

Sacramento Area Bluegrass Newsletter



CALIFORNIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

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Important California Bluegrass Association Reminders

CBA Music Camp at Grass Valley - *Registration begins at noon on February 7.* Be sure to sign up as soon as registration starts because class slots fill quickly and prices go up on May 1st. You can register by mail or on line at <http://cbamusiccamp.com/index.php>
CBA Youth Academy at Grass Valley - *Registration begins February 15.* cbaweb.org/Events/YouthAcademy. The Academy is a 4-day music camp for 8-16 year-olds. 50 students only. \$100 scholarships available while funds last. It coincides with the CBA Music Camp.
CBA Father's Day Festival: June 13 - 16, Grass Valley. Another great lineup will perform for our annual Fathers Day Festival. For details and tickets go to <http://fathersdayfestival.com> . *save on early bird tickets - available now.*

Front Country at 3 Locations

Front Country forged a sound that lies somewhere between indie folk and Americana—a genre some might call “Roots Pop”. It’s not a sound based on current trends of what any mainstream audience has asked for, it is a new perspective looking to find a new audience. With the ferocious energy of lead singer Melody Walker and a band of wickedly creative instrumentalists, they’re working to translate incredibly intricate arrangements and structures of the best pop songs into an organic, on-the-fly acoustic string band.

January 27, 7 PM, Palms Playhouse, 13 Main St, Winters, \$16-\$22, 530-758-8058, palmsplayhouse.com

January 31, 7:30 PM, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Big Room, 1075 E 20th St, Chico, \$5 - \$17.50, 530-893-3520, sierranevada.com

February 2, 8 PM, Grass Valley Elks Lodge, 109 S School St, Grass Valley, \$20 -\$26, thecenterforthearts.org

Bluegrass at The Side Door, February 1st & 16th, Sacramento

North Country Blue (NCB), February 1st, A band of 13 and 14 year old female bluegrass musicians, comprised of Ida Winfree, Daisy Kerr, Megan January and Tessa Schwartz. This will be a release concert for their 1st album. In a short time, NCB has had a slew of highlight performances on stages that usually take much longer to attain. What sets this band apart is not simply their youth, but their creativity, their positive energy, all while still respecting bluegrass music’s roots and tradition. <https://northcountryblue.com/home> The Side Door, 2900 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento. 7 PM, \$20, 916-442-8282, tickets at thesidedoor.net

The Keith Little Band, February 16th, Keith is one of the top Bluegrass musicians in California. He’s played with Ricky Skaggs, Dolly Parton, Peter Rowan, The David Grisman Bluegrass Band and Vern & Ray to mention a few, and with his top shelf band, brings great musicianship and vocals to pleased Bluegrass audiences. This is California Bluegrass at it’s best. The Side Door, 2900 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento. 7 PM \$20, 916-442-8282, tickets at thesidedoor.net

Nell & Jim Band, February 16th, The Palms Playhouse, Winters

Nell & Jim Band bring all of your favorite elements of authentic music together, creating a genre-busting sound that combines Americana, folk and bluegrass music. The “beloved Bay Area bluegrass stars” (San Jose Mercury News) have been featured on Prairie Home Companion, at Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, the PBS series Music Gone Public, Kate Wolf Music Festival and La Roche Bluegrass in France. The band is celebrating the release of their latest album, Steel. 8 PM, \$20/\$16 students, Palms Playhouse, 13 Main St, Winters, 530-758-8058, palmsplayhouse.com

Sideline Bluegrass Band: February 22, at the Shingle Springs Community Center

Sideline is a pedigreed six-piece powerhouse whose style has set the pace in Bluegrass for over two decades. Founders Steve Dilling, Skip Cherryholmes and Jason Moore can all claim their own historical significance to the genre as members of highly awarded groups, multiple Grand Ole Opry appearances and years of national and international touring. To listen to Sideline reminds the fan of why so many people fall in love with Bluegrass in the first place. 4440 So. Shingle Rd, Shingle Springs, 7 PM, Tickets \$25 members, \$28 non-members at www.cbaweb.org. More information at (916) 837-8671, or johnstaiti@gmail.com

Bluegrass at the Big Room, February 26th & March 5th, Chico

Noma Pinkelny & Stuart Duncan (Banjo/Fiddle Duo), February 26th: Noam Pinkelny has emerged as the preeminent banjoist of his generation. He is a founding member of Punch Brothers and was awarded the first annual Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass in 2010. In addition he was IBMA’s Banjo Player of the year in 2014 and 2017. Fiddler and multi-instrumentalist Stuart Duncan has built upon his bluegrass roots to become an artist that defies categorization and surpasses the limits of any specific genre. The consummate sideman, Stuart has lent his particular taste and tone to countless artists and projects. 7:30 PM, \$5 - \$28, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Big Room, 1075 E 20th St, Chico, 530-893-3520, sierranevada.com

Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen w/ Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley, March 5th: With chops so hot, Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen were named IBMA’s 2016 Instrumental Group of the Year for the second time, with a third nomination in 2017. Frank Solivan has built a reputation as a monster mandolinist and become a major festival attraction with his band, Dirty Kitchen. Their respect and deep understanding of the tradition collides with jazz virtuosity creating an unforgettable, compelling performance. 7 PM, \$5 - \$20, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Big Room, 1075 E 20th St, Chico, 530-893-3520, sierranevada.com

Festivals & Camps

CBA Music Camp Registration: Starting on February 7th at Noon, cbamusiccamp.com

CBA Youth Academy Registration: Starting on February 15th, cbaweb.org/Events/YouthAcademy

