

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

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| 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)



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| 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

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