



## **2024 OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF MAY 17**

*Enjoy Live Music Every Weekend in Downtown Highlands.*

**HIGHLANDS, N.C.**, March 8, 2024 – From May into October, the vibrant tunes of live music fill the air in downtown Highlands every Friday and Saturday night. Shows both nights are free and take place from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

“Friday Night Live” showcases traditional mountain music and exceptional local talent on Main Street’s Town Square. The Friday night concerts are part of the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina, an initiative of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership and the N.C. Arts Council that works to sustain the rich music traditions of the region.

The Friday Night Live season schedule is as follows:

May 17 – Silly Ridge (*High Style event weekend*)

May 24 – McClain Family Band

May 31 – Byrds & Crows

June 7 – The Foxfire Boys

June 14 – Spare Parts Bluegrass Band

June 21 – Curtis Blackwell Band

June 28 – Johnny Webb Band

July 5 – Nitrograss

July 12 – Silly Ridge

July 19 – Leadfoot Lily

July 26 – Kettle

August 2 – Ezra & Katie

August 9 – ABC Combo

August 16 – Steady Hand String Band

August 23 – Southern Highland Band

August 30 – Spare Parts Bluegrass Band

September 6 – Johnny Webb Band

September 13 – Silly Ridge

September 20 – Curtis Blackwell Band

September 27 – Nitrograss

October 4 – Zorki

October 11 – The Foxfire Boys

“Saturdays on Pine” features a variety of popular, regional bands and musicians at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park.

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The "Saturdays on Pine" season schedule is as follows:

May 18 – Continental Divide (*High Style event weekend*)

May 25 – Southside Station

June 1 – High 5

June 8 – Bill Mattocks

June 15 – Back Porch Orchestra

June 22 – The HC Oakes Band

July 6 – Blaze the City

July 13 – Dive Bar Divas

July 20 – Lazrluvr

August 3 – The Holiday Band

August 10 – Will Thompson Band

August 31 – Full Circle

September 7 – Steel Toe Stiletto

September 14 – High 5

September 21 – The Boomers

September 28 – Kayla McKinney

October 15 – Thirsty Horses

October 12 – Nu Blue

The Outdoor Concert Series is made possible by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC.

"Highlands thrives on community gatherings, live music, and the beauty of nature," says Kaye McHan, the organization's executive director. "Grab your lawn chair or blanket, pack a picnic basket, and join us!"

There will not be a Chamber presented concert on June 29, July 27, August 17 and August 24 due to other events being held at Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park.

For more information about the Outdoor Concert Series or other events visit [highlandschamber.org](http://highlandschamber.org) or call 828-526-2112.

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*About the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC:*

Formed in 1931 to serve as the voice of business, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce has grown to provide services and support to businesses, residents and visitors. Hosting various events and programs throughout the year, including the Plateau Pick-Up, Leadership Highlands, Business After Hours, Outdoor Concert Series, and July 4th Fireworks and an array of holiday and winter festivities, the Chamber aims to enrich the community.

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