martin	Florida Cracker Cowboys	Paul Smithson		12:00 - Aripeka	12:25 - Alana Debow
12:30	MC: Jerry Mincey Hannah's Whirl	MC: Mike Jurgensen Chris Kahl	MC: Lee Hunter Honey Miller & Friends	**Battle Band Practice 1:00-2:30	12:50 - Sharon Osuna	Jim Bickerstaff, Sarah McCulloch, James Hawkins Songwriting 1:00-2:00
1:00	Bear and Robert	John Bois Emotional Support Band	Patchwork	**Annual Write A Song Collaboration 2:30-3:30	1:15 - Emmett Carlisle	
1:30	OtherEndOftheRoad	Dolce Trio	Corey Hall		** located in the adjacent tent area not on the Shooting Star Stage	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	Dan Gribbin Blues With Dan 2:00-3:00
2:30	Alivia Hunter & Victoria Griffin		MC: John Bois Lucky Mud		2:30 - Ken Holt/The Promise	2:55 - Chris Kastle
3:00	MC: Art Crummer Lauren Heintz	MC: Tamera Beisler Jane Fallon	Grant Peoples	Head to Azalea Stage for Showcases 4:00	3:20 - Corey Hall	Joey Kerr Railroad Songs 3:00-4:00
3:30	Rod MacDonald	Bill and Eli Perras	Real Life Superheroes	Showcases start at 4:30 on The Azalea Stage	3:45 - Honey Miller & Friends	
4:00	Flathead String Band	Carly Bak	North Florida Taildraggers	Amy Carol Webb Empower Your Voice 4:30-5:30	4:10 - Dolce Trio	Stan Geberer 4:00-5:00 Harmonica Basics to Blues The Do Re Mi of Diatonic Harp
4:30	Dean Johansen	Bryan Rivers & Friends	Young Musicians Showcase Holt & Cabe	Patchwork Harmony Workshop 5:30-6:30	4:35 - David Beede Trio	
5:00	MC: Lauren Heintz Jeanie Fitchen	MC: Cathy Dewitt Bob Patterson	Faith Alene		5:05 - Wild Shiners	5:00-6:00
5:30	Justin Mason & Blue Night	James Hawkins	Costello Sisters	Light Up The Night Drum Circle 7:30 - 8:30	Lisa Thomas 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			
6:30	2025 Song Contest Winners	Grant Livingston	Alivia Hunter & The Nobody Band	<div style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Old Time Gathering Tent Sat Schedule</p> <p>10:00 Performance: VGO</p> <p>10:30 Performance: Flathead String Band</p> <p>11:00 Workshop: Beginning Old Time Banjo Clay Black, Steve Ryan, Marg Chauvin</p> <p>12:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome Leader - Jack Metzger</p> <p>1:00 Performance: Dunehoppers</p> <p>2:00 Workshop: Easy Banjo Tunes - Clay Black</p> <p>3:00 Old Time Jam: all instruments welcome - Mark B</p> <p>4:00 Performance: Traveling Bilberries - Old Time Songs</p> <p>5:00 Old Time Jam: All instruments welcome - Mark B</p> </div>		
7:00	Reset for Evening	Passerine 7-7:45pm	Young Musicians Showcase			
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	Amy Carol Webb	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			

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: Bobby Bates 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	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	Jeanie Fitchen	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" Host: Amy Carol Webb			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 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					

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