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- JÁCOME PLAZA STAGE**  
 Fri 6 PM - 9 PM Songwriting Competition  
 Sat 12 PM - 9:30 PM, Sun 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM  
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  - WILDFLOWER STAGE**  
 Young Artists, Family Shows, Kidszone  
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  - COURT STAGE**  
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  - TELLES STAGE**  
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- WORKSHOPS & SONG CIRCLES**  
 Sat 12 PM - 5 PM, Sun 12 PM - 4 PM

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

**Happy Tucson Folk Festival!** On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association and the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance, I invite you to enjoy a weekend of incredible live and original music at the 40th Annual Tucson Folk Festival. Welcome to Arizona's largest free to the public music festival!

This year's 40th celebration includes two stages on Jácome Plaza, the always picturesque Museum Stage at Presidio San Agustín del Tucson, our lively North Church Stage, and two stages, workshop areas and song circles on Court Avenue and Telles Street. We start our festivities Thursday night with a fundraiser concert at Monterey Court, followed by our Friday night Stefan George Memorial Songwriting Competition featuring eight talented finalists. Dance the night away at our special 40th anniversary Contra Dance Saturday night at the North Church Stage and be sure to meet some of our festival founders at the 'Cheers to 40 Years' panel Sunday morning at Wildflower.

Across these six stages, we'll be featuring over 150 performances by more than 400 musicians including family shows, young artist showcases, and national and regional headliners. Our annual festival couldn't be possible without our community partners, generous sponsors and funders, annually donating members, dedicated Board of Directors, and tireless volunteers. Thank You!

We hope you enjoy this year's incredible lineup of singers, songwriters, storytellers, and performers from across the country.

Matt Rolland, TKMA Board President

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## CHERYL WHEELER WITH SPECIAL GUEST KENNY WHITE

*Performing Sunday April 6, 7:00 PM*

Cheryl Wheeler is a performer of striking contrasts—part poet, part comic, with each side vying for attention. As a songwriter, she crafts stunning ballads covered by icons like Dan Seals, Peter, Paul & Mary, and Bette Midler. As a performer, she keeps audiences laughing with sharp, spontaneous humor. She'll be joined by pianist Kenny White, whose clever lyrics and impressive piano skills have earned him a place on stage with legends like Judy Collins and Stephen Stills.



## ORKESTA MENDOZA

*Performing Saturday April 5, 8:00 PM*

Sergio Mendoza & Orkesta Mendoza create a vibrant fusion of Indie Rock with Latin rhythms like mambo, cumbia, and ranchera, inspired by the rich sounds of the Arizona-Sonora borderlands. Mendoza's music honors tradition while fearlessly exploring new sonic landscapes. His collaborations with Los Angeles Azules, Calexico, and Mexican Institute of Sound showcase his innovative spirit, while the Orkesta's dynamic, big-band energy has become a hallmark of Tucson's music scene.



## HEAVY DIAMOND RING

*Performing Saturday April 5, 5:00PM*

Heavy Diamond Ring delivers a rich, modern Americana sound: open-hearted, harmony-driven folk-rock with a touch of grit. Led by Sarah Anderson's smooth-as-honey vocals and Paul DeHaven's rugged guitar chops, their music has been called "open-road, long drive music" with "a little bitta twang, and a whole lotta beef." Their new album *All Out of Angels*—produced by Ben Wysocki (The Fray) and featuring a duet with Nathaniel Rateliff—is out now.

# HEADLINERS | PLAZA STAGE

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## ABBIE GARDNER & MARC DOUGLAS BERARDO

*Performing Saturday April 5, 7:00 PM*

Abbie Gardner and Marc Douglas Berardo are a dynamic duo whose performances blend heartfelt songs, humor, and genuine camaraderie. Marc is a gifted storyteller with songs rooted in real-life characters, sharing stages with legends like The Doobie Brothers and Martin Sexton. Abbie, known for her soulful vocals and fiery dobro, has topped the Billboard Blues Charts and won acclaim for her raw, emotional songwriting. Together, they deliver a high-energy, emotionally resonant show.

## MISSY ANDERSEN AND HER ONE MAN BAND

*Performing Sunday April 6, 5:00 PM*

Missy Andersen & Her One Man Band bring a fresh twist to American roots music, blending Soul, Blues, Gospel, R&B, Country, and Jazz into a timeless sound. With Missy's powerhouse vocals and Heine's dynamic guitar work, this husband-and-wife duo captivates audiences across the US, Europe, and Mexico. Twice nominated for Best Female Soul Blues Artist at the Blues Music Awards, Missy delivers a soulful, high-energy performance that moves hearts and feet alike.

## SCOTT COOK

*Performing Saturday April 5, 4:00PM*

Scott Cook has spent nearly two decades as a modern-day troubadour, traveling the globe with heartfelt songs rooted in life's simple truths. With warm, plainspoken lyrics, he crafts folk tales that resonate deeply, earning acclaim from No Depression as "as good a modern folkie as we have these days." Joined by Pamela Mae on bass and harmonies, Scott's performances invite audiences to sing along, reflect, and feel a shared sense of humanity. His upcoming album, *Troubadourly Yours*, continues his tradition of music as medicine.





## **TESORO**

***Performing Sunday April 6, 3:00 PM***

Tesoro is one of Arizona's most captivating live acts, blending the fiery passion of rumba flamenco with the infectious energy of rock, funk, and jazz. Their Spanish guitar work and irresistible rhythms draw comparisons to the Gipsy Kings and Rodrigo y Gabriela, yet their sound remains uniquely their own. From intimate shows to major festivals like SXSW, Tesoro's performances are mesmerizing, energetic, and guaranteed to get audiences on their feet.



## **LAS AZALEAS**

***Performing Saturday April 5, 12:00 PM***

Las Azaleas is Tucson's premier mariachi-inspired, all-woman ensemble, delivering soulful boleros, tropical rhythms, and timeless classics popularized by Latina music pioneers. With soaring harmonies and captivating stage presence, Las Azaleas celebrate women's contributions to Latin music with performances full of cultural pride, passion, and infectious energy.



## **D FAKTION NYNE**

***Performing Saturday April 5, 1:00 PM***

D Faktion Nyne is a multi-generational family band performing Waila, a Tohono O'odham folk music blending Chotis, Mazurkas, Wailas, Kwaliyas, and Cumbias. Founded to heal through music, the band features father Damon Enriquez, his four sons, and two daughters, playing with no rules—just fun and passion. Their music embodies the social spirit of Waila, bringing people and cultures together through unity, rhythm, and joy.



## **FOX AND BONES**

***Performing Sunday April 6, 4:00 PM***

Scott Gilmore and Sarah Vitort are Fox and Bones — energetic offbeat folksters with a retro pop-rock bent who have been setting the world alight with a handclapping, foot-stomping good time since 2016. Winners of the 2023 Tucson Folk Festival Stefan George Memorial Songwriting Competition, Fox and Bones will close out the Friday show Songwriting competition as well as a Plaza Stage set on Sunday.



## DESERT MUSEUM FAMILY BAND

### **FAMILY SHOW HEADLINER**

***Wildflower Stage Saturday at 3:00 PM***

The Arizona–Sonora Desert Museum teams up with local musicians for a dynamic nature-themed jam! Come on a musical journey as we celebrate what makes our Sonoran Desert home so special. Sing, dance, & learn with original music in English & Spanish performed by Education Specialist, Michelle Constanza Miner. She is joined by Syndenn Sweet, Brother Bear Eli, and a Desert Museum dancing saguaro. Now that's edutainment!



## BRUCE PHILLIPS FAMILY SHOW

### **FAMILY SHOW HEADLINER**

***Wildflower Stage Sunday at 2:00 PM***

Bruce Phillips returns to the Tucson Folk Festival for the big 4-0! A beloved children's musician, educator, and songwriter, Bruce has spent over 30 years bringing joy to kids—and grown-ups—from coast to coast. With silly songs, imaginative stories, and danceable tunes, he makes music fun for the whole family.

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# STEFAN GEORGE MEMORIAL Songwriting Contest



**Friday April 4, 2025 at 6 PM – 9:00 PM**

## **Plaza Stage**

*The Tucson Folk Festival songwriting competition began in the early 2000s and is named in tribute to one of its founders, Stefan George. Past Winners include: Admiral Radio (2024), Fox and Bones (2023), Chris Baron (2022), Annie Sorrells & Jerry Green (2021), Nick and Luke (2019), Sophia Rankin (2018), Eric Ramsey (2017), Janelle Loes (2016), Jen Hajj (2015), Robby Roberson (2013), and Mitzi Cowell (2012)*

### **2025 JUDGES:**

Preliminary Round: Jonathan Frahm, Eric Schaffer, Andrea Buttrick, Greg Aiken, Laurin Gaudinier  
Final Round: Becca Smith, Chris Baron, Eric Ramsey, Eric Schaffer, Virginia Cannon

## **2025 FINALISTS**

### **ANNIE ANNA – Tucson, Arizona**

Annie Anna is a singer and songwriter currently based in Tucson, AZ. Inspired by artists such as Hozier, Matt Maeson, and Shakey Graves, her music features prominent vocals mixed with dark acoustics and auxiliary percussion. Her sound can best be described as a mixture of folk and rock.

### **ARIELLE SILVER – Toluca Lake, California**

Arielle Silver is a consummate storyteller whose rich, expressive voice and acoustic guitar frame expansive melodies that echo her tours and travels across the American heartland. Raised on folk festival fields, synagogue pews, and in woodsy and watery places up and down the Atlantic Seaboard, Arielle now lives in Los Angeles, just a traffic jam away from the Pacific Ocean. Arielle currently serves as President of Folk Alliance Region West (FAR-West), and has shared stages with America, Ellis Paul, Rebecca Loebe, Alice Howe & Freebo, and more.

