



OCT 3-4, 2025



FabFestCharlotte.org

Welcome to FabFest-Charlotte's Beatles Festival!

Tosco Music launched FabFest in 2019 as a way for the community to *come together* across generations and cultures around the timeless songs and universal popularity of the music of the Beatles. We're delighted at how it continues to grow each year and draws fans from across the region to the Queen City.

FabFest is an opportunity to connect, discover new artists and sing along, feel inspired, and experience the joy of community through music, just like all our Tosco Music Parties. Thank you for being part of this year's festival!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and everyone involved, I wish you a wonderful FabFest weekend!



John Tosco
Executive Director

About Tosco Music

For more than 35 years, Tosco Music Parties have been bringing people together through music. Tosco Music became a nonprofit organization in 1999. Our nonprofit programs celebrate diversity with a wide variety of performers and music styles, and support musicians of all ages, serving both youth and older adults across Charlotte.

At Tosco Music events, nationally recognized acts share the stage with undiscovered artists and audience members enthusiastically sing along. We celebrate the music-makers, including the music-maker in you!

While we've expanded to larger venues over the years, and added new outreach programs to our family-friendly open mic, music scholarships and senior singalongs, our core values remain the same - **it's all about music & community!**



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FABFEST

Charlotte's Beatles Festival

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

TOSCO MUSIC BEATLES TRIBUTE

7:30pm Knight Theater

*Meet Performers in the Lobby
Silent Auction and Raffles*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

FABFEST DAYTIME

10:00am-5:00pm Parr Center at CPCC

Gregg Bissonette - Ringo's Drummer

Live Music on 2 Stages

Tribute Bands

Beatles Cover Song Contest

Beatles Open Mic

Speakers, Activities, Games

Beatles Art Contest, Exhibition & Sale

Beatles Yoga

Family Fun Tent

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TOSCO MUSIC BEATLES TRIBUTE

21st Annual ★ Oct. 3, 2025
Knight Theater

Sing Along “HARD DAYS NIGHT”

“Yesterday” — *Charlotte Marie*

“I Saw Her Standing There” — *The British Invaders*

“Eleanor Rigby” — *Suite Strings CLT*

“Nowhere Man” — *Blue Jay Way*

“Ali & Andi” — *Dear Prudence*

Sing Along “ALL MY LOVING” w/Gregg Bissonette “TICKET TO RIDE” w/Gregg Bissonette

“Fool on the Hill” — *Melissa Lozada*

“Oh! Darling” — *Josh King*

“Eight Days a Week” — *Penny Lane*

“Come Together” — *Bob Malone*

“Strawberry Fields Forever” — *The Taxmen*

Sing Along “TWIST & SHOUT”

INTERMISSION — Refreshments and raffle tickets are available in the lobby

Sing Along “SGT. PEPPER’S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND” “WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS”

“Act Naturally” — *Austin McNeill*

“Thank You Girl” — *Beatelesque*

“We Can Work It Out” — *Groove 8*

“Octopus’s Garden” — *John Tosco*

“Helter Skelter” — *Reeve Coobs*

“You Never Give Me Your Money” — *Coconut Groove Band*

Sing Along “HEY JUDE”

Please remain seated during each performance and only enter or exit between acts.

Program and artists are subject to change. No flash photography.

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Sing Along

HARD DAYS NIGHT

(Lennon & McCartney)

It's been a hard day's night
And I been workin' like a dog
It's been a hard day's night
I should be sleepin' like a log

But when I get home to you
I find the things that you do
Will make me feel alright

You know I work all day
To get you money to buy you things
And it's worth it just to hear you say
You're going to give me everything

So why on earth should I moan
'Cause when I get you alone
You know I feel ok

When I'm home everything seems to be right
When I'm home feeling you holding me tight, tight, yeah

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ALL MY LOVING

(Lennon & McCartney)

Close your eyes and I'll kiss you
Tomorrow I'll miss you
Remember I'll always be true
And then while I'm away
I'll write home every day
And I'll send all my loving to you

I'll pretend that I'm kissing
The lips I am missing
And hope that my
dreams will come true
And then while I'm away
I'll write home every day
And I'll send all my loving to you

