Weather Forecast - Things will cool considerably over the weekend. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be in the low 70's and the low on Sunday will make down to the upper 40's. By Wednesday, highs are back to the mid 80's. Most likely chance of rain is Friday night.

There is just too much going on this weekend. Things should be spread out so we can make it to more of these great events. It’s the last weekend for both Shakespeare in the Park and Live on the Green. It’s opening weekend for the Tennessee State Fair and the Americana Music Festival opens during the week. Two of my favorite Festivals take place this weekend – the Greek and Italian Lights Festivals. You can enjoy the Southern Artisan Cheese Festival and Wine on the River. There are too many music choices to even list here so see below.

Speaking of music, tickets go on sale for three shows at the Ryman: Old Crow Medicine Show, Chick Corea and Bela Fleck, and The Tokens. There are also two shows at TPAC: Home Free and WAR with The Family Stone and the Bar-kays. Finally, tickets go on sale for Pretty Lights at Ascend.

Featured Place of the Week

Grins Vegetarian Cafe - Vanderbilt Schulman Center for Jewish Life - I go there all the time but had lunch at Grins yesterday which rocked my world. I had the Nashville hot tofu which is cayenne-breaded fried tofu, white bread, purple slaw, and house pickles. Needless to say, it was really good. There are many really good things on the menu. I love the grins mac + cheese (fire-roasted green chilies, veggie chorizo, cheddar, and panko). I am also a big fan of the teaxmex (ck beans, grilled corn salsa, avocado, tomato, brown rice, and flour tortilla). Perhaps my favorite thing at Grins is the vegan snicker doodle cookie which is the best cookie I have ever had. And I should add that I have consumed a lot of cookies in my life. In addition to the standard menu, there are daily specials like Chile Relleno, Szechwan Noodles and Indian Veggie Curry. Grins also serves an equally creative breakfast menu. Kosher Certification is provided by Rabbi Saul Strosberg from Congregation Sherith Israel. They recently added metered parking to make it accessible to those without Vanderbilt parking decals. It is worth a trip to campus to try it though you might except some decent lines at peak lunch time. During the academic year, Grins is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30AM-9PM and Friday from 7:30AM-3PM. More information at http://www.bongojava.com/grins/about/.

This Weekend and Next Week


Beethoven’s Ninth – September 10-13, 7PM (10th), 8PM (11-12th), 3PM (13th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/beethovens-ninth?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4609&perfid=4610


Live on the Green – September 10, 6 PM, Public Square Park – Live on the Green continues with Humming House, JD McPherson, and Rodrigo y Gabriela on the main stage. General Admission is free. VIP tickets range from $70 to $150. More information at http://www.liveonthegreenet/.

Tennessee State Fair – September 11-20, Fairgrounds - Growing up in Centerville, TN, it was always exciting when the State Fair came each year. After some discussion that it might move away from Nashville, the State Fair is still going strong. More information at http://tnstatefair.org/.

37th Mountaineer Folk Festival – September 11-13, 7-10PM (11th), 8AM-10PM (12th), 8AM-5PM (13th), Fall Creek Falls - A weekend of traditional music, country cooking, pioneer demonstrations and more than 130 craft booths! More information at http://tnstateparks.com/events/details/37th-annual-mountaineer-folk-festival.

27th Annual Greek Festival – September 11-13, 10 AM-9 PM (11-12th), 11AM-6PM, (13th), Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church – A friend tipped me off to this event as one of his favorite in Nashville. I am now a regular. Live music, Greek food, beer and wine, and more. Admission is $3. For the menu and more information, check out http://nashvillegreekfestival.com/

Italian Lights Festival – September 11-13, 5-10 PM (11th), 10 AM-10PM (12th), 10AM-5PM (13th), St. Pius Academy – Grape stomping, Italian food, wine garden, fine arts, bocce tournament, kids zone, music and more are all a part of this fall festival. I went last year and had a great time. Admission is free. More information at www.italianlights.org.

Music in the Vines – September 11-13, 5-9PM (11-12th), 2-6 PM (13th), Arrington Vineyards and Winery – This is a great relaxing way to spend part of the weekend. The setting is gorgeous. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy a bottle of our wine take in a relaxed evening of Music In the Vines. Tables are available on a first come, first serve basis. However, lots of room for blankets to spread out and enjoy with friends. More information at http://www.arringtonvineyards.com/event-calendar

Live on the Green – September 11, 5 PM, Public Square Park – Live on the Green continues with Music City Mayhem Winner, Zella Day, Big Data, and Passion Pit on the main stage. General Admission is free. VIP tickets range from $65 to $150. More information at http://www.liveonthegreen.net/.

Grimey’s Too - Ben Folds Signing and Q & A - September 11, 5PM,- Grimey’s Too - Free live music and admission is free. More information at http://www.grimeys.com/

Lady Antebellum – September 11, 7:30PM, Bridgestone Arena – Tickets are on sale for Lady A at the Bridgestone. If that were not enough incentive, you can also see Hunter Hayes and Sam Hunt. Tickets range from $34.15 to $64.75. More information at http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/lady-antebellum.

Italian Lights Festival | A Tribute to Frank Sinatra – September 11, 8PM, St. Pius X Classical Academy - Lou Galterio will headline Nashville's Italian Lights Festival with a tribute to Frank Sinatra, commemorating the 100th birthday of the "Chairman of the Board"! Upgrade to Reserved Seating which includes a catered Four Course Dinner with Wine for only $75! Dinner begins at 7pm and the music starts at 8pm. More information at https://www.facebook.com/events/1152234844792370/.

Lonesome River Band – September 11, 9PM, Station Inn – Great venue to see this band. Tickets are $15. More information at http://stationinn.com/index01/.

**Vintage Base Ball Tournament** – September 12-13, 10AM, 12PM, 2PM (12th), 12PM, 2:30PM (13th), Carnton Plantation – Enjoy a full weekend of vintage baseball. More information at [http://www.boft.org/events.htm](http://www.boft.org/events.htm).


**23rd Annual Grinders Switch Music and Arts Festival** – September 12, 10 AM-11 PM, Centerville Public Square – This annual festival includes music, over 100 vendors, a best “Howdee” contest, best Minnie Pearl costume and much more. The Festival is located on the historic town square of my hometown. More information at [http://www.hickmancountychamber.org/](http://www.hickmancountychamber.org/).

**Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival** – September 12, 10AM-7PM, The Hermitage - There will be plenty of music, dancing, exhibitions, games, competitions, as well as food & craft vendors. Admission for adults is $20. More information at [http://thehermitage.com/event/middle-tennessee-highland-games/](http://thehermitage.com/event/middle-tennessee-highland-games/).