### **FRANCIS LARSON – Scottsdale, Arizona**

Francis Larson is a multi-instrumentalist songwriter raised in the desert of Arizona. He cut his teeth busking in 40+ countries and collecting anecdotes from Normandy, New Zealand, northern Minnesota, South Korea, and Budapest. He writes music that radiates heartland Americana rock with a 90s flair. Imagine 70s-era Jackson Browne fronting the Counting Crows, but if he had spent his formative years purposefully getting lost backpacking in Europe and reading untranslated foreign literature past midnight.

### **GABRIELLE PIETRANGELO – Tucson, Arizona**

Gabrielle Pietrangelo's desert inspired, voice centered, indie-folk has been evolving in the Tucson region for two decades. Driven by guitar and ethereal vocals, Gabrielle's music holds themes of nature, image invoking lyrics, humor and personal spirituality. She is a recent John Lennon Songwriting Contest winner and has arranged and performed vocal harmonies for many national and local acts including, Calexico, Howe Gelb, Amos Lee, Brian Lopez and more.

**JON FRAILEY – Tucson, Arizona**

Jon Frailey is a Tucson based singer-songwriter and front man for the band Cat Mountain. Frailey has been writing and performing original music for nearly three decades and has appeared on stages all across the United States.

**LARA RUGGLES – Tucson, Arizona**

Lara Ruggles’ new record *Anchor Me* – her first release under her own name in 9 years – is a return to form, a rediscovery of Ruggles’ vulnerability both in lyricism and production. The arrangements are left open, alternating between piano ballads and understated folk-rock that allow Ruggles’s powerful voice to soar through the mix. Whether she is delivering a gut-punch of a realization or a contemplative rumination, the songs feel close, tangible, and real.

**RYAN DAVID ORR – Lakeside, Arizona**

Ryan David Orr has been writing and performing original compositions in the US and abroad for many years. Often compared to Cat Stevens, Eddie Vedder, and Gordon Lightfoot, his writing style is both familiar and fresh, and very lyrically driven. Orr wrote the words and music to the recent self-titled debut EP of the The Secret Trails, which is an AZ-based folk duo.

**THE BROTHERS REED – Medford, Oregon**

With their comedic brotherly banter, impeccable harmonic expression, and widely varying influences, a Brothers Reed performance will have you reflecting on lost lives and lovers, laughing hysterically and leaving completely entertained. Whether they are finger picking their way through a lamentable ballad or bringing you around full-speed with a barn-burning bluegrass number, The Brothers Reed are masters of their craft.



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# WILDFLOWER STAGE

## Roger Mikulas Young Artist Showcase

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

- 12:00 PM Jam Pak
- 1:00 PM *Songwriting Finalists in the Round*
- 3:00 PM Desert Museum Family Band  
**FAMILY SHOW HEADLINER**
- 4:00 PM Ayla White
- 4:30 PM Blue Genes & "603"
- 5:00 PM Sydney Swanson
- 5:30 PM Gwen Ryan
- 6:00 PM Kaia & Micah

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

- 11:30 AM Jam Pak
- 12:00 PM *Cheers to 40 Years - Folk Festival Legacy Stories with Our Founders*
- 1:00 PM Diana Keymolent
- 1:30 PM Aubrey Hadley
- 2:00 PM Bruce Phillips  
**FAMILY SHOW**
- 3:00 PM Would Bees
- 3:30 PM Stella Eftekar
- 4:00 PM Mikaela Milczarek
- 4:30 PM Mackenzie Davis
- 5:00 PM Claire Wertenberger
- 5:30 PM Mikayla Williams
- 6:00 PM Ayla Moreno

## FAMILY SHOW HEADLINERS

*Family Show and Young Artist Showcase Sponsor*



**DESERT MUSEUM FAMILY BAND**  
*Wildflower Stage Saturday at 3:00 PM*



**BRUCE PHILLIPS FAMILY SHOW**  
*Wildflower Stage Sunday at 2:00 PM*

**Roger Mikulas** was a strong supporter and one of the originators of the Young Artist Stage that began in 2006. He passed away in 2010, but his larger-than-life spirit is still remembered and inspires the provision and teaching of folk music for young people today.



## Young Artist & Family Show

**Aubrey Hadley** is an 11-year-old young artist who has been playing acoustic guitar and singing since she was six. A sixth grader at Tanque Verde Elementary School, she plays folk-style acoustic guitar, incorporating strumming and three-finger picking. She shared her love of guitar and folk music with her grandfather, who introduced her to the instrument.

**Ayla Moreno** started playing piano and violin at age three. She has been invited to perform at venues across the USA, Europe, and Japan, including Carnegie Hall, the Chopin Festival in Poland, and the Tucson Folk Festival. Ayla's first solo performance was at age six, and since then, she has played with many orchestras in Arizona and Europe. She recently recorded an album with Orchestra Manhattan and has won top prizes in national and international competitions, including the Chopin International Competition (Connecticut), the Krystian Tkaczewski International Piano Competition (Poland), and the WPTA Spain International Piano Competition.

**Ayla White** is 15 and a self-taught guitarist, inspired by musicians like Whiskey Myers, First Aid Kit, Taylor Swift, Goose, and Turnpike Troubadours, spanning many genres. She's been playing and singing for three years, covering pop, Americana, and country songs. She travels a lot with her family, and when she's not doing schoolwork (technically all homework—she's homeschooled!), she's either outside or playing music.

**Blue Genes** is a six-member bluegrass band of young musicians who grew up in Jam Pak and now perform at festivals and community events. This charming band won the Bluegrass Band Contest at the 2024 Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival and continues to win the hearts of the bluegrass community.

**Claire Wertenberger** is a freshman at Tucson High and a budding singer-songwriter studying piano and voice with local musician Gabrielle Pietrangelo. Claire has been singing since she was a baby—she could carry a tune even before she had teeth! The daughter of singer and educator Sara Gascho, Claire grew up in a musical family and is now working on her first studio release of original songs.

**Diana Keymolent** is a singer born in California and now living in Tucson. Her musical journey started with the saxophone and evolved into playing acoustic and electric guitar—though singing remains her personal favorite. Over the years, she's developed a love for music and enjoys sharing her passion and talents with those around her.

# YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE

**Gwen Ryan** – At 14, Gwen Ryan is excited to return to the Young Performer Stage at the Tucson Folk Festival for her fourth year. A passionate guitarist, keyboardist, arranger, and singer, Gwen has been honing her skills under the mentorship of Shawn at Sonoran Music Academy since age five. A fan of Taylor Swift, Boygenius, and Billie Eilish, she continually explores new genres, showcasing her diverse musical style.

## **Jam Pak Blues 'N' Grass Neighborhood Band**

With nearly 30 years performing and teaching in the bluegrass world of Arizona, many folks know the story of Jam Pak. Somehow, some way, enfolded in the love of music, community, food, travel, and love itself, this unique band of all ages, races, and walks of life makes bluegrass music. In the home of Anni Beach of Chandler, they teach each other, gather twice a week, practice, dance, entertain, and at the center, maintain the singular goal to make themselves and others happy with their music.

**Kaia & Micah** – This sibling duo brings a stripped-down, intimate vibe to popular songs, allowing listeners to experience the music in a new, personal way. Kaia and Micah's repertoire spans multiple decades, featuring songs from legendary artists like The Beatles and Tracy Chapman, as well as modern hits by Ed Sheeran, One Republic, and Taylor Swift.

**Mackenzie Davis** is a guitarist, singer, athlete, and senior at Tucson High School. Inspired by indie pop artists like Phoebe Bridgers and Beabadoobee, her love for guitar and singing started with watching her grandfather play. Now, she plays that very same guitar and has studied with local musician Gabrielle Pietrangelo for five years.

**Mikayla Williams** is a singer-songwriter from Tucson, Arizona. She has been writing songs since age 12 and performing since 13, playing both covers and originals.

**Mikaela Milczarek** is a 17-year-old singer-songwriter and guitarist, currently in her last year at Tucson High. A longtime student of Gabrielle Pietrangelo, she has recently studied guitar with Ryan Green. Inspired by artists like Jeff Buckley and Adrianne Lenker, Mikaela is currently working on her first EP of jazz-influenced indie folk.

**Stella Eftekar**, 13, has composed nearly 200 original songs. Originally from Los Angeles, she moved to Tucson to pursue her love of horses and be closer to family. A passionate storyteller, Stella's music blends lyrical poetry with narrative songwriting, inspired by her experiences in Tucson during COVID. The Tucson Folk Festival marks her debut sharing her heartfelt songs with a diverse audience.

**Sydney Swanson** is an 18-year-old singer-songwriter who plays piano and guitar. She showed an early ear for music at six when her grandmother gave her a Roland electric piano. After starting piano and vocal lessons, Sydney wrote her first song and performed it at age nine. She has since performed throughout Arizona, playing indie pop, folk, and classic rock.

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The Would Bees is Jam Pak's youngest and perhaps hardest-working band, led by Thomas Leon, Alan Moreno, Nazarena Delgado, and Paul Lopez. These young musicians are learning their instruments and singing the heart of bluegrass traditional music. Dedicated to their craft, they arrange their own music while embracing the Servant-Leader philosophy, sharing their knowledge with younger Jam Pak members.

