



Request for Proposal

Sound and Lighting for The Will McLean Music Festival March 7-9, 2025

The Will McLean Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville FL is seeking proposals to provide sound for the 2025 Will McLean Festival March 7-9.

Festival location is Florida Sand Music Ranch - 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602. We are seeking proposals for 2 stages: The Magnolia and Azalea stages (see stage details below). **Note: Proposals may be submitted for one or both stages. Please provide a separate bid for each stage if bidding on both.**

General description:

The Will McLean Festival is a three-day event providing non-stop musical entertainment for primarily acoustic styles of music and vocal performances at each stage. Sets are divided into 30-minute increments with no break between sets. **Set turnaround must be completed within 5 minutes of the previous set ending.** Performances range from solo acts to group acts with multiple instruments. Stage plots for the scheduled acts can be provided to the sound company before the festival starts if desired and each stage has an Emcee.

STAGE DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Magnolia Stage: Covered pavilion. Raised stage area 32'x20'. Audience area concrete pad 94'x65'. *Basic stage area lighting is in place.

- Friday: Noon – 11pm. Sixteen consecutive 30-minute sets plus four consecutive 45-minute sets (after 8pm).
- Saturday: 10am – 11pm. Eighteen consecutive 30-minute sets, 30 minute break to reset for evening show, then four consecutive 45-minute sets starting roughly at 7:30pm.
- Sunday: 11am – 6pm. Twelve consecutive 30-minute sets plus a one-hour closing ceremony.

Azalea Stage: Covered pavilion. No raised stage area. Pavilion cement pad 35'x30'. *Basic stage area lighting is in place.

- Friday: Noon – 8:30 pm. Fourteen consecutive 30-minute sets and hosted open mike 7pm – 8:30pm
- Saturday: 10am – 7:30 pm. Nineteen consecutive 30-minute sets (includes Youth Showcase).
- Saturday: 8pm-10pm. Contra Dance with live band.
- Sunday: 11am – 4:30pm. Eleven consecutive 30-minute sets.

** Basic stage area lighting is in place on both stages. Sound crew can provide accessory lighting if desired but this is not required for this proposal.*

Expectations:

- The contractor will provide all sound equipment and crew for each stage under the proposal for the duration of the festival. Festival runs from noon on Friday to Sunday late afternoon/early eve. When determining crew needs, keep in mind there is NO stage downtime during the day.
- The contractor will assure us that the set turnaround expectation of 5-minutes will be provided.
- The contractor will set up all equipment the day before the event and do a pre-festival sound check. Note: The Azalea stage will host a pre-festival square dance on Thursday evening but the dance caller will provide his own small PA.
- Contractors will perform sound checks on both the day before the event and prior to each day of the event.

Proposal Must Include:

- A summary of similar events where such services were provided.
- A summary of equipment to be used to provide services.
- A summary of technicians that will be assigned to the event and brief description of each job duty.
- Total fee expected for performing described duties.

Please submit proposal(s) to festival@willmclean.com no later than 10/31/2024. Award notification will be provided on or before 11/20/2024.