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The 11th Annual Blues and Jazz Festival

Returns to Old Town Rock Hill & Baxter Village, Fort Mill

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County’s Blues and Jazz Festival to celebrate its 11th year. The festival kicks off in Fort Mill’s Baxter Village on Thursday, October 1, 2015 with the Dante Lewis Duo and continues through Friday, October 2, 2015 with a restaurant crawl in Old Town Rock Hill. Nine of the area’s restaurants, pubs, and other venues open their doors to blues and jazz musicians; some who are veterans to the festival and others who are brand new to the Blues & Jazz Festival’s scene. A few of our performers this year are The Leslie Richardson Trio, 77th Street Revue, and Thel Petty.

The 11th Annual Blues & Jazz Festival

October 1 - 2, 2015

KICKOFF

Thursday, October 1, 2015 | 7-10 PM | Free

BAXTER VILLAGE | 990 MARKET STREET | FORT MILL, SC

*Sponsored by Andy Bovender Team of Allen Tate Realtors • CN2 • Coffee News • Incantato Tours • Fish Market • grapevine Wine Shop | Wine Bar • Six Pence Pub • WRHI 94.3 | Interstate 107 | 104.1 – The Bridge*

DANTE LEWIS DUO | dantelewismusic.com

The Blues & Jazz Festival kicks off in Baxter Village's Springmaid Park again in 2015! Bring your favorite picnic blanket or lawn chair, kick off your shoes & relax on the lawn in Springmaid Park while listening to the smooth tones of the Dante Lewis Duo. If you prefer, you can even grab a bite to eat as you enjoy the music from the patios of the Fish Market, grapevine Wine Shop | Wine Bar, or Six Pence Pub.

OLD TOWN RESTAURANT CRAWL

Friday, October 2, 2015 | 7-11 PM | $ 10

﻿Old Town Rock Hill, SC | East Main & Caldwell Streets

*Sponsored by City of Rock Hill*

The Blues & Jazz Festival returns to Old Town Rock Hill on Friday, October 2, where festival-goers can enjoy live music at nine of Old Town's restaurants & venues throughout the night. If you purchase tickets in advance, be sure to trade in your ticket at one of the info booths for an event wristband.

[McHale’s Irish Pub](http://mchalesirishpub.com/) | [PLAIR](http://www.plair.net/)

122 East Main Street | Rock Hill, SC

Ain't no party like a Plair band party! Led by B.S. Plair, a former public school music instructor who spent more than 30 years in teaching and performing, Plair is a family affair. Bobby Jr. began performing with his dad at the age of 10 playing trumpet, and son Victor joined the group at about age 9 playing trombone. Vocalist Wade Witherspoon completes the group. Plair has performed all over the southeast playing clubs and colleges, opening for such artists as Lionel Richie/Commodores, Mother's Finest, Kool and the Gang, and The Ellington Orchestra. Willie “The Blues Man” Roach will be performing with Plair! | http://www.plair.net

[City Club of Rock Hill](http://cityclubofrockhill.com/) | [LESLIE RICHARDSON](http://leslieandfriends.com/) TRIO

140 East Main Street | Rock Hill, SC

Leslie's signature clear and sultry tones, expansive range, and expressive delivery, defy categorization; thus, expertly lending themselves to a diverse repertoire befitting any performance atmosphere. | http://leslieandfriends.com

[Five & Dine](http://www.eatatfiveanddine.com/) | [THEL PETTY](http://thelpetty.com/)

135 E. Main St. | Rock Hill, SC

Self-taught as a teenager, Thel Petty played rock and R&B in the late 1970's and 80’. His musical interests soon turned to jazz where in high school he was the guitarist for the school jazz band as well as other R&B and funk bands. Over the years, he has become an in-demand Jazz player and is recognized as an outstanding soloist by many Charlotte area musicians. Petty's main guitar influences include Wes Montgomery, George Benson, Joe Pass, Django Reinhardt, Pat Martino and Antonio Carlos Jobim. | http://thelpetty.com

Jimmy John’s | TAKE TWO

147 E. Main St. | Rock Hill, SC

Led by sax-man, Brian Hipp, Take Two returns to perform at Jimmy Johns.

Amélie’s Uncorked | DANTE LEWIS

157 E. Main St. | Rock Hill, SC

*Sponsored by York Country Natural Gas Authority*

Dante Lewis is a powerful saxophonist from Columbia, SC. He has been featured in the Columbia Metropolitan Magazine, the Rowan Arts Festival, and several other large charitable events. | dantelewismusic.com

Millstone Pizza + Taphouse | 77th STREET REVUE

121 Caldwell St. | Suite 103| Rock Hill, SC

*Sponsored by Williams & Fudge*

Formerly known as All Out Acoustic, 77th Street Revue band members include Matt Sztyber on guitar, Dan Lawlor on drums, John Shaughnessy on bass, and Mike Huffman on the organ. Each member does their part on vocals to complete this harmonious band and bring you upscale, low-volume entertainment. | https://www.facebook.com/77thstreetrevue

The Flipside Restaurant | COLBY DOBBS

129 Caldwell St. | Rock Hill, SC

Colby Dobbs Band is a group that takes the modern and twists it with their own sounds and according to the band, “We are an original band that combines rock and jazz with the sweetness that is pop music.” | https://www.facebook.com/colbydobbsband

The Courtroom at the [Gettys](https://www.facebook.com/thecourtroomatgettys) Art Center | WEEKENDS with opening act, BRISTO BLUE

201 E. Main St. | Rock Hill, SC

*Sponsored by The Pump House Restaurant*

Weekends brings their high energy style of blues influenced rock and roll to The Courtroom at the Gettys Art Center. Come early, stay late! | http://weekendsband.com

Thi’s Place on Main | MARC HOFFMAN TRIO

10 E. Main St. | Rock Hill, SC

After being a composer and performer of many other talents and genres, Marc started pursuing Jazz. Since then, he has performed in over 100 events across the US and Europe. He now comes to Rock Hill to perform for the Blues and Jazz festival, and with a collection of over 80 years of musical decades known to him, this will be a performance you don’t want to miss. | http://www.marchoffman.com/tag/marc-hoffman-trio/

Produced by Bobby Plair, Jr., the Blues and Jazz Festival is a growing and thriving festival that draws tourism and brings great opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate the music that America has made.

Tickets for the Festival are on sale now: 121 East Main Street, Rock Hill, SC | 803-328-2787

Tickets may also be purchased at the door on Thursday, October 1, and Friday, October 2. Tickets purchased in advance, or online, for Friday night's Restaurant Crawl must be exchanged for an event wristband at a ticket booth along Main Street on the night of the crawl. The event wristband gives festivalgoers access to all participating venues.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at 803-328-2787, by email at [arts@yorkcountyarts.org](mailto:arts@yorkcountyarts.org), or visit our webpage at http://www.yorkcountyarts.org.

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