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- Telluride Bluegrass Festival - June 19 - 22, 2025
- Flagstaff Folk Festival, June 14 - 15, 2025
- High Sierra Music Festival, July 3 - 6, 2025
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- Folkmoot Festival, Late July, 2025
- Lowell Folk Festival, July 25 - 27, 2025
- Newport Folk Festival, July 25 - 27, 2025
- Rockygrass Music Festival, July 25 - 27, 2025
- Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, July 26 - 28, 2025
- Tumbleweed Music Festival, Aug 30 - Sep 1
- Wheatland Music Festival, Sept 5 - 7, 2025
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# WORKSHOPS & SONG CIRCLES



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More workshop details at [TucsonFolkFest.org/Workshops](http://TucsonFolkFest.org/Workshops)

## SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

	WORKSHOP TENT A	WORKSHOP TENT B	SONG CIRCLES
1 PM	<b>SHARON GOLDWASSER</b> <i>Irish Fiddle</i>	<b>THE BROTHERS REED</b> <i>Songwriting &amp; Touring</i>	1 PM - 2:30 PM Hosted by Donna & Jeff Bloomberg
2 PM	<b>BOBBO BYRNES</b> <i>Soloing as a Solo Performer</i>	<b>JULIANA MURPHY &amp; VALERIE OSBORNE</b> <i>Community Singing</i>	
3 PM	<b>LISA SANDERS</b> <i>Overcoming Stage Freight</i>	<b>JEREMY GILLIAM</b> <i>Intro to Lead Guitar</i>	2:30 PM - 4 PM Hosted by Marty Flashman
4 PM	<b>DEB SEYMOUR</b> <i>Speed Songwriting</i>	<b>LIZZIE</b> <i>Tips for Young Performers</i>	

## SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025

	WORKSHOP TENT A	WORKSHOP TENT B	SONG CIRCLES
1 PM	<b>MARTY PROVINCE</b> <i>Dangerous Songs</i>	<b>NANCY ELLIOTT</b> <i>Songwriting</i>	1 PM - 2:30 PM Hosted by Pat Madea
2 PM	<b>MARTY PROVINCE</b> <i>Intro to Fingerstyle Folk Guitar</i>	<b>STEFF KAYSER</b> <i>Tips &amp; Tricks for Guitar</i>	
3 PM	<b>MICHELANGELO CAGGIANO</b> <i>Intentional Performance</i>	<b>LYNN PERDZOCK &amp; RAGGEDY EDGE</b> <i>Indie Touring Tips</i>	2:30 PM - 4 PM Hosted by Jim Dumbauld





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# SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | STAGE SCHEDULE

	JÁCOME PLAZA	NORTH CHURCH	PRESIDIO MUSEUM	COURT	TELLES	WILDFLOWER
12:00 PM	Las Azaleas	Secret Harbor	Abby K	The Glass Hours	Human-jones Review	Jam Pak
12:30 PM		Brett Dooley	Hank Woji	Thomas Aren	Kayla Von Der Heide	
1:00 PM	D Faktion Nyne	Blue Prairie Dogs	Strike Your Fancy!	John McGill with Whiskey & Honey	The Secret Trails	Songwriters in the Round: Annie Anna, Gabrielle Pietrangelo, Jon Frailey, Lara Ruggles
1:30 PM		Grupo Tradiciones	Determined Luddites	Paula Fong	The Odd Birds	
2:00 PM	Wayback Machine <i>Words &amp; Music by Stefan George</i>	Sweet Ghosts	Couldn't Be Happier	Inner Space Orchestra	Woman-Song	Songwriters in the Round: Arielle Silver, Francis Larson, Ryan David Orr, The Brothers Reed
2:30 PM		LulyBird	Jerry Martin and Slim Rost	Eric Ramsey	EarthPicks of Cochise County	
3:00 PM	Kevin Pakulis & his Band	Engel Indo	Darrell Elmer Rodgers & the Recliners	Dunnóg	Deb Seymour	DESERT MUSEUM FAMILY BAND
3:30 PM		Southbound Pilot	Dry River Band	smoot-mahooty	Alison Wahl	
4:00 PM	SCOTT COOK	Chris Baron	Mark Insley & the Broken Angels	Steff Kayser	MiggyMel	Ayla White
4:30 PM			Gabrielle Pietrangelo	Ice-9	Wally Lawder	Blue Genes & "603"
5:00 PM	HEAVY DIAMOND RING	John Coinman Band	The McCallion Band	Admiral Radio	The Brothers Reed	Sydney Swanson
5:30 PM						Gwen Ryan
6:00 PM	Songwriting Winners	Roth D'lux		Teodoro Ted Ramirez	Freddy Parish	Kaia & Micah
7:00 PM	ABBIE GARDNER & MARC DOUGLAS BERARDO	Contra Dance				
8:00 PM	ORKESTA MENDOZA					

# SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | STAGE SCHEDULE

	JÁCOME PLAZA	NORTH CHURCH	PRESIDIO MUSEUM	COURT	TELLES	WILDFLOWER
11:30 AM	Mitzi Cowell	Arizona Balalaika Orchestra	Erika Segura	Rachael Snyder	Ashley E. Norton	Jam Pak
12:00 PM	Ryanhood	Peter, Paul, and Mary Remembered	The Wind River Ensemble	Francis Larson	Ryan Biter	Cheers to 40 Years <i>Folk Festival Stories with our Founders</i>
12:30 PM		After 7 Tucson	The Out of Kilters	Stephy Leigh Griffin	Teal & Joyce	
1:00 PM	Ruta Verbena	Azure	Laura Jean Band	The Jane Heirs	Lisa Sanders and Brown Sugar	Sienna Rea
1:30 PM		Rave Review	Mustang Corners	The Lost Earbuds	Raggedy Edge	Aubrey Hadley
2:00 PM	Cochise County Allstars	Eb's Camp Cooking	Cat Mountain	Koda Krause	Sara Syms	BRUCE PHILLIPS FAMILY SHOW
2:30 PM		Arnold / Klingenfus Ensemble	Frankly Scarlett	Alan Ehrlich	Nancy Elliott	
3:00 PM	TESORO	The Fallen Stars	Don Armstrong and the Whiskeypallians	Lara Ruggles	FRESH APPLES	Would Bees
3:30 PM		Amber Norgaard & the Alchemists	Out of the Blue	Lizzie	Jeremy Gilliam of Grand Dorado	Stella Eftekar
4:00 PM	FOX AND BONES	Chalako the Band	Ron Pandy and the Wildpitch Band	Christine Santelli & Heather Hardy	Carmina Robles	Mikaela Milczarek
4:30 PM		Sophia Rankin & The Sound	Liz & Pete's Sparrows & The Last Train	Leila Lopez	Arielle Silver	Mackenzie Davis
5:00 PM	MISSY ANDERSEN & HER ONE MAN BAND	Karyn Ann Band	Baba Marimba	RISO	The Nevermores Sabra Faulk & Nancy McCallion	Claire Wertenberger
5:30 PM						Mikayla Williams
6:00 PM	Heather Lil' Mama Hardy	Eric Schaffer & The Other Troublemakers		JC & Laney	Jamie Anderson	Ayla Moreno
7:00 PM	CHERYL WHEELER AND KENNY WHITE					

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# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

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*Saturday 12:00 – Presidio Museum*

Abby K's "Heart-Rock" music draws on her Kentucky roots and love for American songwriters who turn life stories into lyrical art. Now based in Seattle, she finds inspiration in the Pacific Northwest and performs regularly gracing stages at festivals like Northwest Folklife, Tumbleweed, and Tucson Folk Festival. With four albums, she's given back by creating Mosaic MI, a thriving music community on Lake Washington where she inspires others to share their talents in an uplifting, supportive space. Learn more: [abbykmusic.com](http://abbykmusic.com) and [Facebook.com/abbykmusic](https://www.facebook.com/abbykmusic)

## **Admiral Radio**

*Saturday 5:00 – Court*

Admiral Radio is the award-winning husband-and-wife duo of Coty Hoover and Becca Smith. This South Carolina-based couple crafts a heartfelt performance through tight-knit harmonies, lyrical storytelling, and palpable sincerity. They've shared the stage with major acts like Del McCoury, Judah & the Lion, Molly Tuttle, and more. With multiple awards in the songwriting world both nationally and internationally, Admiral Radio wants to use songwriting to leave audiences better than they found them. Learn more at [admiralradiomusic.com](http://admiralradiomusic.com).

## **After 7 Tucson**

*Sunday 12:30 – North Church*

After 7 Tucson is a local band of close friends & family members that formed in 2014. Although originally a cover band, After 7 Tucson recently released their first album of original music, "Time Well Spent," highlighting their signature vocal harmony woven through multiple genres with Americana & acoustic influences. Guitar and mandolin create musical textures supported by piano, bass and drums, while soaring melodies with 4-5 part harmonies shine in the stories of this unique band of friends. [www.after7tucson.com](http://www.after7tucson.com). Facebook: After7Tucson [after7tucson@gmail.com](mailto:after7tucson@gmail.com)

## **Alan Ehrlich**

*Sunday 2:30 – Court*

Alan Ehrlich is a singer, songwriter, guitar, bass and banjo player with an eclectic style that offers up flavors of folk, country, swing, bluegrass, blues, reggae and western swing. His songs tell the tales of ordinary people trying to live their lives and struggling to overcome adversity. Sometimes satirical, his wit and criticisms of the absurdities of our modern world will have you laughing at yourself! Alan has a special way of communicating big ideas in simple terms. [alanemd@comcast.net](mailto:alanemd@comcast.net)

## **Alison Wahl**

*Saturday 3:30 – Telles*

Alison Wahl's work as a vocalist, composer, and songwriter spans many genres and seeks to center authentic human presence. Her music is earnestly human, stubbornly optimistic, intricate, and thoughtful. Equally at home on the operatic and oratorio stage, Alison was praised by the Chicago Tribune for her "appealing," "bright, vibrant soprano." She holds a DMA and MM in voice from Northwestern University and a MM in composition from the Peabody Institute. [www.alisonwahl.com](http://www.alisonwahl.com) Youtube - [alisonwahl](https://www.youtube.com/alisonwahl)soprano. [Alison.wahl@gmail.com](mailto:Alison.wahl@gmail.com)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Amber Norgaard & the Alchemists**

*Sunday 3:30 – North Church*

Described as “Tucson’s folk-rock goddess” (Natural Awakenings), Amber is a nurse-turned-singer/songwriter who uses music as a healing art to foster compassion, spirituality and positive social change. Her eloquent lyrics, graceful melodies and passionate vocal/guitar/piano delivery inspire hope. Since departing her Alaskan nursing career, she has released seven albums, toured nationally, opened for renowned acts and achieved songwriting accolades.

