

Louisiana

Louisiana and music...

From Louis Armstrong to Britney Spears, Louisiana has a diverse and vibrant music heritage that crosses genres and has for decades produced unforgettable, impactful songs. The southern region of the state is the birthplace of traditional creole and zydeco music, originating with slave songs and later incorporating those melodies and rhythms into more instrumental, contemporary sounds. Northern Louisiana is most famous for its contemporary country music superstars, Tim McGraw, Trace Adkins, and Hank Williams Jr., among others, and the radio program "Louisiana Hayride," which is widely viewed as a predecessor to The Grand Ole Opry and in the 1950s broadcast live performances by virtually every country icon in the region. New Orleans has a musical identity of its own, and is responsible for the genesis of Dixieland jazz and a subgenre of the blues known for its Caribbean influences.

Music Venues & Festivals

Bayou Country Superfest Festival	One Eyed Jacks
Blue Moon Saloon	Orpheum Theater
Blue Nile	Preservation Hall
Buku Music + Art Project Festival	Republic NOLA
Carnaval Lounge	RiverView Theater
Carver Theater	Saenger Theatre
Civic Theatre	Santos Bar
d.b.a. NOLA	Sidneys Salloon
Essence Music Festival	Smoothie King Center
Gasa Gasa	Southport Hall
Generations Hall	Spanish Moon

\$1.2B

Music industry
contribution to state GDP
(Economists Inc.)

30,049

Jobs Supported
(Economists Inc.)

1,691

Music Establishments
(A2IM/Economists Inc./NIVA)

2,997

Royalty Recipients
(SAG-AFTRA/SoundExchange)

25,150

Songwriters
(ASCAP/BMI/GMR/SESAC)

Greek Theatre	State Palace Theatre
Hi - Ho Lounge	Techno Club
Howlin' Wolf	Texas Club
Maison	Tipitina's
Mahalia Jackson Theater of the Performing Arts	The Howlin' Wolf
Maple Leaf Bar	The Saint Bar and Lounge
Mercedes-Benz Superdome	The Varsity Theatre
Mid City Ballroom	The Spotted Cat Music Club
New Orleans Jazz Fest Festival	Voodoo Experience Festival

Notable Musicians

Better Than Ezra	Jerry Lee Lewis
Britney Spears	Louis Armstrong
Buddy Guy	Lucinda Williams
Cowboy Mouth	Master P
Fats Domino	Tim McGraw
Harry Connick Jr.	The Neville Brothers
Hunter Hayes	Wynton & Elis Marsalis
Lil Wayne	