**Nashville Mini Maker Faire** – September 12, 10AM-5PM, Adventure Science Center - Virtual reality, 3D printing, robot combat and more take the stage at this event. New to the Faire in 2015 is Robot Combat – live demonstrations of mean, lean, one-pound fighting machines going head-to-head in a fully enclosed arena, presented by the Middle Tennessee Robotic Arts Society. Visitors will watch as saw blades collide with spinning blades and wedge-style bots work to deflect and conquer. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children. More information at [nashvillemakerfaire.com](http://nashvillemakerfaire.com).

**Arts & Antiques Festival** – September 12, 10AM-4PM, Goodlettsville Main Street – This event showcases antiques, antique appraisals, art, local restaurants and businesses. Don't miss activities for the whole family, live music, a great food court and more! More information at [http://www.imaginegoodlettsville.org/arts-and-antiques-festival-2/](http://www.imaginegoodlettsville.org/arts-and-antiques-festival-2/).

**Made in Nashville 2015** – September 12, 11AM-7PM, Centennial Park – This is an annual event celebrating local artists, crafts, music, food and drink. Proceeds support the Epilepsy Foundation of Middle & West Tennessee. More information at [http://www.madeinnashville.org/](http://www.madeinnashville.org/).

**Musician’s Corner In Centennial Park** – September 12, 12-5PM, West End and 27th - Musician’s Corner continues featuring musical performances by Dr. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, Jonathan Tyler, Darnell Levine, and Aubrie Sellers. Admission is free. More information at [http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/](http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/)

**Live on the Green** – September 12, 1PM, Public Square Park – Live on the Green concludes with The Districts, Lennon & Maisy, Elle King, and Ben Folds on the main stage with more announcements coming. General Admission is free. VIP tickets range from $80 to $150. More information at [http://www.liveonthegreen.net/](http://www.liveonthegreen.net/).

**Southern Artisan Cheese Festival** – September 12, 2-6PM, Rocketown - The Fourth Annual Southern Artisan Cheese Festival brings regional cheesemakers and food artisans from eight Southeast states to Nashville. Sample more than 150 cheeses, wines, craft beers, and small batch artisan foods that go well with cheese such as crackers, spreads, jams, honey, cured meats, pickles, breads, chocolates, coffees and more. Tickets range from $55 to $80. More information at [http://southerncheesefest.com/](http://southerncheesefest.com/).

Wine on the River – September 12, 3-7 PM, Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge – Travel through 10 different regions spanning the globe. Sample wine, beer, and/or spirits specific to that region and a restaurant featuring a culturally themed menu. Take a break from your travels and enjoy the soothing sounds of live jazz music. The World Tour will be held on the beautiful Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge, the perfect place with breathtaking views overlooking downtown Nashville. Tickets range from $55 to $75 with proceeds benefiting Hands On Nashville. More information at http://www.wineontheriver.com.

Off-The-Hook Dueling Songwriters – September 12, 6-8PM, Douglas Corner – This sounds like fun. Think of it as "Dueling Piano" Bar meets "The Bluebird Cafe" meets "Who’s Line Is It Anyway?" Four of Nashville’s best songwriters compete with each other in a friendly, head-to-head and on-the-spot Instant Songwriting contest. Admission is $10. More information at http://douglascorner.com/.

Bluebird on the Mountain – September 12, gates open at 6PM, show starts at 8PM, Dyer Observatory – Bluebird on the Mountain is becoming a Nashville tradition. Artists: Travis Meadows, Lucie Silvas, and Jeremy Spillman. Tickets are $125 for a carload with up to 8 allowed in a car. More information at http://dyer.vanderbilt.edu/entertainment/concerts/.

Second Saturday at Adventure Science Center – September 12, 6-11 PM, Sudekum Planetarium at Adventure Science Center – Enjoy after-hours showings of stunning planetarium shows and special Laser Music Shows in the Sudekum Planetarium. The schedule is 6PM Fractals 7pm Skies Over Nashville, 8:30pm Laser Beatles 9:30pm Laser Queen and 10:30pm Laser Dark. Tickets are $6 and $8 for non-members. More information at http://www.adventuresci.org/events/event/second-saturday-3/.

Second Saturday East Side Art Stumble – September 12, 6-10PM, East Nashville - The Art Stumble is a great way to meet local artists, buy and support their work, and be part of the art scene in East Nashville. Participating venues include: KT Wolf Gallery, Sawtooth Print Shop, Main Street Gallery, Red Arrow Gallery, The Building, The Idea Hatchery, Fat Crow Press, John Cannon Studio and more. More information at https://www.facebook.com/eastsideartstumble.

Nashville Whiskey Festival – September 12, 6:30PM-4:30AM, Country Music Hall of Fame - This is a celebration devoted to the exploration of whiskey from around the world. There are anticipated 60 distilleries pouring 200+ whiskeys from their finest barrels in a prime venue that represents the heart and soul of country music. Tickets range from $100 to $150. More information at http://www.nashvillewhiskeyfestival.com/.


Sundays LIVE: To Avenge Fort Mims: Tennessee and the Creek War – September 13, 12-5PM, the Hermitage - Explore the events that transformed the small internal Creek war within the Creek Nation into one that altered the course of history, and set Andrew Jackson on a path to national importance
and the presidency. A costumed interpreter will discuss the clothing, equipment, and weapons of the Tennesseans and relate the story and repercussions of Jackson’s victory at Horseshoe Bend. Adult tickets to the Hermitage are $20. More information at http://thehermitage.com/event/sundays-live-to-avenge-fort-mims-tennessee-and-the-creek-war/.

**Ed Sheeran** – September 13, 7:30PM, Bridgestone Arena – Tickets went on sale April 10 for Sheeran’s return to Nashville. Tickets range from $59.50 to $69.50. More information at http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/ed-sheeran.

**Petey's Preds Party** - September 14, 5:30PM, September 14, 5:30PM, Bridgestone Arena - This event includes dinner, live and silent auctions and comedic performance by Terry Fator! Tickets are $125. More information at http://predators.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=37129.

**Nitty Gritty Dirt Band & Friends: Circlin' Back: Celebrating 50 Years** – September 14, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium - This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets are $47 and $57. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Nitty_Gritty_Dirt_Band.

**Americana Music Festival** – September 15-20, various venues and times - The Americana Music Festival will feature approximately 165 live performances at over nine music venues in the vicinity of downtown Nashville. Performers include Patty Griffin, The Mavericks, Lee Ann Womack, honeyhoney, Mary Guither, Buddy Miller, Jim Lauderdale and many more. You can purchase a wrist band for $50 for shows for all nights. More information at http://americanamusic.org/about-festival.

**Courtyard Concerts 2015: Jonell Mosser** – September 15, 11:45AM, Nashville Public Library - Check out Riders in the Sky's mix of Western music and wacky humor as they kick off the 2015 Courtyard Concerts series. More information at http://nashvillepubliclibrary.org/courtyardconcerts/.