[www.ambernorgaard.com](http://www.ambernorgaard.com)

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## **Arielle Silver**

*Sunday 4:30 – Telles*

“In the sun-soaked heart of California, Arielle Silver emerges as a masterful storyteller, blending the soul of Americana roots with influences drawn equally from Laurel Canyon and Greenwich Village.” – New Releases Now

[www.ariellesilvermusic.com](http://www.ariellesilvermusic.com)

## **Arizona Balalaika Orchestra**

*Sunday 11:30 – North Church*

Celebrating its 46th year, this group began in 1980 as a small ensemble in the UA Russian Department. It is a spirited, nonprofit community folk orchestra that plays native Slavic instruments and wears colorful costumes. They’ve toured Arizona and Mexico and are members of the Balalaika and Domra Association of America, which holds conventions in North America and Europe.

[azbalalaika.org](http://azbalalaika.org)

Facebook: Arizona Balalaika Orchestra

## **The Arnold/Klingenfus Ensemble**

*Sunday 2:30 – North Church*

The Ensemble has played 38 Tucson Folk Festivals. Whew! Expect great harmonies, good humor and surprises! The Ensemble is: Dick Arnold, Jim Klingenfus, Bob Benedon and Logan Halaj.

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## **Ashley E. Norton**

*Sunday 11:30 – Telles*

Ashley E. Norton is the fearless leader of the all-female Americana band Dolly’s Revenge (formerly Lady Psychiatrist’s Booth), the host of the songwriter showcase “Songbirds,” and the co-founder of the folk duo Whitherward. A celebrated solo artist and recipient of Ramona’s “Citizen of the Year” award, Ashley recently released an album that held the #20 spot on the Euro Americana charts for two months, earning glowing reviews. Her music offers something for everyone—be ready to laugh, cry, and be amazed by her incredible singing dog, Garfunkel. Learn more at [AshleyENorton.com](http://AshleyENorton.com).

## **Azure**

*Sunday 1:00 – North Church*

Azure plays a high-energy upbeat eclectic mix of blues, Americana, world, and jazz roots music featuring fiddle, piano, acoustic bass.

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS



## **Baba Marimba**

*Sunday 5:30 – Presidio Museum*

We're a Tucson band, been around for over 12 years. We play "World Beat Folk Fusion" featuring baritone and soprano marimbas, kalimbas, electric viola, conch shells, bass, guitar, sax, trumpet and flute; mixed with vocals, drum kit, and African, Latin and Middle Eastern percussion. We create original compositions that draw heavily from Latin, Jazz, African, Reggae and R & B genres - with a few tangos and waltzes - hence the fusion tag. We love to make people dance! Learn more at: [babamarimba.com](http://babamarimba.com)

## **Blue Prairie Dogs**

*Saturday 1:00 – North Church*

Blue Prairie Dogs have been a mainstay in the Tucson area for 30 years. Founder Dan Oved along with Pete Fine, Charlie Mac and Pete Schnitman perform family friendly Western and Folk music. In addition to expertly played covers and old timey favorites, Dan's spicy original songs reflect the culture and nature of the Southwest and surely will capture your heart and imagination.

[www.danovedmusic.com](http://www.danovedmusic.com); [www.facebook.com/BluePrairieDogs](https://www.facebook.com/BluePrairieDogs)



## **Brett Dooley**

*Saturday 12:30 – North Church*

Brett Dooley is a local Tucson singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. He writes and performs original music with local bands and as a solo performer. Most recently, Brett has released his debut solo album, *The Long Road*, and will be performing selections from this new release. This album is a chronological exploration of Brett's life, moments that have impacted him the most. These songs reflect his roots in Midwestern farmland, to the US Navy, and now to Tucson, Arizona. Learn more at: [www.brettdooley.com](http://www.brettdooley.com)

## **The Brothers Reed**

*Saturday 5:00 – Telles*

With their comedic brotherly banter, impeccable harmonic expression, and widely varying influences, a Brothers Reed performance will have you reflecting on lost lives and lovers, laughing hysterically and leaving completely entertained. Whether they are finger picking their way through a lamentable ballad or bringing you around full-speed with a barn-burning bluegrass number, The Brothers Reed are masters of their craft.

[www.thebrothersreed.com](http://www.thebrothersreed.com); [facebook.com/thebrothersreed](https://facebook.com/thebrothersreed)



## **Carmina Robles**

*Sunday 4:00 – Telles*

Carmina Robles is a Sonoran Folk Songwriter. Her music has the influence of sounds from the North Mexico New Folk rhythms and some classical sounds about the Mexican Folk. She has lyrics to talk about what she has been living in her context, and also about broken hearts, and lost loves.

Facebook: Carmina Robles

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Cat Mountain**

*Sunday 2:00 – Presidio Museum*

Originally the solo project of Tucson, Arizona songwriter Jon Frailey, Cat Mountain has evolved into a talented ensemble of veteran players. With three full-length albums completed, the group has been featured on radio stations around the country and has performed live from coast to coast. Their music and lyrics are a direct reflection of the beauty and mysteries of the Sonoran Desert they call home. Learn More at [catmountain.us](http://catmountain.us)

## **Chalako the Band**

*Sunday 4:00 – North Church*

Established in 2018, Chalako brings the flavors of an old Chilean folk song, climbs the Andes to entertain you with a Cumbia from Peru, drops by and picks up a pop song from Argentina. From the Caribbean, Blues, Salsa, Cumbia, Bachata, Boogaloo – slow, fast, smooth, hard! It's all there! [www.chalakotheband.com](http://www.chalakotheband.com)

## **Chris Baron**

*Saturday 4:00 – North Church*

Chris Baron is a model singer-songwriter who tours west of the Rockies, plus Texas. He commands a big band sound reminiscent of Cat Stevens that really brings the lumber. The highly stylized music will draw you in, shake your hand, and stay with you along your way. Ferocious acoustic guitar and mountain high melodies sweep you from groove to shining groove. His 2024 album features world-renowned fiddler Gabe Witcher. Chris won the 2022 TFF performance competition as a solo performer. [ChrisBaronMusic.com](http://ChrisBaronMusic.com)

## **Christine Santelli and Heather Hardy**

*Sunday 4:00 – Court*

Grammy-nominated songwriter and New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Christine Santelli (guitar, vocals) joins forces with Arizona Blues Hall of Fame powerhouse Heather “Lil’ Mama” Hardy (fiddle, vocals) for an electrifying collaboration. A 2024 featured artist for the Manhattan Short Film Festival, Santelli recently released the live recording *Live in the Parlour*. The duo performed at the Hudson West Music Festival in Jersey City and are now taking their project back on the road. [www.christinesantelli.com](http://www.christinesantelli.com)

## **Cochise County Allstars**

*Sunday 2:00 – Plaza*

The Cochise County All-Stars started their musical journey in 2007 as a honky tonk country band playing the jukebox favorites popular when Route 66 was Main St. USA. Over the years their music has evolved into a genre-jumping smorgasbord of eclectic music where a set could include selections by legends from Doc Watson to Jimi Hendrix to Sting with lots of other fun stops on the way!

## **Determined Luddites**

*Saturday 1:30 – Presidio Museum*

Original acoustic music for the sophisticated urban hillbilly.



# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Don Armstrong and the Whiskeypalians**

*Sunday 3:00 – Presidio Museum*

For 55 years, folksinger Don Armstrong has been touring the country (also Canada and Mexico) singing his songs. He has been called a “Tucson Treasure” and a “consummate songwriter” (Arizona Daily Star). Don (vocals, guitar, banjo), is joined by Liz Cerepanya (vocals), Peter Dalton Ronstadt (vocals, guitar, Pennsylvania Stomp Box), Nick Coventry (violin), Alvin Blaine (dobro, accordion) and Slim Rost (bass).

## **Couldn't Be Happiers**

*Saturday 2:00 – Presidio Museum*

Married indie-folk duo Couldn't Be Happiers crafts songs that narrate fantastical worlds, untold histories, and vanishing folklore. Their "Johnny and June meets Violent Femmes" sound and infectious joy onstage wins over audiences wherever they go. In this case, the name really does say it all.  
[couldntbehappiers.com/](http://couldntbehappiers.com/)

## **Darrell Elmer Rodgers and the Recliners**

*Saturday 3:00 – Presidio Museum*

Darrell Elmer Rodgers is a 40+ year veteran songwriter and performer. Often called the "Bard of the Baby Boomers", his deep voice and witty lyrics are like hearing Hoyt Axton sing a John Prine song. Yet his style is all his own, often with a swing beat that makes you want to DANCE! The other "Recliners" are Eric Douglas (on bass) and Jim Lipson (on percussion). All are veteran performers, that have brought past TFF crowds to their feet. A must see!  
[darrellsongs.com/](http://darrellsongs.com/)

## **Deb Seymour**

*Saturday 3:00 – Telles*

Dive headfirst into the wonderfully wacky universe of Deb Seymour. A true entertainer - and mistress of clever wordplay and guitar wizardry- you'll find yourself laughing, crying, and questioning your life choices, sometimes all in one song. Deb's original story songs are a delightful cocktail of whimsy and insight, served with a twist of absurdity.  
[debseymourmusic.com/](http://debseymourmusic.com/)



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# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Dry River Band**

*Saturday 3:30 – Presidio Museum*

The Dry River Band got together about 5 years ago with members that brought folk, blues, country, rock, and Americana influences to the table. From those influences, our shows are a combination of originals written by Hank and Jim and covers mostly from Americana, country, blues, and folk artists, new and old. The band is comprised of Jim White, vocals and rhythm guitar, Hank Childers, vocals and accent guitar, Dave Lehrman, lead guitar, and Mark Nearing, bass.  
[Facebook.com/dryriverbandtucson](https://www.facebook.com/dryriverbandtucson)

## **Dunnóg**

*Saturday 3:00 – Court*

Dunnog plays the music of Irish cottage kitchens, crossroads dances and friendly pub sessions: a lively mix of jigs and reels, with the occasional song tossed in for good measure. Sharon Goldwasser (fiddle), Tom Ryan (mandolin, tenor banjo and vocals) and Keith Reins (guitar and vocals) invite you to make yourself at home with us for a few tunes. We take our name from the Irish word for the Dunnock, a sweetly singing bird at home in the gardens and hedgerows of the Irish countryside. Facebook: [Dunnóg Irish Traditional Music](https://www.facebook.com/DunnogIrishTraditionalMusic)

## **EarthPicks of Cochise County**

*Saturday 2:30 – Telles*

Western-Folk-Blues. Liz Lopez and Jeff Sturges share their love of storytelling through original songs about the history, people, and natural beauty of the great American West and Cochise County, Arizona. Educators by profession, Jeff is Faculty Emeritus at Cochise College (English literature and composition) and Liz is a K-12 arts educator (music, art, drama).  
[www.facebook.com/EarthPicks/](https://www.facebook.com/EarthPicks/)

## **Eb's Camp Cooking**

*Sunday 2:00 – North Church*

Eb has been with the festival since its inception. He has been a promotor of other songwriters by hosting regular open mics and being a producer/host for local radio shows on KXCI 91.3 FM. He is an inductee in the Tucson Musicians Museum Hall of Fame. Phil, Slim and Shanti have been the backbone of the band for many years. You'll hear some of Eb's original songs, and possibly an unusual cover or two. We're here to have a good time, almost as good as we have in practice sessions!!!