**All my loving
I will send to you
All my loving
Darling I'll be true**

Close you eyes and I'll kiss you
Tomorrow I'll miss you
Remember I'll always be true
And then while I'm away
I'll write home every day
And I'll send all my loving to you

**All my loving
I will send to you
All my loving
Darling I'll be true**

**All my loving
All my loving
Ooh, all my loving
I will send to you**



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TICKET TO RIDE

(Lennon & McCartney)

I think I'm gonna be sad
I think it's today, yeah
The girl that's driving me mad
Is going away

**She's got a ticket to ride - 3x
But she don't care**

She said that living with me
Was bringing her down yeah
She would never be free
When I was around

Chorus

I don't know why she's ridin' so high
She ought to think twice
She ought to do right by me
Before she gets to saying goodbye
She ought to think twice
She ought to do right by me

"I think people who truly can live a life in music are telling the world, 'You can have my love, you can have my smiles. Forget the bad parts, you don't need them. Just take the music, the goodness, because it's the very best, and it's the part I give most willingly.'"

- George Harrison

TWIST & SHOUT

(B. Russell & P. Medley)

Well shake it up, baby, now

Twist and shout

Come on, come on, come on, come on, baby, now

Come on and work it on out

Well work it on out

You know you look so good

You know you got me goin' now

Just like I knew you would

CHORUS

You know you twist, little girl

You know you twist so fine

Come on and twist a little closer now

And let me know that you're mine

CHORUS

You know you twist, little girl

You know you twist so fine

Come on and twist a little closer now

And let me know that you're mine

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Beatles Art Contest - Art for Sale!



Support Tosco Music and the wide variety of artists who participated at FabFest this year with their original Beatles-inspired artwork.

Artwork from this year's Beatles Art Contest is available to buy: online starting Fri., Oct. 3 and at FabFest Daytime Sat., Oct. 4 at CPCC's Parr Center; buyer must pick up art 5-6pm Saturday, 11am-12:30pm Sunday, or from artist by appt.

View gallery: bit.ly/beatlesart2025

Intermission

Meet FabFest performers and support the music-makers!
Get a FabFest t-shirt, hat or other merchandise. Visit the
Tosco Music table to make a donation or sign up to volunteer.

All proceeds support our nonprofit mission and programs.

Thanks for your support!

Tonight's Raffles

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 15 for \$50

Drawings are held before the closing singalong.

Must be present to win.

Raffle A A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
Lee Ritenour – Middle C Jazz, 10/17
Blind Boys of Alabama – Neighborhood Theatre 11/29

Raffle B A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
Ashes & Arrows – Neighborhood Theatre 10/19
Rumours of Fleetwood Mac – Knight Theater 11/4

Raffle C A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
CSO: Dolly Parton – Knight Theater,
Your choice: 10/17 or 10/18
Tosco Music Holiday Party – Knight Theater 12/15

FabFest Silent Auction - Gibson Guitars

Epiphone USA Casino w/Case

Acoustic USA J-45 Standard w/Case

John Lennon Print Framed - see auction for details



BIDDING ENDS: Mon, Oct 6 at 8PM

Bid online tonight & through Monday!



32 auctions



32auctions.com/FabFest2025

SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND

(Lennon & McCartney)

It was twenty years ago today
Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play
They've been going in and out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise a smile
So may I introduce to you
The act you've known for all these years
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

We're Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
We hope you will enjoy the show
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
Sit back and let the evening go

**Sgt. Pepper's Lonely, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**

It's wonderful to be here
It's certainly a thrill
You're such a lovely audience
We'd like to take you home with us
We'd love to take you home

I don't really want to stop the show
But I thought you might like to know
That the singer's going to sing a song
And he wants you all to sing along
So let me introduce to you
The one and only Billy Shears
And Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

(Lennon & McCartney)

What you would think if I sang out of tune
Would you stand up and walk out on me
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
And I try not to sing out of key

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends
Ooh, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away
Does it worry you to be alone
How do I feel by the end of the day
Are you sad because you're on your own

Chorus

Do you need anybody
I need somebody to love
Could it be anybody
I want somebody to love

Would you believe in a love at first sight
Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time
What do you see when you turn out the light
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Chorus

Do you need anybody
I just need someone to love
Could it be anybody
I want somebody to love

Chorus

Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends
With a little help from my friends