**It's Sylvia Weinstock: The Cake Queen Cometh** – September 15, 6-8PM, Marriott Vanderbilt - Called the Leonardo da Vinci of cakes by Bon Appétit magazine, Sylvia Weinstock is coming to Nashville to share her story, successes and secrets. The "Queen of Cakes" event includes a plated dinner and is hosted by Nashville NACE (National Association for Catering & Events). Tickets range from $100-$150. More information at http://nashvillenace.com/meetinginfo.php?id=135&ts=1436391044.

**Eat Green for Tennessee** – September 16, various locations - Visit one of the more than 35 local restaurants participating in Eat Green for Tennessee to support local farm conservation and protecting the area’s natural landscapes. A percentage of the day’s sales will be donated to The Land Trust for Tennessee. More information at http://landtrusttn.org/egt/.

**Music City Roots** – September 16, doors open at 6 PM, show starts at 7 PM, The Factory at Franklin - Tonight features Shemekia Copeland, Joel Rafael, Whitehorse and The Mavericks. Past performers include Emmylou Harris, Radney Foster, Nanci Griffith, Cherryholmes, Maura O’Connell, and more. Tickets are $15. More information at http://www.musiccityroots.com/

**Coming Soon**

**Home Decorating & Remodeling Show** – September 18-20, 12-9PM (18th), 10AM-9PM (19th), 10AM-6PM (20th), Music City Center - The Home Decorating & Remodeling show will feature almost every home product and service for decorating, remodeling, building or maintaining your home. This is the largest and finest consumer home show in Tennessee. Admission is $10. More information at http://nashvillehomeshow.com/.

**Billy Idol** – September 18, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – This show is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $39.50 to $75. More information at [www.ryman.com](http://www.ryman.com).

**George Benson** – September 18, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets go on sale for George Benson at the Schermerhorn as part of the Jazz series. More information including ticket prices at [https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/george-benson](https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/george-benson).

**QDP** – September 18, 9PM, Five Spot – This event is usually packed and lots of fun. In case you were not aware, QDP equals Queer Dance Party which is held the third Friday of the month. Admission is $1. More information at [https://www.facebook.com/#!/QDPnashville](https://www.facebook.com/#!/QDPnashville).


**Bluebird on the Mountain** – September 19, gates open at 6PM, show starts at 8PM, Dyer Observatory – Bluebird on the Mountain is becoming a Nashville tradition. Artists: Gordon Kennedy, Karla Davis, and Danny Flowers. Tickets are $125 for a carload with up to 8 allowed in a car. More information at [http://dyer.vanderbilt.edu/entertainment/concerts/](http://dyer.vanderbilt.edu/entertainment/concerts/).

**Star Party** – September 19, 8-10PM, Long Hunter State Park - No telescope necessary! Star parties are a great way to become acquainted with the real night sky. Astronomy enthusiasts from all around the area gather under a clear night sky to view the astronomical sights above. It doesn't matter whether you have a degree in astrophysics or you don't know which end of a telescope to look in, everyone is welcome. More information at [http://www.adventuresci.org/starparty/](http://www.adventuresci.org/starparty/).

**Music City Food & Wine Festival** – September 20-21, Downtown Nashville – This is year three for the Music City Food and Wine Festival. Some of the people putting this on include members from the Kings of Leon and Chef Jonathan Waxman. Top chefs from across the country will be a part of the food and music celebration. Tickets range from $150 to $500 and it is a 21 and up event. More information at [http://www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com/?utm_source=mcfw_com&utm_medium=vurl](http://www.musiccityfoodandwinefestival.com/?utm_source=mcfw_com&utm_medium=vurl).

**Grassy Knoll Movie Nights** – TBA - September 20, 5:30PM (movie begins at sundown), Bongo Java East Nashville – This film series bring together a group of individuals who not only love community events, but have a collective inclination to support the arts in Nashville. In addition to screening unique and influential movies, it will showcase local filmmakers as well as a few of Nashville’s best new food items, beer selection, and local businesses. More information at [http://www.facebook.com/grassyknollmovies](http://www.facebook.com/grassyknollmovies).

**The Doyle and Debbie Show** – September 22, 7PM, Station Inn - Doyle and Debbie are back to Nashville. It is a sublime parody, simultaneously lampooning and idolizing country music’s tradition of iconic duos and their subsequent battle of the sexes. Bruce Arntson and Jenny Littleton wield the vocals of vintage country stars and the acting chops of Broadway veterans, taking audiences on a freewheeling joyride through a wickedly funny script and slew of equally hilarious original songs. Tickets are $20. More information at [http://www.doyleanddebbie.com/](http://www.doyleanddebbie.com/).
**Ariana Grande** – September 22, 7:30PM, Bridgestone Arena – Tickets went on sale April 4 for Ariana Grande at the Bridgestone. Tickets range from $2950 to $69.50. More information at [http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/ariana-grande](http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/ariana-grande).

**Indigo Girls** – September 22, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $34.50 to $46.50. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Indigo_Girls](http://ryman.com/events/Indigo_Girls).

**Daryl Hall and John Oates** – September 23, 8PM, Ascend Amphitheater - Tickets are on sale for this show. Tickets range from $39.50 to $89.50. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

**Kacy Musgraves** – September 23-24, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Both shows are SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $25-$45. More information at [http://ryman.com/event/Kacey_Musgrave_2](http://ryman.com/event/Kacey_Musgrave_2).

**Jammin at Hippie Jack’s Americana Music Festival** – September 24-27, 10AM-11PM, Hippie Jack’s Farm (Crawford, TN)- Enjoy 4 days of Americana Music provided by some of the top artists, at the Stoddart Family Farm in beautiful Overton County. Tickets are $30 for a day pass and $80 for a weekend pass. More information at [http://jamminathippiejacks.com/joomla/index.php/en/](http://jamminathippiejacks.com/joomla/index.php/en/).


**13th Annual Artist in Residence – Roseanne Cash** – September 24, 7PM, Country Music Hall of Fame – Tickets are on sale for this event. The first show, September 2, will feature a full-band performance of *The River and the Thread*, for the first time in Nashville, along with some fan-favorites from a career spanning almost four decades. The second show, September 3, will feature special guests Emmylou Harris and Lucinda Williams, marking the first time all three women have shared the stage for an entire evening. Both nights will be held in the 800-seat CMA Theater. The third show on September 24 will be held in the 213-seat Ford Theater and will feature Cash’s husband, producer, co-writer, and creative partner, John Leventhal. Tickets range from $41 to $85. More information at [http://countrymusichalloffame.org/ContentPages/artist-in-residence](http://countrymusichalloffame.org/ContentPages/artist-in-residence).