## **Engel Indo**

*Saturday 3:00 – North Church*

Born and raised in Peru, a fusion of cultures, he began his music journey under the tutelage of his father who had created for Engel a world outside the norm. From the early age of five, he was influenced by rock and roll greats such as Elvis Presley and The Beatles, but it was a Peruvian rock band, "Fragil," that brought upon in his heart the hunger for being on stage, influenced by other genres, such as Blues and Heavy Metal, but never forgetting his roots of Folklore and Afro-Peruvian rhythms.

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Eric Ramsey**

*Saturday 2:30 – Court*

Among other things, the following can be said about Eric Ramsey: Arizona Blues Hall of Fame Winner, 2022 International Blues Challenge Winner, Stefan George Memorial Songwriting Contest Winner, Peoples' Choice Award at Wildflower Music Festival Finalist, and a finalist in the Al Johnson Songwriting Competition. Striving to become famous in his own garage (the dogs remain singularly unimpressed), Eric is grateful once again to be a part of this wonderful festival.

[EricRamsey.net/](http://EricRamsey.net/)

## **Eric Schaffer & The Other Troublemakers**

*Sunday 6:00 – North Church*

A Tucson favorite! Eric is an award-winning songwriter and The Other Troublemakers (Loren Dircks, Jess Barrera, Daniel Thomas) bring those songs to life with expert musicianship and 4-part harmonies. Their most recent album, "Dry Lightning" was recorded in Tucson, produced by Peter Dalton Ronstadt and released to much critical acclaim.

[www.theothertroublemakers.com/](http://www.theothertroublemakers.com/)

## **Erika D Segura**

*Sunday 11:30 – Presidio Museum*

Erika Segura is a distinguished Los Angeles and Tucson-based artist, renowned for her distinctive musical style and impressive vocal range. She began her artistic career in Los Angeles in 2014 with the band Shattered Skyline. Erika relocated to Tucson to further her artistic studies. She marked a significant milestone in her musical journey with the release of her debut single, Broken Words, in 2023, and has since been actively performing in the Tucson area.

[www.erikadsegura.com](http://www.erikadsegura.com)

[www.instagram.com/erikadsegura](http://www.instagram.com/erikadsegura)

## **The Fallen Stars**

*Sunday 3:00 – North Church*

Award winning Americana band, The Fallen Stars, often evoke the dynamic of The Civil Wars, Fleetwood Mac or Whiskeytown, giving off a mix of rock energy and folk intimacy. Known for high-energy performances and authentic connection with audiences, husband and wife duo Bobbo and Tracy Byrnes have toured internationally, earning acclaim at festivals and venues across the US and Europe. With music that feels both nostalgic and fresh, they appeal to fans of classic rock with a modern Americana twist.

<http://www.thefallenstars.com/>

## **Fox and Bones**

*Sunday 4:00 – Plaza*

Scott Gilmore and Sarah Vitort are Fox and Bones – energetic offbeat folksters with a retro pop-rock bent who have been setting the world alight with a handclapping, foot-stomping good time since 2016. The indomitable duo has brought their optimistic Americana polish to international stages shared with the likes of Rayland Baxter, The Dead South, ZZ Ward, The Talbott Brothers and Horse Feathers among others. Winners of the 2023 Tucson Folk festival Stefan George Memorial Songwriting Competition.

<https://foxandbones.com/>



# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Francis Larson**

*Sunday 12:00 – Court*

Francis Larson is a multi-instrumentalist songwriter raised in the desert of Arizona. He cut his teeth busking in 40+ countries and collecting anecdotes from Normandy, New Zealand, northern Minnesota, South Korea, and Budapest. He writes music that radiates heartland Americana rock with a 90s flair, as if 70s-era Jackson Browne fronted the Counting Crows but spent his formative years purposefully getting lost backpacking Europe & reading untranslated foreign literature past midnight. Learn more at: [francislaronmusic.com/](http://francislaronmusic.com/)

## **Frankly Scarlett**

*Sunday 2:30 – Presidio Museum*

Frankly Scarlett is a 5 piece band of women who do original and cover folk songs. Suzy Ronstadt, Jennifer Spector and Kathy Harris are the vocalists who sing amazing harmonies with dynamic arrangements. Sabra Faulk is the guitarist and Deanna Sylvester adds bass. Together, their performance provides a wonderful music experience as well as humor and fun. Everyone has a good time!

## **Freddy Parish**

*Saturday 6:00 – Telles*

Original and traditional string band: old time, bluegrass, country.  
[Freddyparish.com](http://Freddyparish.com)

## **FRESH APPLES**

*Sunday 3:00 – Telles*

FRESH APPLES is an audience-inclusive acoustic act, spreading cheer with toe-tapping, feel good repertoire. Featuring beautifully crafted vocal harmonies and upbeat humor, their performances encourage folks to sing and clap along to familiar folk & country, bluegrass, and old-timey favorites, woven seamlessly with well-received, original songs and tunes that will make you smile.

[TheFreshApplesBand.com](http://TheFreshApplesBand.com)

[www.facebook.com/thefreshapplesband](http://www.facebook.com/thefreshapplesband)

## **Gabrielle Pietrangelo**

*Saturday 4:30 – Presidio Museum*

Tucson's own 'Stone Angel', Gabrielle Pietrangelo recently released her album "Back to the Heart." The album includes John Lennon Songwriting Contest winner "Summer Losers," a tongue-in-cheek song about getting stuck in Tucson on the 4th of July. Gabby's desert inspired music holds themes of spirituality and humor. Led by her angelic voice, guitar and great guest performers, check out Gabby's set and then visit her album cover mural on the south wall of the Rialto Theatre!

## **The Glass Hours**

*Saturday 12:00 – Court*

The Glass Hours are American songwriters Brad Armstrong and Megan Barbera. Their music blurs between Sunday afternoon country-folk and the Golden Age of the 1970s. Their self-titled nine-song debut album was released by Cornelius Chapel Records in March 2024. Combining influences from Megan's Colorado mountain roots and Brad's Alabama southern roots, The Glass Hours is currently based in New York's Hudson Valley.

<http://theglasshours.com/>

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Grupo Tradiciones**

*Saturday 1:30 – North Church*

In 2010, Grupo Tradiciones, a 7-piece ensemble exploring Latin America's diverse landscapes was born. Beyond a band, we delve into the heart of the diverse cultures of Latin America—from Mexico's north to Argentina's enchanting Patagonia, including instruments like the haunting quena, the vibrant charango, the soul-stirring pan pipes, and the rhythmic bombo legüero. As ambassadors of Latin American musical heritage, we transport audiences to Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, to name a few. [Facebook.com/Tradiciones.Musica32](https://www.facebook.com/Tradiciones.Musica32)

## **Hank Woji**

*Saturday 12:30 – Presidio Museum*

In 2001 Hank Woji left New York City for Houston, TX, and found his new musical voice as a singer songwriter. But, it was his chance move in 2009 to the far West Texas desert town of Terlingua that has most reshaped his life and his music. Critics describe Hank's music as "acoustic-wielding, sharply observed, Americana all the way" and "in the best tradition of the Texas troubadours like Guy Clarke, Townes Van Zandt and Butch Hancock." [www.hankwoji.com](http://www.hankwoji.com)

## **Heather Lil' Mama Hardy**

*Sunday 6:00 – Plaza*

Heather Hardy has been playing the violin for 50 years. Born in New York, she was a student at the Manhattan School of Music under Raphael Bronstein and also studied with well-known Jazz violinist and author Julie Lyonn Lieberman. Now based out of Tucson, Arizona, Heather was inducted into the Arizona Blues Hall of fame in 2001 and was inducted into the Tucson Musicians Museum in 2016. She still tours on the east coast regularly and frequently plays around Tucson. [heatherlilmamahardy.com](http://heatherlilmamahardy.com)

## **Humanjones Review**

*Saturday 12:00 – Telles*

Humanjones Review features Bryan Fishkind on guitar and vocals, his daughter Z on keyboards, accordion, vocals, and Gail Paul on flute. Together, they play a little Americana, folk, rock, originals, instrumentals and the like. Gail is an accomplished and formally trained classical musician. Bryan had enough dollars to buy four weeks of guitar lessons in 1965. Z has been playing piano and singing since she was 6.

## **Ice-9**

*Saturday 4:30 – Court*

Ice-9 consists of songwriter Mike Tanzillo, harmonica player Richard and bassist Bill "Slim" Rost. They play a mix of country, swing, blues and other styles that fit the Americana label. They've been performing and pleasing audiences since early folk festival days.