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HEY JUDE

(Lennon & McCartney)

Hey Jude, don't make it bad
Take a sad song and make it better
Remember to let her into your heart
Then you can start to make it better

Hey Jude, don't be afraid
You were made to go out and get her
The minute you let her under your skin
Then you begin to make it better

**And any time you feel the pain, hey Jude, refrain
Don't carry the world upon your shoulders
For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool
By making his world a little colder**

Hey Jude, don't let me down
You have found her, now go and get her
Remember, to let her into your heart
Then you can start to make it better

**So let it out and let it in, hey Jude, begin
You're waiting for someone to perform with
And don't you know that it's just you, hey Jude, you'll do
The movement you need is on your shoulder**

Hey Jude, don't make it bad
Take a sad song and make it better
Remember to let her under your skin
Then you begin to make it better
Better better better better better, oh!

Nah nah nah nah nah nah, nah nah nah, hey Jude

FABFEST DAYTIME SCHEDULE

Enjoy 2 stages of live music & more!

STRAWBERRY FIELD

- 10:00 Beatles Yoga** (*ends 11am*)
Face Painting (*ends 1pm*)
11:00 CLT Chalk Art (*ends 12pm*)
11:15 Beatles Open Mic
12:30 Singalong/Playalong
with Mark Easley
1:00 Beatles Open Mic resumes
3:30 Cover Song Contest Round 1

10am-5pm

Octopus' Garden Balloons
Beatles Coloring Wall
Games & Food Trucks

MARKETPLACE

10am-5pm

Vendors & Memory Wall
Photo Booth - FREE!
Beatles Memorabilia
Books by FabFest Authors
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VIDEO ROOM

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10am-5pm

Australia Concert 1964
Washington, D.C. Concert 1966
Japan Concert 1966

MEMORABILIA GALLERY

Hosted by Randy Barrier

10-5pm View Private Collection

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COME TOGETHER STAGE

Hosted by Tania Kelly

- 10:10 Beatles Trivia**
10:30 Art Contest Awards
11:00 Meet the Authors
11:30 Beatles Bingo
12:00 Penny Lane
12:50 The Taxmen
1:45 Gregg Bissonette
Drum clinic & interview
2:50 Beatlesque
3:35 The British Invaders
4:30 Cover Song Contest
Finalists Performances

PRESENTATION ROOM

Hosted by Daniel Coston

- 11:45 Gary Astridge**
1:00 Jerry Hammack
2:30 Bruce Spizer
3:30 Beatle Brains

FAMILY FUN TENT AREA

*Hosted by
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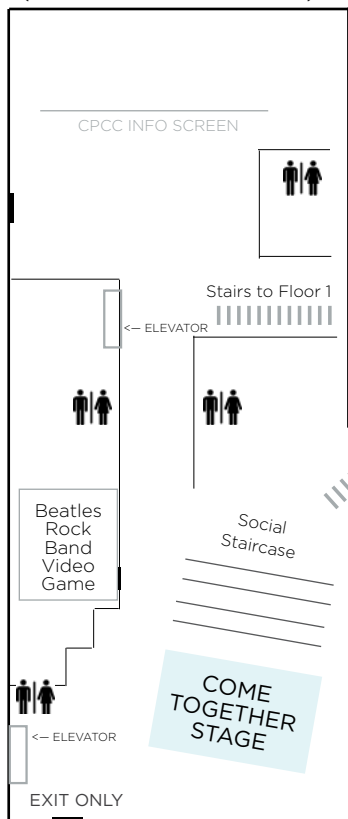
10am-5pm

Beatles Crafts & Coloring
Kids Beatles Singalongs
Beatles Dance Party
Spin Art
Bounce House