**Nashville Flea Market** – September 25-27, 8AM-5PM (25th), 7AM-6PM (26th), 7AM-4PM (27th), Tennessee State Fairgrounds - If you have never experienced this, I recommend that you check it out. You have to rummage through a lot of things you would never use, but you find the occasional item that makes it all worth the effort. It is rated as one of the top ten flea markets in the country. The winter months are still happening though a lot less vendors. More information at [http://www.nashvilleexpocenter.org/expo/fleamarket/index.asp](http://www.nashvilleexpocenter.org/expo/fleamarket/index.asp).

**Nashville Comic Con 2015– Wizard World Convention** – September 25-27, 3-8PM (25th), 10AM-7PM (26th), 10AM-5PM (27th), Music City Center – There is quite an impressive list of celebrity guests including Lou Ferrigno, Tom Wopat, Catherine Bach, Candice Patton, John Schneider, Erik Estrada and many more. Tickets range from $39.50 to $95. More information at [http://www.wizardworld.com/home-nashville.html](http://www.wizardworld.com/home-nashville.html).


**Full Moon Pickin Party** - September 25, 2500 Old Hickory Blvd., 7-11 PM – It must be summer since Full Moon Pickin Party is back. These family-friendly fundraisers for Warner Parks feature Middle
Tennessee’s finest bluegrass music under the light of a full moon. Pickers form circles under the trees and around the grounds performing and jamming while several headliners are featured on stage. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. More info at [http://warnerparks.org/programs-events/events/](http://warnerparks.org/programs-events/events/).

**The Neighbourhood** – September 25, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Ryman. Tickets are $30. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/The_Neighbourhood](http://ryman.com/events/The_Neighbourhood).

**34th Annual Native American Pow Wow** – September 26-27, gates open at 10:30 AM, Charlie Daniels Park (Mt Juliet) - This event includes Native American food, arts, crafts, music and dances. A silversmith and hoop dancer will also be onsite, and there will be a dance contest and drum contest with over $11,000 in prize money. Admission is $8 for adults and $5 for children over 5. More information at [https://www.facebook.com/Mt-Juliet-Pow-Wow-237293616288926/timeline/](https://www.facebook.com/Mt-Juliet-Pow-Wow-237293616288926/timeline/).

**Musician’s Corner In Centennial Park** – September 26, 12-5PM, West End and 27th - Musician’s Corner continues featuring musical performances by Jeffrey James, Daphne Willis, Kristen Arian, and Jamie Kent. Admission is free. More information at [http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/](http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/)

**RecoveryFest Nashville 2015** – September 26, 11AM-4PM, East Park – This is an important event to highlight. RecoveryFest Nashville is a grassroots movement about celebrating the positive impact of recovery from chemical dependency, eating disorder, mental health and other addictions and giving it the visibility and attention it deserves. This is a FREE event and will feature music, speakers, vendors and food! More information at [http://www.recoveryfestnashville.org/](http://www.recoveryfestnashville.org/).


**Kraftwerk 3D Concert** – September 27, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets went on sale May 8 for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $61.50 to $81.50. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Kraftwerk](http://ryman.com/events/Kraftwerk).

**Janet Jackson** – September 27, 8PM, Ascend Amphitheater – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $25 to “$129.50. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

**Chris Young** – September 30, 7PM, Ascend Amphitheater – Tickets go on sale August 28 for this show at Ascend. Tickets range from $15 to $39.75. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

**George Ezra** – September 30, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for this show at the Ryman. Tickets are $25 and $30. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/George_Ezra](http://ryman.com/events/George_Ezra).

**Disney on Ice** – October 1-4, various times, Bridgestone Arena - Join Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy as they celebrate a Very Merry Unbirthday Party with Alice and the Mad Hatter; a Royal Valentine’s Day Ball with your favorite Disney Princesses, including Cinderella, Ariel, Belle and Tiana; a Hawaiian luau with Lilo & Stitch; a whole new world with Jasmine and Aladdin; a winter wonderland with Woody, Jessie and Buzz Lightyear; a Halloween haunt with the Disney villains and more in a magical medley of holidays, celebrations and festivities from around the globe. More information at [http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/disney-on-ice-lets-celebrate](http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/disney-on-ice-lets-celebrate).
Sunset Safari – October 1, 6PM, Nashville Zoo - Nashville Zoo’s premier fundraiser! Spend a memorable evening enjoying food and drinks from the city’s best restaurants, live entertainment and special animal hosts. This year’s event celebrates the opening of a world-class spider monkey exhibit in 2016. Tickets range from $75, to $1000 (21 and up event). More information at https://www.nashvillezoo.org/upcoming-events/entry/sunset-safari-2015/instance/10-1-2015.


Franklin Art Crawl – October 2, 6-9 PM, Downtown Franklin - Franklin brings you an Art Crawl through the historic streets of town. Featuring art galleries and artists throughout the Downtown area, the Franklin Art Scene provides both the novice and professional art goer the opportunity to see many genres of art in a historic setting. The $5 Trolley rides, wonderful charm of the shop and gallery owners, live music, and refreshment make this an event you will want on your calendar the first Friday of every month! More information at http://www.franklinartscene.com/

Lynyrd Skynyrd – October 2, 7:30PM, Ascend Amphitheater - Tickets are on sale for this show. Tickets range from $35 to $125.75. More information at http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events.

NXT LIVE! – October 2, 7:30PM, War Memorial Auditorium – Tickets go on sale September 4 for this show at the War Memorial. More information including ticket prices at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/wwe-nxt-live-2015-wma.

National Banana Pudding Festival – October 3-4, 9AM-6PM (3rd),12-5 PM (4th), Centerville River Park – First, I LOVE banana pudding and second, it happens in my hometown of Centerville. Music, arts and crafts, food, and of course banana pudding will make up the Festival. I went last year and had a really fun time. Festival admission is $5 and $5 to visit the Pudding Path to sample the banana pudding. More information at http://bananapuddingfest.org/

Fall Fest at the Hermitage 2014 – October 3-4, 10AM-6PM (3rd), 10AM-5PM(4th), The Hermitage - This event will focus on a fantastic variety of artisans, live music acts that can only be found in Music City, as well as specialty foods and spirits. Admission is $5. More information at http://fallfestatthehermitage.com/.

Bank of America’s Museums on Us: Frist Center for the Visual Arts –October 3-4, 9AM, Frist Center – I have Bank of America cards and did not know this. It’s pretty cool. Enjoy free admission this weekend to the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. Do take notice that the Country Music Hall of Fame is no longer participating in this program. Photo ID and a valid Bank of America/Merrill Lynch credit or debit card must be presented. One free general admission limited to cardholder at participating institution, excluding fundraising events, special exhibitions and ticketed shows the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month. More information at http://museums.bankofamerica.com/.

Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip – October 3, 8:30AM, Tennessee Central Railway Museum - Make sure you don’t miss any bargains – take Tennessee Central Ry Museum’s excursion train to Watertown’s Annual Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale! You’ll enjoy the Middle Tennessee spring season while riding in restored classic traditional American streamlined stainless steel passenger cars built in the 1950s and
pulled by passenger diesel locomotives. Tickets range from $32 to $75 and this one sells out. More information at http://www.tcry.org/pdf/15-10-03.pdf.


**Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival** - October 3, 10 AM – 6 PM, Centennial Park. This is a free event that aims to bring people together to celebrate the cultural diversity of the Nashville community. It was named by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the top 20 events in the Southeast for fall 2009. Close to 30,000 attend this event. More information at http://celebratenashville.org/.

**Gallatin Main Street Festival and Smokin’ at the Market BBQ Cookoff** – October 3, 10AM-6PM, Gallatin – I love town squares and main streets in Tennessee. Enjoy food, music and festivities for the whole family. More information at http://www.gallatintn.org/Calendar_of_Events.

**Musician’s Corner In Centennial Park** – October 3, 12-5PM, West End and 27th - Musician’s Corner continues featuring musical performances by Jessie Baylin, The Howlin’ Brothers, Myzica, and Emoni Wilkens. Admission is free. More information at http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/

**Nashville Brew Fest** – October 3, 12-4PM, First Tennessee Park - This is the inaugural craft beer festival featuring dozens of local and domestic craft beers, food trucks, music and lawn games. The festival will be a one of a kind experience to be on the field of the newly built First Tennessee Park while enjoying some great beers and food from Nashville’s best food trucks. Tickets are $40 and $50. More information at https://www.facebook.com/events/1619714204933704/.

**Bluebird on the Mountain** – October 3, gates open at 6PM, show starts at 8PM, Dyer Observatory – Bluebird on the Mountain is becoming a Nashville tradition. Artists: Jim Collins, Brett James, and another to be announced. Tickets are $125 for a carload with up to 8 allowed in a car. More information at http://dyer.vanderbilt.edu/entertainment/concerts/.

**Downtown Art Crawl** – October 3, 6-9 PM Downtown Arcade, 224 5th Ave North - Because the 4th is on Saturday, the Art Crawl this month is on Friday. Around a thousand people usually do the downtown art crawl on the first Saturday of every month. Free food, drink, and company. More information at http://www.nashvilledowntown.com/play/first-saturday-art-crawl

**Arts and Music at Wedgewood/Houston** – October 3, 6-9PM, Wedgewood/Houston Neighborhood - This is a week later this month because of the 4th being on a Saturday. Minutes from downtown, WeHo has dozens of venues, commercial galleries, artist-run studios, and coworking spaces exhibiting groundbreaking art each month. More information at http://am-wh.com/

**Brandi Carlile** – October 3, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $33.50 to $66. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Brandi_Carlile.

**Beach House** – October 4, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for this show at the Ryman. Tickets are $28.50 in advance and $35 the day of the show. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Beach_House.

**Twenty One Pilots** – October 5, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets are $32.50. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Twenty_One_Pilots](http://ryman.com/events/Twenty_One_Pilots).

**Of Monsters and Men** – October 7, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – This one is SOLD OUT. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Of_Monsters_and_Men](http://ryman.com/events/Of_Monsters_and_Men).

**Chris Tomlin** – October 8, 7:30PM, Ascend Amphitheater - Tickets remain for this show. Tickets are $64. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

**Nashville Oktoberfest** – October 9-11, 5-10PM (9th), 10AM-10PM (10th), 11AM-6PM (11th), Germantown - Celebrate Oktoberfest in Germantown. Outside of East Nashville, this is one of my favorite Nashville events. Enjoy live music, people watching, food, and maybe some German beer. More information at [http://thenashvilleoktoberfest.com/](http://thenashvilleoktoberfest.com/).

**2015 Southern Festival of Books** – October 9-11, 12-6 PM (9th), 10AM-6 PM (10th), 12-5 PM (11th), War Memorial Plaza – This festival attracts over 200 authors for panels, readings, and book signings. The Festival attracts over 20,000 visitors. Admission is free. More information at [http://humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word](http://humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word).


**Pokémon: Symphonic Evolutions with the Nashville Symphony** – October 9, 7PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - The Nashville Symphony will bring recent and classic Pokémon video games vividly to life with all new arrangements and carefully timed visuals projected on a big screen. Tickets go on sale June 19. More information at [https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/pokemon](https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/pokemon).

**Florence and the Machine** – October 9, 7PM, Ascend Amphitheater – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $31 to $100. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

**Ben Rector** – October 9, 10, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for the October 10 show at the Ryman. Opening is Judah and the Lion. Tickets are $25 and $35. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Ben_Rector_101015](http://ryman.com/events/Ben_Rector_101015).

**Super Fall Foliage Trip to Monterey** – October 10, 8:AM, Tennessee Central Railway Museum - Come ride the best excursion train in the Southeast to Monterey's Fall Festival! Enjoy the fall foliage colors of middle Tennessee and experience riding up Brotherton Mountain onto the Cumberland Plateau and deboarding the train for Monterey’s Fall Festival. These classic stainless steel passenger cars from the 1950s will take you on a 216-mile round trip to this entertaining event in Monterey. Tickets range from $65 to $160 and this one sells out. More information at [http://tcry.org/pdf/15-10-10.pdf](http://tcry.org/pdf/15-10-10.pdf).


**Grace Potter** – October 10, 7:30PM, Ascend Amphitheater - Tickets are on sale now. Tickets range from $25 to $45. More information at [http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events](http://www.ascendamphitheater.com/events).

Brand New – October 11, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $35 to $45. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Brand_New.


Last Comic Standing – October 12, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets are on sale for the contestants from the comedy show performing at the Symphony Center. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/last-comic-standing.

Mel Brooks: Back in the Saddle Again – October 13, 7:30PM, TPAC’s Jackson Hall – This should be an incredible show. Join the incomparable Mel Brooks for an exclusive, inside look at his storied career, and the making of the legendary and groundbreaking movie Blazing Saddles. This outrageous masterpiece, considered one of the top comedy films of all time, will be presented on the big screen followed by a live conversation and audience Q&A with Mel Brooks himself. More information including ticket prices at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/mel-brooks-2015-tpac.

Warren Haynes - October 13, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale July remain for this show a the Ryman. More information at www.ryman.com.

Modest Mouse – October 13, 8PM, War Memorial Auditorium- Tickets are on sale for this show. More information at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/modest-mouse-2015-wma.

Patty Griffin – October 14, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – She’s my favorite. Tickets went on sale July 17 and range from $32.50 to $45.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Patty_Griffin.

The Best of Broadway with the Nashville Symphony & Broadway's Incredible Music Director Todd Ellison – October 15-17, 7PM (15th), 8PM (16-17th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/the-best-of-broadway?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4556&perfid=4557.

