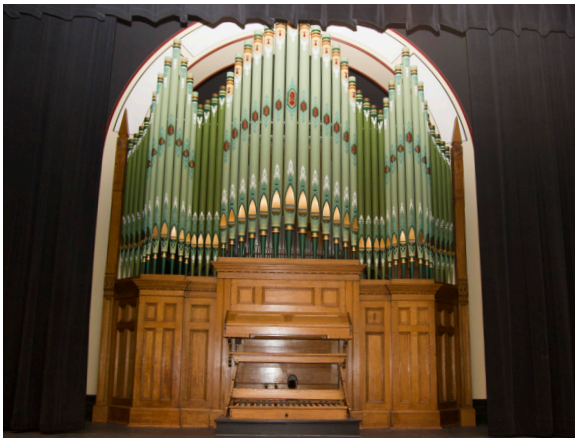




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The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Concert Series was introduced in 2019, with support provided by the Fiddlers Steering Committee, the Livingston Concert/Lecture Series at Athens State University, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

The goal of the Fiddlers Steering Committee remains the same as it did over 50 years ago, which is to continue the tradition and keep old time music alive. This concert series is an attempt to provide year-round entertainment in that effort, all at an affordable cost.

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Audiences are offered a glimpse into the world of Nashville songwriting when Cordle, Jackson, and Salley showcase their original material during an intimate set of music. This multi-award winning "Trio" has had songs recorded by Garth Brooks, Chris Stapleton, Reba McEntire, Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney, Loretta Lynn, Toby Keith, Patty Loveless, Joe Nichols, George Strait, Alan Jackson, and others. Awards include accolades from The Country Music Association, International Bluegrass Music Association, the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association, Gospel Music Association ("The Doves"), NARAS ("The GRAMMY'S"), SESAC, ASCAP & BMI. The Trio has been playing music together for over 20 years and continues to leave audiences thrilled with their beautiful harmonies.

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THE JIM HURST BAND

Jim Hurst's unique picking style on guitar sets him apart from most of his contemporaries. He is recognized in Bluegrass and related genres as a multi-layered artist and performer.

Garnering numerous nominations, Jim received IBMA's prestigious Guitar Player of the Year awards for 2001 and 2002. After recording and touring with several Country and Bluegrass artists, including Trisha Yearwood, Sara Evans, Holly Dunn, Claire Lynch, and David Grisman, Jim decided in 2010 to embark on a solo career to focus on his own musical creativity.

In 2021, Hurst released a much anticipated original single, "It's A Beautiful Day," which was received with gusto by radio and fans alike. The uplifting tune shot quickly up the Bluegrass Today Grassicana Chart, to #2, where it spent 25 weeks on the chart.

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THURSDAY,
MARCH 19
7 PM | McCANDLESS HALL



THE GIBSON BROTHERS

There's a reason why Ricky Skaggs pulled Eric and Leigh Gibson off the stage at the Ryman two decades ago and offered to produce their debut record. The same thing that led David Ferguson and Grammy Award winning producer and Black Keys frontman Dan Auerbach to co-write and produce their 14th album "Mockingbird" (2018) and release it on his own label Easy Eye Sound alongside cultural icons such as Hank Williams Jr. and Dr. John: the Gibson Brothers are the real deal. They can pick. They can sing. And they can write an excellent country song. They've won about every bluegrass award you can name and released albums on almost every premier Americana label you can think of, and, if that's not enough, their songs have been recorded by bluegrass legends. It's a resume almost anybody in country music would be proud to have.

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THURSDAY,
MAY 21
7 PM | McCANDLESS HALL



WOOD BOX HEROES

Wood Box Heroes, the American acoustic super-group, is hardly anything like the bluegrass music you used to find in the cassette player of your grandad's old chevy pickup truck. Deeply rooted in tradition while melding together an eclectic-array of sounds from the country, bluegrass, blues, jazz, rock, and classical varieties, paired with crafty and authentic songwriting, the band delivers a piercing listening experience that plunges deep into the caverns of the soul.

Bringing together some of the world's most highly lauded musicians in Matt Menefee (banjo-Mumford & Sons, Cadillac Sky, Warren Haynes), and Barry Bales (bass-Alison Krauss & Union Station) backing up the vocal magic of Jenee Fleenor (fiddle-Blake Shelton, Larry Cordle) and Josh Martin (singer/songwriter/guitarist), this unit has over a century of musical seasoning between them.

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THURSDAY,
JULY 23
7 PM | McCANDLESS HALL



MICHAEL RENO HARRELL & JOSH GOFORTH

The union of nationally recognized storytellers and musicians Michael Reno Harrell and Josh Goforth is such a natural paring that one must wonder why it didn't occur earlier. Both performers are from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina where acoustic music and storytelling are as much a part of life as the whippoorwill's call. Having been fans of each other's work for over two decades, their performances are as natural as the harmonies of brothers. Josh is a multi-instrumentalist, storyteller, and songwriter who carries on the traditions rooted in Appalachian culture. Michael is an award winning songwriter, musician and storyteller whose roots reach back into mists of the southern mountains. Together they bring that experience to the listener with the humor and heart that their forebears are so well known for.

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THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24
7 PM | McCANDLESS HALL



WYATT ELLIS BAND

Born in the rich music bed of East Tennessee, Wyatt Ellis has quickly become one of the most-watched young musicians in bluegrass music. A devotee of Bill Monroe, Ellis has been mentored by many iconic bluegrass musicians, including Bobby Osborne. Wyatt has studied with mandolin masters, composed his own original instrumentals, and transitioned from playing alone in his living room to performing seamlessly alongside bluegrass legends and Hall of Famers. During the pandemic, learning about bluegrass music became Wyatt's preferred pastime, and his passion for music grew. In a few short years, Ellis has mastered the mandolin and morphed into a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist. He has been invited to perform on stage with some of the most iconic musicians of this era. In 2024, Wyatt was named International Bluegrass Music Association's Momentum Instrumentalist of the Year.

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