

Kentucky

Kentucky is music....

The Bluegrass State's musical heritage has deep roots in Appalachian folk music, but has spread to encompass a broad swath of styles and sounds. It is home to country icons like Loretta Lynn and Dwight Yoakam, and modern talents like Sturgill Simpson and Chris Stapleton. Alternative rock band "My Morning Jacket" hails from Louisville, and "Mother of Folk" Jean Ritchie was born in Viper. Kentucky's live bluegrass scene is second to none, but it also hosts festivals featuring blues, country, folk, jazz, rock, and beyond, drawing devoted fans across the spectrum of musical tastes.

Music Venues & Festivals

11 Year Itch	Lexington Opera House
Air Devils Inn	Madison Theater
Al's Bar	Magnolia Bar
Art Sanctuary	Manchester Music Hall
BB&T Arena	Mountain Arts Center
Best Friend Bar	ODEON
Bourbon & Beyond Festival	Play
Brown Theatre	Psychic City
Cosmic Charlies	RiverPark Center
Eastern Kentucky Expo Center	Romp Fest Festival
Festival of the Bluegrass Festival	Summer Motion Festival
Freedom Hall	Terrapin Hill Farm
Forecastle Festival	The Burl
Galaxie	The Corbin Arena

\$447.7M

Music industry
contribution to state GDP
(Economists Inc.)

8,526

Jobs Supported
(Economists Inc.)

1,341

Music Establishments
(A2IM/Economists Inc./NIVA)

1,286

Royalty Recipients
(SAG-AFTRA/SoundExchange)

14,226

Songwriters
(ASCAP/BMI/GMR/SESAC)

Gerstles Place	The Mercury Ballroom
Headliners Music hall	The Southgate House Revival
Hidden Ridge Camping	The Warehouse at Mt. Victor
Jimmy Can't Dance	Tidball's
Kaiju	Trash Talk
Kentucky Performing Arts	Waterfront Park
KFC Yum! Center	Zanzabar

Notable Musicians

Bill Monroe	My Morning Jacket
Billy Ray Cyrus	Rosemary Clooney
Chris Stapleton	Sturgil Simpson
Loretta Lynn	