## **Inner Space Orchestra**

*Saturday 2:00 – Court*

Inner Space Orchestra is the love-child of award-winning local singer/songwriters Annie Hawkins and Stuart Oliver. The ensemble weaves together indie-folk, cosmic-americana and medicine songs with lush harmonies, thought-provoking lyrics and meditative instrumentation. [www.desertmyth.com](http://www.desertmyth.com)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Jamie Anderson**

*Sunday 6:00 – Telles*

Singer-songwriter-comic Jamie Anderson has played her unique original songs in hundreds of venues in four countries. She's a two-time TAMMIE winner and multi-instrumentalist who's folk without the Birkenstocks, country without the big hair and jazz without the angst. Songs on her 13 albums range from the serious "Beautiful," about body image, to the tongue-in-cheek "Marry Me," where she sings about wanting to marry Rachel Maddow because, really, who wouldn't? [www.jamieanderson.com](http://www.jamieanderson.com) / [www.youtube.com/@jamieandersonmusic](http://www.youtube.com/@jamieandersonmusic)

## **The Jane Heirs**

*Sunday 1:00 – Court*

The Jane Heirs are a Tucson band made up of singer/songwriters Kathy Kolmer and Denise Lane. Historically a trio, but currently a duo, they've been bringing sweet harmonies and an eclectic blend of original and familiar tunes to the Old Pueblo since 2019.

## **JC & Laney**

*Sunday 6:00 – Court*

JC & Laney are a dynamic duo who captivate audiences with their soulful melodies and harmonious vocals. Their music blends elements of country, soul and folk creating a sound that resonates with listeners of all ages. Their live performances are filled with infectious energy and spontaneous banter that leave people wanting more. Their finely crafted original songs created over the past 15 years run the gamut from deeply emotional love songs to knee slapping satire. 2016 first round Grammy picks. [JCandLaney.com](http://JCandLaney.com)  
[jcandlaney@gmail.com](mailto:jcandlaney@gmail.com)

## **Jeremy Gilliam of Grand Dorado**

*Sunday 3:30 – Telles*

Grand Dorado is the music project of Jeremy Gilliam. Jeremy is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist in Tucson Arizona. Grand Dorado's music is inspired by the classic singer/songwriters, rock, country, and blues from the 70's to today. [GrandDorado.com](http://GrandDorado.com)

## **Jerry Martin & Slim Rost**

*Saturday 2:30 – Presidio Museum*

Jerry Martin (guitar, vocals) and Slim Rost (bass, vocals) present some of their favorite cover songs!

## **John Coinman Band**

*Saturday 5:00 – North Church*

John Coinman from Tucson, Arizona has recorded six solo albums along with several award winning music videos. His video of "Long Way From Home" won the Best International Music Video of 2021 at the Procida Film Festival in Italy and Best Music Video of 2021 Directors Circle Festival Of Shorts in the US. He has had numerous songs in films and on television, including a featured piece in the 2024 film "Horizon: An American Saga". He's the co-founder of the band Kevin Costner And Modern West.  
[www.johncoinman.com](http://www.johncoinman.com)  
[Facebook.com/JohnCoinman](https://Facebook.com/JohnCoinman)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **John McGill with Whiskey & Honey**

*Saturday 5:00 – North Church*

John's songs are filled with haunting melodies, soaring harmonies, exquisite guitars, and thoughtful lyrics with a rock sensibility.

## **Karyn Ann Band**

*Sunday 5:00 – North Church*

With a voice that's equal parts church bell and bourbon barrel and a gut-punching grit reminiscent of Bonnie Raitt or Grace Potter, Karyn Ann sings both revenge and redemption, winding her way with unflinching honesty through the stories that define us.

[www.karynann.com](http://www.karynann.com)

## **Kayla Von Der Heide**

*Saturday 12:30 – Telles*

Kayla von Der Heide is a singer-songwriter from the Mojave Desert currently living in Bisbee, AZ. She takes inspiration from the desert and writes her music while she travels. She has been featured on The Voice, Season 22, on Team Gwen, and has won singer songwriter contests such as Gems on VHS' first contest in 2020. She continues to write music, make her own videos, candles and also photographs the abandoned desert. It all blends together to make her music special!

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## **Kevin Pakulis and his Band**

*Saturday 3:00 – Plaza*

Award winning Americana singer-songwriter and felicitous guitar slinger Kevin Pakulis, along with his renowned band of hot shots, delivers "the best of a genre" according to No Depression Magazine.

[www.facebook.com/KevinPakulisOfficial/](http://www.facebook.com/KevinPakulisOfficial/)

## **Koda Krause**

*Sunday 2:00 – Court*

Koda Krause is a guitarist, singer, and songwriter from Tucson, Arizona. Starting his musical journey over 20 years ago, he began studying guitar with Tucson legend Bill Ganz. While receiving a degree in classical guitar, he began studying with renowned Arizona guitarist Tom Sheeley. He has performed his unique mix of blues/folk standards and stylized original songs all over Arizona. Today you can find him fingerpicking all around Tucson, playing with his band Simple Existence or cooking French food for his fiancé.

<http://www.instagram.com/kodakrauseguitar/>

## **Lara Ruggles**

*Sunday 3:00 – Court*

Lara Ruggles' new record *Anchor Me*, her first release under her own name in 9 years, is a return to form, a rediscovery of Ruggles' vulnerability both in lyricism and production. The arrangements are left open, alternating between piano ballads and understated folk-rock that allow Ruggles's powerful voice to soar through the mix. Whether she is delivering a gut-punch of a realization or a contemplative rumination, the songs feel close, tangible, and real.

[www.lararuggles.com](http://www.lararuggles.com)

## **Laura Jean Band**

*Sunday 1:00 – Presidio Museum*

A harmony-driven combination of Americana and alt-country originals, songs from Laura Jean Band tell stories of the triumphs and tragedies of the American West. Formerly named *Laura and the Killed Men*, the band mixes heartbreak and hope in thoughtful narratives that will keep your ears perked for more. RIYL Sarah Jarosz, Riddy Arman, Jason Isbell.

[laurajeand.com](http://laurajeand.com)

## **Leila Lopez**

*Sunday 1:00 – Telles*

Leila writes and records her own songs, and often plays most of the instruments on her albums in a modest home studio in Tucson Arizona. Her music is influenced by everything from old Classic Rock, to Folk, Jazz, and of course the common ground we all walk together and apart, trying to put the pieces in place.

[www.leilalopezsongs.com](http://www.leilalopezsongs.com)

## **Lisa Sanders and Brown Sugar**

*Sunday 1:00 – Telles*

Lisa Sanders and Brown Sugar graced the Plaza stage at the Tucson Folk Festival in 2022 to a standing ovation! They are, a dynamic, soulful, heartfelt singing duo with a gift for crafting a wonderful song and masterful storytelling. Catch them while you still can! Learn more at: [LisaSanders.com](http://LisaSanders.com)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Liz & Pete's Sparrows & The Last Train**

*Sunday 4:30 – Presidio Museum*

Liz Cerepanya and Peter Ronstadt, simply known as Liz & Pete, pushed each other's musical boundaries into new territory until they became a band unto themselves. A new sound emerged: Sparrows & The Last Train. You will find yourself transported to the musical wonderland of the Postmodern American West and the grit and beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Featuring Ed Friedland, Tyrus Watson, Don Armstrong, and Alvin Blaine along with Liz & Pete's haunting harmonies, which will tug at the heart.

Learn more at: [lizandpetemusic.com](http://lizandpetemusic.com); [facebook.com/lizandpetemusic](https://facebook.com/lizandpetemusic); [youtube.com/lizandpetemusic](https://youtube.com/lizandpetemusic); [instagram.com/lizandpetemusic](https://instagram.com/lizandpetemusic)

## **Lizzie**

*Sunday 3:30 – Court*

"Lizzie" is a 19 year old Tucson born and raised indie folk musician!! Her new EP "Turn it into Art" navigates themes of growing up, friendship, and heartbreak, while showing how music can help us process these things, heal, and tie us all together. Playing her acoustic guitar and singing, she is ready to make you dance, make you laugh, and make you cry all at the same time. She hopes to spread the joy of music, bring people together, and touch as many hearts as she can possibly reach! Learn more at: [linktr.ee/lizziesmusics](https://linktr.ee/lizziesmusics)

## **The Lost Earbuds**

*Sunday 1:30 – Court*

The Lost Earbuds won the Stefan George Songwriting Competition in 2021. Guitar, dobro, mandolin, and well-crafted songs that just might surprise you. <http://thelostearbuds.com/>

## **LulyBird**

*Saturday 2:30 – North Church*

LulyBird is the Acoustic incarnation of Tubac's Lucy Hrin. Lucy plays throughout southern Arizona in various combos including a duo with Billy Clifford and her dance band Lucy Hrin and the Grackles. LulyBird is her exploration of jazzy, acoustic originals with rich harmonies, unexpected chord progressions, and diverse rhythms all held together with her enchanting soprano. She's accompanied by Billy Clifford on lead guitar, Rob Green on bass, Doug Parmenter on drums and Jenny Isaacs on harmonies.

## **Mark Insley and the Broken Angels**

*Saturday 4:00 – Presidio Museum*

Mark Insley and the Broken Angels from Tucson, AZ have just released a new album, "Redux" which was recorded live in one take, with no overdubs, using two-track mastering. "It's the way things used to be done before they had multitrack," Insley said. The album is a personal one for Insley, who launched his music career in Los Angeles' early alt-country and bluegrass scene, taking cues from Merle Haggard, Owens and the early 1970s alt-country band Flying Burrito Brothers.