Franklin Wine Festival – October 16, 7 PM, The Factory at Franklin - Enjoy over 300 wines from the finest winemakers around the world paired with culinary offerings from several of the Middle Tennessee’s finest chefs, caterers, and other specialty food exhibitors. There is also live entertainment on two stages, a silent auction with unique packages for every taste as well as collectible and hard-to-find wines. Proceeds support the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. Tickets are $89. More information at http://www.franklinwinefestival.com/

Walk the Moon – October 16, 17, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – The first show sold out so a second has been added for the 17th. Tickets range from $35 to $45. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Walk_The_Moon_101715.

Super Fall Foliage Trip to Cookeville – October 17, 24, 8AM, Tennessee Central Railway Museum - Come ride Tennessee Central Railway Museum’s classic traditional American streamlined passenger train through the best fall foliage and scenery in Middle Tennessee! You’ll travel through the Caney Fork River valley, see the bluffs at SeboWisha, ride up and down the 3+% grade up to Silver Point and enjoy shopping in Cookeville! Tickets range from $65 to $160 and this one sells out. More information at http://tcry.org/pdf/15-10-17.pdf.
**Sound Harvest Music Festival** – October 17, 12PM, Centennial Park – Tickets are on sale for this music festival with Flaming Lips as headline. Other performers include Allen Stone, The Weeks, and more to be announced. Tickets range from $45 to $100. More information at [http://soundharvest.com/](http://soundharvest.com/).

**5th Annual Nashville Beer Festival** – October 17, 3-8PM, East Park - Enjoy over 100 craft beers, including seasonal and local brews, beer education, food, fellowship & more. Tickets are $45 and $70. More information at [http://www.nashvillebeerfestival.com/](http://www.nashvillebeerfestival.com/)

**All That Remains and We Came As Romans: The HardDrive Live Tour** – October 17, 7PM, War Memorial Auditorium – Tickets go on sale August 28 for this show. More information at [https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/all-that-remains-2015-wma](https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/all-that-remains-2015-wma).


**Masters of Illusion** – October 18, 7PM, TPAC’s Jackson Hall - Audiences can expect to see grand illusions, levitating women, appearances, vanishes, escapes, comedy magic, sleight of hand and beautiful dancers all rolled up into one live show! More information at [https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/masters-of-illusion-2015-tpac](https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/masters-of-illusion-2015-tpac).

**Don Henley with Shawn Colvin** – October 18, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale August 7 for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $105 to $256. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Don_Henley](http://ryman.com/events/Don_Henley).

**Bo Burnham** – October 19, 8PM, War Memorial - Bo Burnham became the youngest person to ever record a half-hour Comedy Central special at the age of 18. He has released two hour-long specials since then: Words, Words, Words in 2010 and what. in 2013. More information at [https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/bo-burnham-2015-wma](https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/bo-burnham-2015-wma).

**Montgomery Gentry** – October 21, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale August 21 for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $32.50 to $49.50. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Cumberland_Heights_2015](http://ryman.com/events/Cumberland_Heights_2015).

**Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos** – October 22-25, 7PM (22nd), 8PM (23-24th), 3PM (25th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at [https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/bachs-brandenburg-concertos?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4618&perfid=4619](https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/bachs-brandenburg-concertos?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4618&perfid=4619).

**Jason Isbell** – October 23-26, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – All four shows are SOLD OUT. Tickets are $35. More information at [http://ryman.com/](http://ryman.com/).

**Full Moon Pickin Party** - October 23, 2500 Old Hickory Blvd., 7-11 PM – It must be summer since Full Moon Pickin Party is back. These family-friendly fundraisers for Warner Parks feature Middle Tennessee’s finest bluegrass music under the light of a full moon. Pickers form circles under the trees and around the grounds performing and jamming while several headliners are featured on stage. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the gate. More info at [http://warnerparks.org/programs-events/events/](http://warnerparks.org/programs-events/events/).

**Musician’s Corner In Centennial Park** – October 24, 12-5PM, West End and 27th - Musician’s Corner continues featuring musical performances by Martin Sexton, Magnolia Sons, and Ivory Lane. Admission is free. More information at [http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/](http://www.musicianscornernashville.com/).
**Chris Cornell** – October 27, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $36 to $66. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Chris_Cornell](http://ryman.com/events/Chris_Cornell).

**Steve Miller Band** – October 28, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $45 to $85. More information at [http://ryman.com/events/Steve_Miller_Band](http://ryman.com/events/Steve_Miller_Band).

**Don McLean with the Nashville Symphony** - October 28, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – The question is how much time will be left after he performs American Pie? Tickets went on sale July 17 for this show at the Schermerhorn. More information including ticket prices at [https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/don-mclean?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4706&perfid=4707](https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/don-mclean?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4706&perfid=4707).


**Sturgill Simpson** – October 30-31, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Both shows are SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $30-$50. More information at [http://ryman.com/events](http://ryman.com/events).

**Michael Feinstein: The Sinatra Project**- October 30, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – I first discovered Michael Feinstein years ago with his album of Gershwin favorites. He is pretty awesome. This is with the Nashville Symphony and tickets went on sale July 17. More information including ticket prices at [https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/michael-feinstein-the-sinatra-project?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4561&perfid=4562](https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/michael-feinstein-the-sinatra-project?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4561&perfid=4562).


**Lettuce with the New Mastersounds** – November 7, 8PM, War Memorial Auditorium – Hope there is a great story behind that name. Tickets remain for the show at War Memorial and are $25. More information at [https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/lettuce-new-mastersounds-wma-2015](https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/lettuce-new-mastersounds-wma-2015).
Sam's Place - Music for the Spirit – November 8, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Hosted by Stephen Curtis Chapman, Sam’s Place – Music for the Spirit invites artists from all genres of music to share songs with an uplifting spiritual message and pay homage to the Ryman’s tabernacle roots. Tickets range from $27.50 to $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sams_Place_110815.

The Music of U2 with the Nashville Symphony & Rock Band– November 10, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/music-of-u2?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4928&perfid=4930.

Sufjan Stevens – November 11, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – This one is SOLD OUT. Tickets range from $35-$55. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sufjan_Stevens.

Pink Martini with the Nashville Symphony – November 12-14, 7PM (12th), 8PM (13-14th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets go on sale July 17 for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/pink-martini?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4563&perfid=4564.

Straight No Chaser – November 12, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – This group is back for their annual show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $39.50 to $65. More information at http://ryman.com/events/SNC15.

Shinedown and breaking benjamin – November 13, 7PM, Bridgestone Arena – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Bridgestone. Tickets are $39.75 and $45. More information at http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/shinedown-and-breaking-benjamin.

DelMonaco Winery Excursion Trip– November 14, 8:30AM, Tennessee Central Railway Museum - Come ride to the winery on a restored classic 1950s era American streamlined stainless steel passenger train on a 168 mile round trip! Enjoy wine tasting right in your car during the trip to the DelMonaco Winery! There will be door prizes given away on the train en route to the winery! There will be winery tours, live music, more wine tasting and food available at the winery! Plus, a souvenir DelMonaco Winery wine glass is included for each ticket purchased. Tickets range from $60 to $125 and this one sells out. This is a 21 years old and up event. More information at http://tcry.org/pdf/15-11-14.pdf.

