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**15th Annual Blues & Jazz Festival**

*Bringing infectious rhythms, soulful sounds and high energy performances to York County, SC*

ROCK HILL, SC – Celebrate the roots of modern music with infectious rhythms, soulful sounds, and high energy performances at the Arts Council of York County’s 15th Annual Blues & Jazz Festival.

Events kick off with concerts in *both* Baxter Village in Fort Mill *AND* Clover, SC from 7 – 10 PM on Thursday, October 3! Get your groove on with saxman LeTron Brantley in Baxter Village’s Springmaid Park, 980-990 Market St., Fort Mill, SC. Get down with Groove Masters’ hot jazz and smooth soul sounds at The Larne Building, 103 N. Main St., Clover, SC.

On Friday, October 4, the Blues & Jazz Festival’s signature Old Town Restaurant Crawl returns to Rock Hill where festival-goers can enjoy live music by eight acts at seven Old Town restaurants & venues throughout the night. | https://www.yorkcountyarts.org/15thbluesandjazz

The 15th Annual Blues & Jazz Festival

October 3 – 4, 2019 | *Rain or Shine*

KICKOFF | BAXTER VILLAGE

Thursday, October 3, 2018 | 7 - 10 PM | FREE

SPRINGMAID PARK at BAXTER VILLAGE | 980-990 MARKET STREET | FORT MILL, SC

*Sponsored by Fish Market • grapevine Wine Shop | Wine Bar • OTS Media*

Letron Brantley

LeTron “LTrain” Brantley is a native of South Carolina who has been playing the saxophone since he was 12 years old. In his younger years, he was heavily influenced by jazz, gospel, and R&B music. Studying music in college allowed him to hone his craft as well as perform with various jazz, soul, and funk groups. LeTron has performed with many great musicians such as jazz recording artist Bob Mintzer, saxophonist Lenny Picket of the Saturday Night Live band, and gospel recording artist Donnie McClurkin - to name a few. Currently LeTron serves as the musical director for a local jazz orchestra as well as band leader for the regional jazz and dance band Jazz Revolution. LeTron is an active music community supporter and clinician dedicated to the mission of embracing and encouraging musicians like himself to be persistent in their craft and always strive for excellence.

KICKOFF | CLOVER, SC

Thursday, October 4, 2018 | 7-10 PM | $10

THE LARNE BUILDING | 103 NORTH MAIN STREET | CLOVER, SC

*Sponsored by Town of Clover / Gallery 120*

Groove Masters | https://www.reverbnation.com/groovemasters

*Keeping the Groove alive with funk, neo soul and smooth jazz!*

"Closing in on 10 years as a contemporary jazz and gospel mainstay in their hometown of Charlotte, NC, Groove Masters, winner of the coveted “Best Jazz Band in the Carolinas” Award, lives up to their cool moniker on their 3rd album release, KEEPING THE GROOVE ALIVE with funk, neo soul and Smooth Jazz. Known for their lively performances, Groove Masters have toured with a wide variety of noteworthy artists, from Hip Hop legend, Doug E. Fresh to Gospel star Twinkie Clark. These super heroes of groove, are bringing audiences to their feet around the globe… be on the look out for Groove Masters at your favorite jazz fest!" ~JONATHAN WIDRAN & SANDY SHORE (SmoothJazz.com Global)

OLD TOWN RESTAURANT CRAWL

Friday, October 4 | 7 – 11 PM | $10 wristband

OLD TOWN ROCK HILL, SC | EAST MAIN & CALDWELL STREETS

*One $10 wristband gets festivalgoers into all 7 venues all evening long!*

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The Pump House • Williams & Fudge

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| **Venue** | **Artist** | **Artist Website** |
| McHale's Irish Pub  *Sponsored by Old Town Association* | Weekends | https://www.facebook.com/WeekendsBandSC/ |
| Jimmy John's  Black & White Alley  *Sponsored by City of Rock Hill PRT* | Mellogroove | https://www.facebook.com/mellogroovesoul/ |
| Amelie's  *Sponsored by Comporium Communications* | Cotton Blue | http://www.cottonblueband.com/home.html |
| Millstone Pizza + Taphouse  *Sponsored by Williams & Fudge* | Derek McCoy Trio | http://derekmccoymusic.com |
| The Flipside Restaurant  *Sponsored by Founders Federal Credit Union* | Eric Brown | https://www.facebook.com/Ebrown021/ |
| Gettys Art Center Courtroom  *Sponsored by The Pump House Restaurant* | Plair  *Opening Act: Judith Porter Jazz* | <http://www.plair.net>  https://www.judithporterjazz.com |
| Thi's Place on Main | Midnight Blue | https://www.facebook.com/Carolina.MidnightBlue/ |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | 2-hour shifts are available during the Restaurant Crawl on Friday, October 4. Volunteers will check admission bracelets at the doors of the venues. In thanks, volunteers will receive a 15th Annual Blues & Jazz t-shirt and will also receive an event wristband for entry to the festival either before or after their shift. Contact the Arts Council at (803)328-2787 for more information.

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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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