Bluegrass Cruise from Long Beach: February 18-22, DannyStewartsBluegrassCruise.com

Wintergrass: February 21- 24, Bellevue, WA wintergrass.com

Bluegrass on the Beach: March 1 - 3, Friday - Sunday, Lake Havasu City, AZ bluegrassonthebeach.com

CA Old Time Open Fiddle & Picking Championships: April 12-13, Lodi, CA csoffa.org

Spring Campout in conjunction with CA Old Time Fiddle Contest: April 8-14, Lodi, CA, cbaweb.org

Julian Family Fiddle Camp: April 10-14, Julian, CA familyfiddlecamp.com

Walker Creek Music Camp: April 11 -14, Marin County, CA, walkercreekmusiccamp.org

CBA Music Camp: June 9 - 12, Grass Valley, cbamusiccamp.com, cbaweb.com

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Save the Dates

Dave Stamey: March 14, House Concert in Folsom

Edgar Loudermilk Band featuring Jeff Autry: March 20, Folsom Opry House

Other Events

Unless otherwise indicated, these events are without charge as far as I know, but patronage of the venue is expected. The times listed are show times; doors open at least a half hour earlier. Come out & support these venues that produce our music. House concerts are by donation, all of which typically goes to the artists, & are open to the public. Call for reservations & directions.

Putah Creek Crawdads: February 9, 9 AM - Noon, Davis Farmers Market, Central Park (C Street at 4th) in Davis. Free.

JohnSmith: February 9: 7:30 PM, (Singer Song Writer), Auburn House Concerts, Call 530-885-4292 for an invitation, auburnhouseconcerts.org

The Crooked Jades: March 1, 9:30 PM, (Boundary Pushing String Band), Palms Playhouse, 13 Main St, Winters, \$22, 530-758-8058, palmsplayhouse.com

One Grass Two Grass w/ Lost Whiskey Engine: March 1, 9:30 PM, Crazy Horse, 230 Commercial St, Nevada City, \$8, 530-265-4000, crazyhorsenc.com

The Young Fables: March 7, 8 PM, (Country Music), Palms Playhouse, 13 Main St, Winters, \$18/\$14 students, 530-758-8058, palm-splayhouse.com

Regular Monthly Jams

Every Wednesday, 6 - 9 PM, Nicholson's MusiCafe, 632 E Bidwell, Folsom, 916-984-3020. *Open mike & jam.*

Every Wednesday, 6 - 9 PM, Ol' Republic Brewery, 124 Argall Way, Nevada City, 530-264-7263, olrepublicbrewery.com.

Every Thursday, 7 - 10 PM, Fifth String, 2900 Franklin Blvd @ 4th, Sacramento, 916-442-8282, www.thefifthstring.com.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6 - 9 PM, McBride Senior Center, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, 707-448-8963.

1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays, 6 - 9 PM, Landmark Baptist Church, 609 Figueroa, Folsom, 916-770-7340. *New pickers welcome.*

1st Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 PM, Nicholson's MusiCafe, 632 E Bidwell, Folsom, 916-984-3020. *Acoustic guitar club.*

1st Wednesday, 5:30-8:30 PM, Porchlight Brewing Co, 866 57th St, Sacramento, 916-476-5384

2nd Sunday, 1 - 4 PM, Old-Time Fiddlers, Orangevale Grange Hall, 5805 Walnut, Orangevale, 530-676-0836.

2nd Sunday, 1 - 4 PM, Sactown Union Brewery, 1210 66th St B, Sacramento, Bob A. Jam, 916-272-4472, sactownunion.com

2nd Sunday, 4 - 6 PM, California Organics, 135 Argall Way, Nevada City, 530-265-9392, californiaorganics.com *Old-time jam.*

2nd & 5th Thursdays, 6 - 9 PM, Bluegrass jam in Sacramento area homes. 916-770-7340 *New pickers welcome.*

2nd Thursday, 7 - 8:30 PM, The Strum Shop, 209 Vernon, Roseville, 916-787-8786, thestrumshop.com

3rd Sunday, 1 - 4 PM, Sactown Union Brewery, 1210 66th St B, Sacramento, 916-705-6569, sactownunion.com

3rd Sunday, 1 - 4 PM, Monte Vista Inn, 32106 Ridge Rd, Dutch Flat, 530-389-2333. *Strictly old-time jam!*

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 PM, Nicholson's MusiCafe, 632 E Bidwell, Folsom, 916-984-3020. *Beginning bluegrass club.*

3rd Thursday, 7:30 - 10 PM, Old Ironsides, 1901 10th St, Sacramento, 916-443-9751, theoldironsides.com.

3rd Saturday, 3 PM, The Strum Shop, 209 Vernon, Roseville, 916-787-8786, thestrumshop.com

4th Sunday, 1 - 4 PM, Sactown Union Brewery, 1210 66th Street Sacramento, 916-272-4472, sactownunion.com

4th Thursday, 6 - 9 PM, The Strum Shop, 209 Vernon, Roseville, 916-787-8786, thestrumshop.com

4th Thursday, 6 - 9 PM, Two Rivers Cider, 4311 Attawa Ave Suite 103, Sacramento, Kim A. jam, 916-456-1614,

Floating Jams Without Long Term Schedules

Saturday, February 2 & March 2, 12 - 4 PM, Clubhouse at 6211 Summerset Lane, Citrus Heights; Preston's Jam, 916-572-0692

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