STS9 – November 14, 8PM, War Memorial Auditorium – Tickets go on sale July 31 for this show at the War Memorial. More information at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/sts9-2015-wma.


Neil deGrasse Tyson – November 18-19, 7:30PM, TPAC’s Jackson Hall – Tickets are on sale for these shows at TPAC. More information including ticket prices at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/neil-degrasse-tyson-2015-tpac.

Joe Bonamassa – November 18, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for the second of two shows at the Ryman. Tickets range from $91 to $127. More information at http://ryman.com/events/JoeBonamassa_111815.


The Tokens – November 22, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale September 12 and range from $29.50 to $47.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Tokens_2015.


The Brian Setzer Orchestra – December 6, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Brian Setzer is back for his annual holiday show. Tickets range from $49.50 to $65. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Brian_Setzer_Orchestra_15.

Jonny Lang – December 7, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – This has been rescheduled for December 7. He’s back in Nashville and tickets went on sale April 10 for his show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/jonny-lang-2015.


Smokey Robinson with the Nashville Symphony – December 10-11, 7:30PM (10th), 8PM (11th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for the legendary Smokey Robinson. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/smokey-robinson?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4741&perfid=4750.

A John Waters Christmas – December 12, 8PM, War Memorial – This event returns to the War Memorial Auditorium. More information including ticket prices at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/john-waters-christmas-wma-2015.

TobyMac – December 13, 6PM, Bridgestone Arena – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Bridgestone. Tickets range from $23.45 to $79.50. More information at http://www.bridgestonearena.com/events/detail/tobymac.
**Home Free** – December 13, 8PM, TPAC’s Polk Theater – Home Free had one of my favorite holiday albums last year so this should be a great show. More information at https://patron.tpac.org/events/detail/home-free-2015-tpac.

**Handel's Messiah** – December 17-20, 7PM (17th), 8PM (18-19th), 3PM (20th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/handels-messiah-2015?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4708&perfid=4709


**Old Crow Medicine Show** – December 31, 9PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale September 11. This will sell out. Tickets range from $49.50 to $69.50 which was the same price as last year so good for them. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Old_Crow_Medicine_Show_2015.

**Mozart's Requiem** – January 7-9, 7PM (7th), 8PM (8-9th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/mozarts-requiem?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4630&perfid=4631.

**Cirque de la Symphonie with the Nashville Symphony** – January 14-16, 7PM (14th), 8PM (15-16th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/cirque-de-la-symphonie?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4574&perfid=4575.

**Andre Watts Plays Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto with the Nashville Symphony** – January 23, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/andre-watts-rachmaninoffs-second-piano-concerto?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4716&perfid=4717.

**The Tenors** – January 25, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/the-tenors?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4883&perfid=4888.

**Bernstein’s On the Waterfront** – January 29-30, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/bernsteins-on-the-waterfront?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4635&perfid=4636.

**Sam’s Place - Music for the Spirit** – February 14, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Hosted by Stephen Curtis Chapman, Sam’s Place – Music for the Spirit invites artists from all genres of music to share songs with an uplifting spiritual message and pay homage to the Ryman’s tabernacle roots. Tickets range from $27.50 to $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sams_Place_021416.

**Pictures at an Exhibition & Beethoven’s Fourth Piano Concerto** – February 18-20, 7PM (18th), 8PM (19-20th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/pictures-at-an-exhibition?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4639&perfid=4640.

**Coffee & Classics – Pictures at an Exhibition** – February 19, 10:30AM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets remain for this show at the Schermerhorn. More information including ticket prices at

Guy Clark, Jr. – February 26, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – This show is SOLD OUT. Tickets are $34.50 and $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Gary_Clark_Jr.

Tommy Emmanuel – February 27, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for this show at the Ryman. Tickets range from $29.50 to $49.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Tommy_Emmanuel.

IL Volo – March 1, 7:30pm, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets remain for this show at the Ryman. Tickets from $39.50 to $75. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Il_Volo.

Strauss' Don Quixote & Brahms' Third Symphony – March 4-5, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/strauss-don-quixote?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4644&perfid=4645.

Sam's Place - Music for the Spirit – March 6, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Hosted by Stephen Curtis Chapman, Sam's Place – Music for the Spirit invites artists from all genres of music to share songs with an uplifting spiritual message and pay homage to the Ryman's tabernacle roots. Tickets range from $27.50 to $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sams_Place_030616.

Burt Bacharach with the Nashville Symphony– March 10, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets went on sale July 17 for this show with the legendary Burt Bacharach. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/burt-bacharach?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4910&perfid=4920.

Madeleine Peyroux– March 10, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/madeleine-peyroux?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4566&perfid=4568.

John Prine with special guest Chris Smither – March 11, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – This is the first of two shows at the Ryman. I would not wait to get tickets for this. Tickets range from $49.50 to $94.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/John_Prine_031116.

John Prine with special guest Iris DeMent– March 12, 8PM, Ryman Auditorium – This is the second of two shows at the Ryman. I would not wait to get tickets for this. Tickets range from $49.50 to $94.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/John_Prine_031216.


The Irish Tenors with the Nashville Symphony– March 17-19, 7PM (17th), 8PM (18-19th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/the-irish-tenors?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4596&perfid=4597.
Guerrero Conducts Ravel's La Valse & works by Mozart and Higdon - March 25-26, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/guerrero-conducts-ravels-la
valse?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4648&perfid=4649.

Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade- April 7-9, 7PM (7th), 8PM (8-9th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/rimsky-korsakovs-
scheherazade?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4652&perfid=4653.

Sam's Place - Music for the Spirit – April 10, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Hosted by Stephen Curtis Chapman, Sam’s Place – Music for the Spirit invites artists from all genres of music to share songs with an uplifting spiritual message and pay homage to the Ryman’s tabernacle roots. Tickets range from $27.50 to $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sams_Place_041016.

The Rat Pack is Back – April 10, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets go on sale September 4 for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/rat-pack-is-back.

Dailey & Vincent with the Nashville Symphony – April 12, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets remain for this show. More information at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/dailey-and-
vincen?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4974&perfid=4975.

Chris Botti with the Nashville Symphony - April 14-16, 7PM (14th), 8PM (15-16th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets remain for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/chris-
botti?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4605&perfid=4606.

Chick Corea and Bela Fleck – April 17, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Tickets go on sale September 11 and range from $35 to $95. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Chick_Corea_Bela_Fleck.

Beethoven's Emperor with Garrick Ohlsson– April 29-30, 8PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/beethovens-emperor-with-
ohlsson?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4657&perfid=4658.