[Facebook.com/MarkInsleyCountry](https://facebook.com/MarkInsleyCountry)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **The McCallion Band**

*Saturday 5:30 – Presidio Museum*

The McCallion Band plays original Americana, folk/rock, traditional style country, and rock and roll with joyful, punkish abandon. Fronted by Nancy McCallion, former singer/songwriter from international touring band, The Mollys, The McCallion Band features an impressive repertoire of original material and some of the finest veterans of the Tucson music scene: Danny Krieger on guitar, slide guitar, and vocals, Neil McCallion on bass and vocals, and Les Merrihew on drums. Learn more at: <http://www.nancymccallion.com>

## **MiggyMel**

*Saturday 4:00 – Telles*

Resonant, soulful vocals deliver poignant narratives over rhythmic acoustic guitar. Miguel Melgoza is a singer, songwriter, drummer, and percussionist originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and now residing in Tucson.

## **Mitzi Cowell**

*Sunday 11:30 – Plaza*

Funky fingerpicking and sizzling slide, unique vocals and a lyrical ride, no idea who I'll be by April 2025 – come and listen and you can decide! The band will be jammin! Learn more at: [www.mitziowell.com](http://www.mitziowell.com)

## **Mustang Corners**

*Sunday 1:30 – Presidio Museum*

Mustang Corners has been performing around Arizona for more than ten years. We are basically songwriters, and we perform our songs with our own southwestern style. Our trio consists of Dave Knipe (bass, vocals), Tim Daldrup (guitar, vocals), and Marshall Jones (lead guitar). Learn more at: [www.reverbnation.com/mustangcorners](http://www.reverbnation.com/mustangcorners)

## **Nancy Elliott**

*Sunday 2:30 – Telles*

Nancy started out in the 70's and 80's Dayton, OH folk scene playing Sam's on Fifth, Canal Street Tavern and Trolley Stop. From there it was CA to TX, back to OH then AZ in 1990. Falling in love with the Desert Southwest, she now writes original Southwestern Americana all about the Desert and her people. Learn more at: [www.NancyElliottMusic.com](http://www.NancyElliottMusic.com)

## **The Nevermores (Sabra Faulk & Nancy McCallion)**

*Sunday 5:00 – Telles*

Sabra is an accomplished singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. Her Americana songwriting always has an instant delightful rapport with the audience. Nancy is best known as the songwriter and vocalist for the original Celtic-Norteño band The Mollys. Her songwriting is often a sharp take on life lived small. Both have been Tucson Folk Festival headliners separately and they have 10 CDs of original music between them. Together they are a powerhouse of musical storytelling as The Nevermores.

[nancymccallion.com](http://nancymccallion.com) and [sabrafaulk.com](http://sabrafaulk.com).

Facebook: The Nevermores



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## **The Odd Birds**

*Saturday 1:30 – Telles*

Weaned on the 70s Laurel Canyon sound, Ron Grigsby and Jennifer Moraca write and play intimate music about connections, both lost and found, with an authentic and intimate sound. They have toured throughout the US and Europe and have released two critically acclaimed albums, "Better Days" and "Tremolo Heart". Their strength lies in their vocal harmonies; Ron's rougher twang merges with Jennifer's sweeter delivery, and they bring out the best in each other.

[TheOddBirds.com](http://TheOddBirds.com)

[Facebook.com/theoddbirds](https://Facebook.com/theoddbirds)

## **The Out of Kilters**

*Sunday 12:30 – Presidio Museum*

Bringing the songs and melodies of Ireland to the desert Southwest, Tucson's own "Out of Kilters" have been regulars at festivals, fundraisers, and private events since 2009. Their latest CD, "Hot Potatoes", features both classics and originals in the Irish tradition. The band includes Peter Rodgers/fiddle & guitar, Russ Healy/accordion & whistle, Tom Feild/guitar & mandolin, Katie Dunlavey/bodhran and Reuben Vinal/bass. Everyone sings for a sound that is both full-bodied and spirited.

[www.facebook.com/outofkilters](http://www.facebook.com/outofkilters)

[20outofkilters@gmail.com](mailto:20outofkilters@gmail.com)

## **Out of the Blue**

*Sunday 3:30 – Presidio Museum*

They're baaaack! After another epic orbit around the sun, OUT OF THE BLUE has returned to Earth and the Tucson Folk Festival refreshed and ready to blast off again. Please join Tom Poley (banjo and vocals), Donny Russell (mandolin and vocals), Emmy Creigh (guitar and vocals), and Slim Rost (bass and vocals) for an explosive set of original bluegrass music including a special homage to Fourth Street. All aboard!

## **Paula Fong**

*Saturday 1:30 – Court*

Paula Fong is an Americana/Folk singer-songwriter from Los Angeles with a sound that can vary from lilting trad folk, to upbeat country toe tappers, to soulful grit. Her passion for writing with an authenticity and lyricism draws you in and makes you want to get to know her story. She's been influenced by the classic voices of Joni Mitchell and Patti Griffin, as well as indie folk groups such as The Wailin' Jennys and Nickel Creek.

[www.paulafong.com](http://www.paulafong.com)

## **Peter, Paul, and Mary Remembered**

*Sunday 12:00 – North Church*

The music of Peter, Paul, and Mary is some of the most popular from the "folk era," and Marty Provinco, Dave Dumas and Sharron Owen continue to keep it alive with audiences young and old. You will find it impossible not to sing along on such classics as "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Leaving On a Jet Plane," "If I had a Hammer," and many others.

[www.ppandmremembered.com/](http://www.ppandmremembered.com/)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Rachael Snyder**

*Sunday 11:30 – Court*

Rachael Snyder is a Tucson-based singer/songwriter known for her soulful voice and evocative songwriting. Blending twangy Americana, folk, and country influences, her music weaves stories of love, loss, and life in the Southwest. With a sound that feels both timeless and fresh, Rachael's rich vocals and heartfelt lyrics capture the essence of Americana. Her performances are intimate yet powerful, resonating with audiences who appreciate raw emotion and authentic storytelling.

[rachaelsnydermusic.com](http://rachaelsnydermusic.com)

## **Raggedy Edge**

*Sunday 1:30 – Telles*

Nationally touring duo Raggedy Edge performs originals and covers in folk, rock, blues, pop and swing styles on guitars, mandolin, harmonica, and hand percussion. Their music delves into their feelings for each other and the world around them. They present a family friendly show featuring rich harmonies and Bob's creative guitar wizardry that is full of variety, spark, and fun for folks who desire a positive, upbeat message in the music they hear. Learn more at [RaggedyEdgeMusic.com](http://RaggedyEdgeMusic.com); [raggedyedge.bandcamp.com](http://raggedyedge.bandcamp.com)

## **Rave Review**

*Sunday 1:30 – North Church*

Rave Review, a Tucson-based contradance band formed in 2022, consists of Carina Ravelly on fiddle, Steve Richard on guitar, Russ Healy on accordion and whistles, and Scott Rettedal on mandolin, banjo, fiddle, and percussion. We perform tunes in various genres, including Americana, Old Time, Celtic, Quebecois and a sprinkling of Rock and Tin Pan Alley. Rave Review has performed regularly for the Tucson Friends of Traditional Music contra dances as well as for Phoenix Traditional Music and Dance.

[www.facebook.com/p/Rave-Review-100086696617178/](http://www.facebook.com/p/Rave-Review-100086696617178/)

## **RISO**

*Sunday 5:00 – Court*

From Tucson, Arizona, RISO's sweet vocals and dynamic instrumentals serve as a striking counterpart to gritty, beautifully honest, and captivating original songs. For the last decade, Matt and Rebekah Rolland have been on the road with their band, Run Boy Run, participated as artists-in-residence for the National Parks Centennial, appeared twice on American Public Media's A Prairie Home Companion and collaborated on eight studio albums, including their 2022 RISO release, New Eyes. Learn more at [www.risoband.com](http://www.risoband.com)

## **Ron Pandy & the Wildpitch Band**

*Sunday 4:00 – Presidio Museum*

Ron was abandoned in a vacant music store and raised by a pack of acoustic guitars. This explains a lot! He offers an array of compositions that penetrate the nuances of today's social injustices by examining the roots of racism, misogyny, homophobia and mental illness thru the lens of America's pastime – baseball. Multi-instrumentalist Slim Edelman, bassist Greg Rogan and vocalist Arlene Parker provide the perfect musical setting for these disturbing yet inspiring tales.

[ronpandy.com/](http://ronpandy.com/)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Roth D'lux**

*Saturday 6:00 – North Church*

Partners in song and life, Ginette and Daniel have been creating and performing together since the 1990s. Originally from Winnipeg, this duo has performed its own brand of acoustic prairie soul from the Canadian Shield, to the beaches of the Caribbean, to the desert of Tucson, where they finally established roots and raised a family. The music of roth d'lux – part folk, part soul, part dancy blues – continues outrunning the law of music labels.

## **Ruta Verbena**

*Sunday 1:00 – Plaza*

Ruta Verbena is a Tucson-based Latin Band inspired by danceable South American music, blending different styles and rhythms.

[Facebook.com/RUTAVERBENAMUSIC/](https://www.facebook.com/RUTAVERBENAMUSIC/)

## **Ryan Biter**

*Sunday 12:00 – Telles*

Ryan Biter is the aimless, eccentric, tactless kid you went to school with growing up that you always kind of wondered what happened to after high school. With equal measures of irreverence, sharp insight, and vulnerability, Biter invites audiences to be open to our profound humanness. Weird, wonderful, and flawed. Think of him like a guitar slinging Mr. Rodgers for messed up adults.

[ryanbitermusic.com/](http://ryanbitermusic.com/)

## **Ryanhood**

*Sunday 12:00 – Plaza*

International Acoustic Music Awards winners for 'Best Group/Duo', Ryanhood's tight vocal harmonies and big acoustic riffs have made them favorites on the touring circuit for over 20 years. A merging of virtuosic musicianship with rich and transformative storytelling, their shows are driven by strong acoustic guitar interplay and turn-on-a-dime harmonies forged in a decades-long friendship.

