



spring

Asheville Amadeus Festival

March 10-19 - Various locations

"Mostly" Mozart festival made up of dozens of events held throughout downtown Asheville. The 2015 line-up (it is a biennial event) included shows, singalongs, discussions, events at local breweries, themed wine flights and kid-friendly happenings.

Asheville Electro-Music Festival

May 5-6 - Black Mountain

The electro-music festival brings some of the world's finest electronic and experimental musicians to the mountains of Western North Carolina. They will be joined by local artists for two days of compelling live music and innovative technology.

LEAF Festival

May 11-14 - Black Mountain

For over 20 years, LEAF Festival has grown into an epicenter of music, art creativity and culture for thousands of families. Resting within 200 acres of beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain country, LEAF Festival features six performance stages and over 400 performing artists.

Asheville Percussion Festival

June 26 - July 2 - Odyssey Community School

Enjoy a creative environment where percussionists and dancers of all traditions, from around the globe, gather to explore, create and innovate. The festival is hosted by River Guerguerian, award-winning multi-percussionist, composer and educator who lives in Asheville.



All Go West Music Festival

June 17 - West Asheville

A free multi-stage event that brings together community, arts and music. A robust line-up of touring and local acts will be on stage at the Hi-Wire Brewing Main Stage, Isis Restaurant & Music Hall, The Mothlight and The Brew Pump.

summer

51st Annual Shindig on the Green

July 1, 8, 15, 22, August 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2 - Pack Square Park

The region's rich mountain heritage is showcased through its traditional musicians and dancers with stage shows and numerous informal jam sessions.

26th Annual Swannanoa Gathering

July 9 - August 12 - Warren Wilson College

Founded in 1991, The Swannanoa Gathering is an educational program consisting of a series of week-long workshops in various folk arts.

Biltmore Summer Concert Series

July & August - Biltmore

Staged on the South Terrace of Biltmore House, this annual series offers an incomparable setting under sunset and a canopy of stars. Line-up announced in spring.



90th Annual Mtn. Dance & Folk Festival

August 3-5 - Diana Wortham Theatre

The nation's longest-running folk festival showcases a repertoire of mountain performers who share songs and dances echoing centuries of Scottish, English, Irish, Cherokee and African heritage.

RiverFest

August 26 - Salvage Station

The festival celebrates the French Broad River with the Anything that Floats Parade, local beer, live music and vendors.

40th Annual Sourwood Festival

August 12-13 - Black Mountain

Enjoy the charms of historic Black Mountain with honey and bee demos, gourmet sourwood honey, music dancing, arts & crafts, food and kid-friendly events.

fall

Asheville Goombay Festival

September 8-10 - Pack Square Park

Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the African-Caribbean at Goombay, including an eclectic lineup of national, regional and local music acts from gospel to reggae to funk and soul.



Brewgrass

September - Memorial Stadium

This annual beer festival combines over 50 breweries, 120 different beers and a lineup of national and regional bluegrass musicians with a beautiful mountain setting. Sample unique craft brews, many of them native to Beer City USA.

"Minstrel of Appalachia" Festival

October - Mars Hill

The Bascom Lamar Lunsford "Minstrel of Appalachia" Festival is the second oldest folk festival in the region. The event not only celebrates the region's finest music, dance and crafts but also creates a space for preservation and authenticity.

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October 19-22 - Black Mountain

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Warren Haynes 29th Annual Christmas Jam

December - U.S. Cellular Center

Curated and presented by Grammy Award-winning vocalist-songwriter and revered guitarist Warren Haynes, the Christmas Jam is a one-of-a-kind music marathon. Haynes, an Asheville native, brings in nationally-recognized talent for this event benefiting the local Habitat for Humanity.

Omni Grove Park Inn Winter Concert Series

January & February - Omni Grove Park Inn

While the weather outside is chilly, the dance floor is heated up by this annual winter concert series. Past line-ups have included a Big Band Weekend, Celtic Weekend, Comedy Classic, Rock 'n' Roll Weekend and more.

Asheville Fringe Arts Festival

February 26-29 - Various locations

An annual performing arts, multiple venue festival that provides artists with opportunities to explore the edges of their work, to collaborate across genres and to bring new and innovative performances to culturally adventurous audiences.

Bluegrass First Class

February - Crowne Plaza Resort

Featuring a weekend full of the top national bands as well as the hottest up-and-coming Bluegrass bands. The entire resort will be dedicated to bluegrass for the weekend with all of the facility's meeting rooms set aside for picking and jamming.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON: REOCCURRING EVENTS

- ▶ Asheville Friday Night Drum Circle
- ▶ Downtown After Five: The 3rd Friday, May - September
- ▶ Bluegrass Brunch at the One Stop Deli at Asheville Music Hall (Sundays)
- ▶ Jack of the Wood: Irish Session (Sundays), Old Time Jam (Wednesdays), Bluegrass Jam (Thursdays)
- ▶ Tressa's: Jazz & Funk Jam (Tuesdays)
- ▶ 5 Walnut Wine Bar: Siamese Jazz Club (Mondays)
- ▶ ISIS Restaurant & Music Hall: Bluegrass (Tuesdays)

MORE MUSIC HOTSPOTS: Barley's Taproom, Pisgah Brewing Company, Westville Pub, Burial Beer Co., Ben's Tune-Up, Highland Brewing Company, Asheville Guitar Bar



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