Sam's Place - Music for the Spirit – May 1, 7:30PM, Ryman Auditorium – Hosted by Stephen Curtis Chapman, Sam’s Place – Music for the Spirit invites artists from all genres of music to share songs with an uplifting spiritual message and pay homage to the Ryman’s tabernacle roots. Tickets range from $27.50 to $39.50. More information at http://ryman.com/events/Sams_Place_050116.

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with Gil Shaham- May 5-7, 7PM (5th), 8PM (6-7th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Tickets are on sale for this show. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/tchaikovskys-violin-concerto-with-
shaham?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4660&perfid=4661.

Coffee & Classics – Dvořák's Seventh Symphony– May 6, 10:30AM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets remain for this show at the Schermerhorn. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/coffee-and-classics-dvoraks-seventh-
symphony?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4592&perfid=4594.

Alabama with the Nashville Symphony- May 12-14, 7PM (12th), 8PM (13-14th), Schermerhorn Symphony Center - Alabama brings some country to the Schermerhorn. Tickets went on sale July 17 for this show. More information including ticket prices at
Paul Anka in Concert— May 17, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Schermerhorn. This is not with the Nashville Symphony. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/paul-anka?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4923&perfid=4932.


Psycho with the Nashville Symphony– June 10, 7PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Experience Alfred Hitchcock’s 1960 masterpiece as you’ve never heard it before: on the big screen as the Nashville Symphony performs composer Bernard Herrmann’s electrifying score live. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/psycho?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4916&perfid=4933.

The Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel with the Nashville Symphony– June 14, 7:30PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Tickets are on sale for this show at the Schermerhorn. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/simon-and-garfunkel?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4912&perfid=4929.


Raiders of the Lost Ark with the Nashville Symphony– June 24, 7PM, Schermerhorn Symphony Center – Watch as Indiana Jones squares off against the Nazis in a frantic race for the coveted Ark of the Covenant — all on a 70-foot screen in glorious HD, as the Nashville Symphony plays the thrilling score live. More information including ticket prices at https://www.nashvillesymphony.org/tickets/concert/raiders-of-the-lost-ark?deeplink=buytix&prodid=4918&perfid=4934.


Ongoing

Belcourt Theater – September 10-16–Check out movie listing and times at www.belcourt.org
**Zanies** – September 10-12 - This weekend features Ron Funches. Tickets are $20. Roseanne Barr is coming in October. More information at [www.zanies.com](http://www.zanies.com).


**Nashville Farmer’s Market** - If you have not been, check out the Market. Saturday is the best day. I would also recommend a lunch trip during the week to the dining area. Several new restaurants have been added and many have an ethnic flavor. More information at [http://nashvillefarmersmarket.org/](http://nashvillefarmersmarket.org/).

**East Nashville Farmer’s Market** – Wednesdays beginning May 6, 3:30-7PM, Shelby Park – You will find me here most every Wednesday. This is a really good farmer’s market which supports local producers and businesses. More information at [http://www.eastnashvillemarket.com/](http://www.eastnashvillemarket.com/).


**Nashville Shores** - 10AM-7PM (Sunday-Thursday), 10AM-8PM (Friday-Saturday), 4001 Bell Rd, Hermitage - Nashville Shores Waterpark features more than 1 million gallons of summer fun including thrilling slides, a wave pool, lazy river, pools, a beautiful beach, lake cruises and more family-friendly attractions. Season tickets are $59.99 More information at [https://www.nashvilleshores.com/](https://www.nashvilleshores.com/).


**Music Videos and Sing a Long Show tunes** – Sunday nights, 4-9 PM, Tribe - If you want to end your weekend with a gay old time, then look no further to Tribe bar on Church Street. Finish the weekend or start the week singing show tunes with the rest of the crowd. More information at [http://www.tribenashville.com/events.php](http://www.tribenashville.com/events.php).

**Frist Center for the Visual Arts** – Italian Style: Fashion Since 1945 opens June 5. Admission is $10.00 and you can become a member for $45.00. More information at [www.fristcenter.org](http://www.fristcenter.org).


**Nashville Zoo** – Check out Nashville’s Zoo at Grassmere. Its Jungle Gym playground is the largest community-built playground in the United States and includes over 66,000 square feet for sliding, swinging, climbing, crawling and exploring. From African elephants to Bengal tigers and red pandas, Nashville Zoo provides a home to animals found all over the world. Tickets are $14 for Adults, $9 for kids (2-12). Memberships begin at $55. More information at [http://www.nashvillezoo.org/](http://www.nashvillezoo.org/).
**Sips N Strokes** – Friends have done this and say it is lots of fun. Bring your favorite beverage and instructors will show you step by step how to paint your own masterpiece. More information at [https://www.sipsnstrokes.com/home.aspx](https://www.sipsnstrokes.com/home.aspx).

**Hip Hues** – 500 Houston St – This is an interesting concept and business started by a former Graduate Assistant of mine. Basically, you learn about screen printing in a fun and social setting (think Sips and Strokes) and get to screen print original artwork onto t-shirts, canvas totes, and canvas prints. The workshop will have a theme and design. In addition, they will come to a private event and create the t-shirts, totes, and prints on site. They have artists who will help you create the design. You can check out the website or Facebook page for upcoming events. The workshops are $35. Cost of private events varies based on the size and location of the event. More information at [http://hip-hues.com/about/](http://hip-hues.com/about/).

**Local Theatre** - I have friends in local theatre so I can say this - sometimes it is great and sometimes it is not. So, here is a link to your options. Support local theatre and if it is not great, at least, it usually does not cost a lot! More information at [http://nashville.broadwayworld.com/regionalshows.cfm](http://nashville.broadwayworld.com/regionalshows.cfm).

**NashTrash Tour** - [http://www.nashtrash.com/nashwhat.html](http://www.nashtrash.com/nashwhat.html). You have to plan well in advance as this sells out quickly.

**Corsair Artisan Distillery** – This was a discovery in my latest adventure to Marathon Village - [http://www.corsairartisan.com/tours.html](http://www.corsairartisan.com/tours.html)

**Yazoo Beer** - 910 Division St. - The tap room is open Wednesday through Friday evenings from 4-8pm, as well as Saturdays from 12-6 pm, serving their full lineup of beers. Check out sampler trays so you can run the full gamut of their selection, along with cheese plates, chips & salsa, spiced pecans, and beer bread - made with Yazoo of course! All food items are locally made, locally grown! - [http://www.yazoobrew.com/tourtimes.html](http://www.yazoobrew.com/tourtimes.html)

**Lane Motor Museum** - Who knew that Nashville was home to the largest European Car Collection in The United States? 702 Murfreesboro Pike. Tickets are $7 + Adults $2 for Youth. More information at [www.LaneMotorMuseum.org](http://www.LaneMotorMuseum.org)

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