<http://www.ryanhood.com/>

## **Sara Syms**

*Sunday 2:00 – Telles*

Sara Syms is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter blending atmospheric indie folk with raw storytelling, creating a lifeline for those navigating depression, anxiety, and loss. With accolades from American Songwriter and No Depression, her music offers connection and hope. Her recent EP, *I Love You, Keep Going* (May 2024), born from a healing journey, resonates with anyone feeling lost, reminding us that we are worthy of love, healing, and resilience.

[www.sarasyms.com](http://www.sarasyms.com); [www.facebook.com/ssymsmusic](https://www.facebook.com/ssymsmusic)

## **Secret Harbor**

*Saturday 12:00 – North Church*

Indie-Nautical-Folk Music, Secret Harbor combines original storytelling with maritime singer-songwriter finesse. Michelangelo Caggiano, (a retired detective and lover of the sea) performs shows in the U.S. and overseas for over a quarter century. With stirring choruses and metaphorical sea stories, Secret Harbor connects with young and salty audiences. Featured on Spyder Monkey Shanty Radio, Michelangelo brings to his journey sounds of indie-folk, weathered with rich tenor vocals and guitar.

[secretharbormusic.com](http://secretharbormusic.com)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **The Secret Trails**

*Saturday 1:00 – Telles*

The Secret Trails is an Arizona-based indie/folk/Americana band. Their sound has been compared to Cat Stevens, Gordon Lightfoot, and contains compelling lyrics and colorful instrumental arrangements. They are celebrating the summer release of a self-titled debut EP, produced by Nashville producer Ken Coomer, drummer and founding member of the band Wilco.

[www.thesecrettrails.net](http://www.thesecrettrails.net)

## **smootmahooty**

*Saturday 3:30 – Court*

Tom Bertling is a singer songwriter and working musician who began playing guitar at age 7, taught and inspired by his Grandmother. From a small town in Ohio, Tom is #8 of 12 children. He has been writing songs and gratefully performing for 45 years. His original music consists of many genres, he calls it "Mutt Music." Never one to shy away from social commentary, Tom's music delivers strong messages of awareness, change, hope, and love. Duo partner Joey Weissgerber joins him on lead guitar.

[www.smootmahooty.com](http://www.smootmahooty.com)

## **Sophia Rankin & The Sound**

*Sunday 4:30 – North Church*

Founded in 2020, Tucson-based Alternative Folk Rock group Sophia Rankin & The Sound (SRS) consists of Sophia Rankin (vocals and rhythm guitar), Connor Rankin (drums), Diego Martinez (lead guitar), and Ben Arthur Mortensen (bass and vocals). Sophia began performing in 2015, winning first place at the Tucson Desert Song Festival and the Stefan George Songwriting competition, as well as 6th place at Planet Bluegrass Folks Fest. SRS released their new album, "Natural Disaster" in September of 2024.

[www.sophiarankin.com](http://www.sophiarankin.com)

## **Southbound Pilot**

*Saturday 3:30 – North Church*

Southbound Pilot is a dynamic band hailing from Tucson, Arizona, known for their compelling blend of roots-based originals and fresh takes on familiar classics. From Americana to Blues, Southbound Pilot's performances are marked by powerful vocals, inventive songwriting, and spontaneous improvisation, ensuring that every show is an unforgettable journey. Always striving to push musical boundaries, the band consistently delivers an experience filled with energy, joy, and artistic expression. Learn more at [southboundpilot.com/](http://southboundpilot.com/)

[Facebook.com/SouthboundPilot](https://Facebook.com/SouthboundPilot)

[Youtube.com/@southboundpilot](https://Youtube.com/@southboundpilot)

## **Steff Kayser**

*Saturday 4:00 – Court*

Craftsmanship, Precision and Groove. An insightful composer and brilliant interpreter of others' material, Steff Kayser offers unique and diverse performances with a soulful soaring voice and musical talents that delight the most discerning of audiences. Steff's original 'The Space Between Our Fences' won 3rd place in the 2022 Tumbleweed Music Festival Song Contest. He was also a Finalist in the 2023 Tucson Folk Festival Song Contest.

[www.facebook.com/MusicOfSteff](http://www.facebook.com/MusicOfSteff)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Stephy Leigh Griffin**

*Sunday 12:30 – Court*

Stephy Leigh is an Americana female singer-songwriter based out of Prescott, Arizona. She captivates audiences with her soulful country and indie-folk songs, weaving themes of love, loss, and life in the American West. Stephy's heartwrenching lyrics and nostalgic melodies resonate with listeners, drawing them into her story as it relates to their own. Her willingness to be vulnerable both in her writing and on stage makes her refreshingly fringe in our evermore dehumanizing world.

[www.stephyleighgriffin.com](http://www.stephyleighgriffin.com)

## **Strike Your Fancy!**

*Saturday 1:00 – Presidio Museum*

You have to love a country that puts a musical instrument on their currency. The harp is the national instrument of Ireland, a country with a rich musical heritage. Strike Your Fancy! is the Tucson based duo of harper Mary Bouley and guitarist/singer Keith Reins. They specialize in modern, eclectic arrangements of 17th and 18th Century Irish harp music, as well as other Irish and Scottish tunes and some originals.

## **Sweet Ghosts**

*Saturday 2:00 – North Church*

Sweet Ghosts is the project of singer-songwriter Ryan Alfred and vocalist Katherine Byrnes. They combine "stunning, unpredictable harmonies" (Tucson Weekly) with a colorful instrumental palette where acoustic folk instruments blend with orchestral touches and subtle Brian Eno-inspired synthesizers, with songs that "sound like late afternoon...when winter's coming" (MySpiltMilk.com).

## **Teal & Joyce**

*Sunday 12:30 – Telles*

Teal & Joyce delight and engage with original songs of life's delights and dilemmas! Serious, sensitive, and audaciously funny with a side of vaudeville thrown in for good measure – feather boa included– they leave audiences with a tune in their heads and a song in their hearts. Carol has won songwriting awards several years with the Great American Song Contest and plays guitar and mandolin. Dave performs original songs accompanied with guitar, banjo and harmonica.

[Facebook.com/TealandJoyce](https://Facebook.com/TealandJoyce)

[Tealandjoyce.ca/](http://Tealandjoyce.ca/)

## **Teodoro Ted Ramirez**

*Saturday 6:00 – Court*

Ted will play selections from his vast Southwest Folk Music catalog. Ted is known as Tucson's Official Troubadour. He tours nationally and internationally, introducing audiences to the magical music of the Southwest. He is a joy to listen to. Stop by and say "Hi", and you will be glad you did!

[Tedramirez.com](http://Tedramirez.com)

[Facebook.com/Teodoro.Ted.Ramirez](https://Facebook.com/Teodoro.Ted.Ramirez)

# FESTIVAL PERFORMERS

## **Thomas Aren**

*Saturday 12:30 – Court*

Thomas Aren is a songwriter, singer, producer, and guitarist, currently based in Los Angeles. His songwriting prowess has resulted in millions of streams for songs he's co-written, as well as credits on a recent Australian #1 album (Lime Cordiale's "Enough of the Sweet Talk"). As a singer-songwriter, Thomas is grounded in the folk tradition, but with an eye towards the future of the genre. His influences include Leonard Cohen, Adrianne Lenker, Father John Misty, and Wilco.

## **Wally Lawder**

*Saturday 4:30 – Telles*

Wally Lawder is currently based in New Mexico, but lived in Tucson for many years and returns often to visit and perform. He's a prolific songwriter with over 100 originals in his performing rotation and can jump from the humorous to the sublime along with the intriguing territory in between. The late Pulitzer Prize winning poet Stephen Dunn wrote: "Wally Lawder is both a romantic and a social critic, and his quiet lyricism heightened by his gifts as a guitarist gives me great pleasure." [www.wallylawder.com](http://www.wallylawder.com)

## **Wayback Machine/Words & Music by Stefan George**

*Saturday 2:00 – Plaza*

To commemorate the big 4-0, we're presenting a tribute honoring the late Stefan George. Stefan played in every Tucson Folk Festival up until his death, showcasing his many talents as a songwriter, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist. We'll feature songs written and recorded with Brain Damage Orchestra, Songtower, the Ditchriders and the Fellow Travelers, as well as tunes released under his own name and as a duo with his beloved partner in music and life, Lavinia White.

[www.waybackmachineband.com](http://www.waybackmachineband.com)

## **The Wind River Ensemble**

*Sunday 12:00 – Presidio Museum*

Alison Wahl and Brian Berggoetz have teamed up to add sweet harmonies to their original Classical Americana music. Strings, guitars and keys round out their original sound. They are also known for their original cover songs. They take lyrics from a classic hit song and write a new song with a new sound.

[www.reverbnation.com/windriverensemble](http://www.reverbnation.com/windriverensemble)

## **WomanSong**

*Saturday 2:00 – Telles*

WomanSong, one of Tucson's premier female vocal ensembles returns to the stage. Pure and sweet vocal harmonies from Linda Rothchild, Grace Hartman and Mary Hidalgo. Their music is full of warmth and life, joy and happiness, tenderness and fire. Come out and enjoy some of your old favorites done up in WomanSong's signature arrangements. From intense and exciting to soft sweet sounds hanging in the air, this group can really take your breath away.



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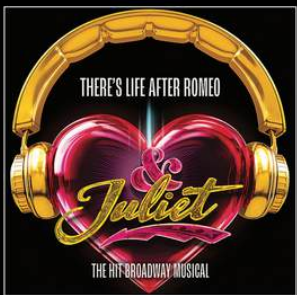


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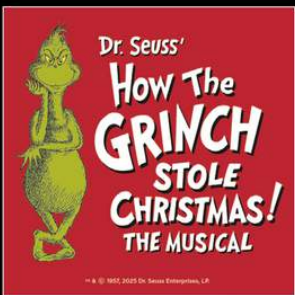
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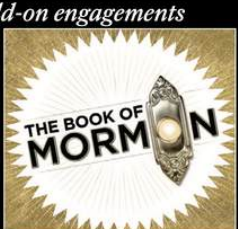
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