



CHARLOTTE MUSIC FACT SHEET

A MELTING POT OF PROMINENT MUSIC GENRES, CHARLOTTE HAS A RICH LEGACY AS A HISTORIC DESTINATION IN THE SOUTHEAST FOR MUSICIANS, RECORD LABELS AND STUDIOS.

CHARLOTTE'S MUSICAL ROOTS

Arthur Smith Studios, named for the WBT radio personality who wrote 1955's "Dueling Banjos" in Uptown Charlotte, gave birth to funk music in February 1965, recording James Brown's "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" in one take.

Alternative and Indie rock would be forever changed when a young R.E.M. recorded their first two LPs, "Murmur" and "Reckoning," in 1984 at Charlotte's Reflection Sound Studios, which also regularly recorded with James Brown, Joe Walsh and The Spongetones.

Historic Ovens Auditorium (1955) and neighboring Bojangles Coliseum, formerly known as Charlotte Coliseum, are two of Charlotte's oldest and most renowned live music venues, having hosted Elvis, Louis Armstrong, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and Diana Ross.

The Milestone Club (1969) has hosted acts like Nirvana and stands today with much of the graffiti from the early 90s still intact.

CHARLOTTE MUSIC FESTIVALS

SPRING

Charlotte SHOUT!
March 31-April 16

A citywide multi-week music, art, food and innovation festival, SHOUT! takes it to the streets of Uptown Charlotte and beyond with jazz, folk, hip-hop and contemporary musical acts, accompanied by art installations and unique culinary experiences.

BOOM Charlotte
April 22-23

BOOM celebrates Charlotte's contemporary and experimental artists in this two-day music and culture festival at the historic Camp North End.

Tuck Fest
April 29-May 1

Hosted at the U.S. National Whitewater Center, this multi-day festival combines music, food and outdoor activities for all ages.

North Carolina Brewers & Music Festival
May 6-7

National acts grace the stage of Historic Rural Hill for a weekend of brews, music, food and vendors, with the option to camp out the full weekend long.

SUMMER

Queen City Jam Session
August 19-21, 2022

Tag-teaming with MaxxMusic, NoDa Brewing Company hosts a three-day music and arts festival featuring national and regional folk and bluegrass acts.

FALL

Breakaway Carolina
September 30-October 1, 2022

One of just six shows nationwide, Breakaway Festival promises hip-hop, electronic and dance music, complete with a silent disco at this outdoor festival hosted at zMAX Dragway.

Moo & Brew Craft Beer, Burger and Music Festival
October 1, 2022

Beer sampling, burgers and bands set the stage for this annual festival at AvidXchange Music Factory.



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CHARLOTTE'S ACCLAIMED MUSIC VENUES

Bojangles Coliseum

This 10,829-capacity domed venue formerly known as Charlotte Coliseum is one of Charlotte's most historic performance venues and is the cornerstone of the newly-minted BOplex, including Ovens Auditorium, complete with a new connecting atrium and enhanced guest amenities.

Ovens Auditorium

The historic theater venue of the BOplex, Ovens Auditorium packs a mighty punch as a 2,447-seat venue, home to national musicians and Broadway acts and was rated No. 9 of 200 top theatre venues for worldwide ticket sales in 2021 by Pollstar.

AvidXchange Music Factory

Located in Uptown, this multi-venue dining, events and music hub is home to Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheater, an open-air venue with a capacity of 5,000 with the Charlotte skyline as a backdrop; The Fillmore, a mostly-standing-room-only venue designed with inspiration from its San Francisco namesake; and The Underground, an intimate venue featuring local, regional and national acts.

PNC Music Pavilion

Opened in 1991 as Blockbuster Pavilion, PNC Music Pavilion comes to life during the warmest months of the year to welcome large acts to the 18,000-capacity outdoor amphitheater.

Belk Theatre

One of Uptown Charlotte's most prominent locations, Belk Theater (1992) hosts a variety of acts from Broadway to renowned musicians in this 2,118-seat ornate venue.

Bank of America Stadium

Home to the Carolina Panthers and Charlotte FC, Bank of America Stadium uses the off-season and bye weeks to host several of the nation's largest traveling musical acts in the 75,412-seat stadium.

Spectrum Center

Built in 2004 to host the return of the Charlotte Hornets, Uptown's Spectrum Center welcomes many of the brightest stars and biggest names in the entertainment industry.

More Music Venues

Neighborhood Theatre; Visulite Theatre; The Evening Muse; Knight Theater; Middle C Jazz; The Milestone Club; Snug Harbor; Amos' Southend; Coyote Joe's.



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NOTABLE CHARLOTTE-AREA MUSICIANS

Lute

This Grammy-nominated rapper known for layered rhyme patterns and thoughtful, introspective lyrics, signed to J. Cole's Dreamville record label in 2015.

The Avett Brothers

The Avett Brothers' brand of tender folk and bluegrass ballads and epic live performances thrust them into the national spotlight more than a decade ago.

Luke Combs

The 2021 CMA Entertainer of the Year spent his early years in Charlotte before moving to the mountains of North Carolina and later pursuing his music career in Nashville.

Kellie Pickler

Country music singer songwriter Kellie Pickler found fame after a top-ten finish on "American Idol" in 2006. Just a year earlier, the upcoming talent was winning singing competitions on WSOC TV's "Gimmie the Mike! Charlotte."

Fantasia

Soul and R&B singer Fantasia Barrino burst onto the national stage in 2004 after winning the third season of "American Idol."

Anthony Hamilton

One of southern soul's greatest ambassadors, Anthony Hamilton's voice is unmistakable.

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