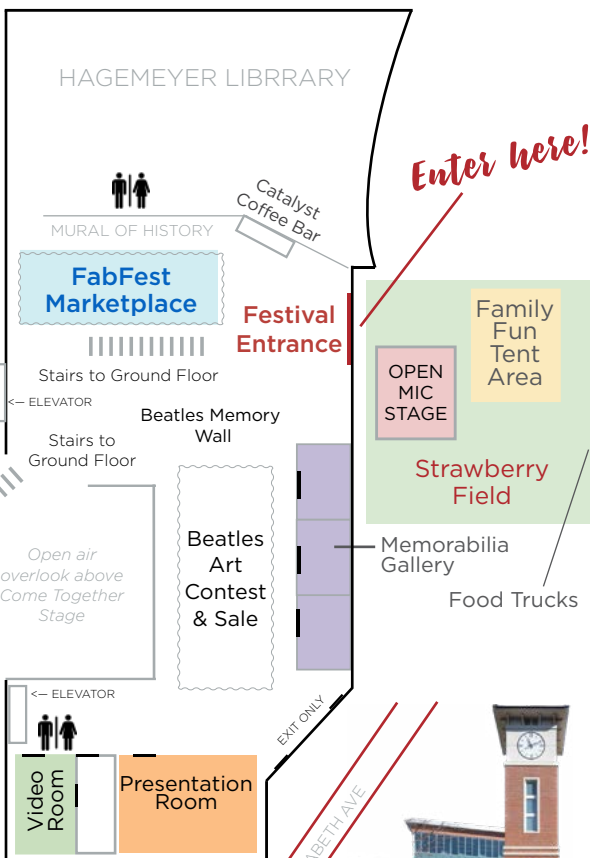
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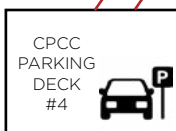


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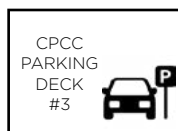
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Gregg will sign autographs at 3:00pm!

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Bruce has written 16 critically acclaimed books on the Beatles and serves as a consultant for Universal Music Group, Capitol Records and Apple Corps Ltd. on Beatles projects. His most recent book, *Beatles For Sale to Help!* He frequently speaks on local and national television and radio programs and as a featured guest at Beatles conventions and symposiums in the United States, Canada and England. beatlefan.net



GARY ASTRIDGE

Historian, author, speaker, curator, drummer, and leading expert on Ringo Starr's Beatles-era drum kits and gear, Gary collaborated with Ringo Starr on the book "Beats & Threads: Drumming Legend and Fashion Icon, Ringo Starr". Visit the FabFest Marketplace to visit Gary to buy an autographed copy and explore Ringo's journey, from his first drum, through his iconic drum kits and clothing fashion, during his time with The Beatles. ringosbeatlekits.com/gary-astridge



JERRY HAMMACK

Jerry is a Canadian-American musician, producer, recording and mix engineer, and author of "The Beatles Recording Reference Manuals (1961-1970)", a five book series that reconstructs each song's creation and details the technical profile of every classic Beatles recording session in this period. He has presented his multi-media breakdowns of Beatles classics at academic conferences and events across North America, and is known for his advanced understanding of vintage recording techniques and their application in the digital domain. jerryhammack.com



DANIEL COSTON

Charlotte-based photographer, writer, show promoter and music producer and historian, Daniel has photography credits that include work with Johnny Cash, the Avett Brothers, the Beach Boys, the Monkees, Peter Asher, Chad & Jeremy, the Remains, and many, many more. His book, *There Was A Time: Rock & Roll In The 1960s In Charlotte, And North Carolina* was published by Fort Canoga Press in 2014. danielcoston.com



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Beatles Art Contest

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FABFEST PERFORMERS

Ali & Andi

A twin songwriting duo, Ali & Andi offer heartfelt originals and unique covers on their debut album. Their creative arrangement of a Beatles classic won 2nd Place in the 2022 Cover Song Contest at FabFest, and their dynamic, sibling harmonies and intricate fingerpicking skill produce an ethereal, yet folksy sound with beautiful melodies and deep lyrics. facebook.com/aliandandimusic

Beatlesque

Together as a four-piece Beatles tribute band based in Raleigh, NC, Michael Flaherty, Kevin Largent, Aaron "Zig" Zickefoose and Kevin Payne strive to replicate the sound and look of The Beatles to the closest detail while performing music from the entire Beatles catalog. In costume and in character, the fab four members of Beatlesque enjoy the challenge and the thrill of recreating the music that we all know and love. beatlesque.us

Gregg Bissonette

Gregg has had the "honor and thrill" of performing in the All Starr Band with his drumming hero, Ringo Starr, at concerts around the world since 2008. In 2005, he played with Ringo in a band for a Soungstage TV Show. One of the most versatile drummers in the business, he has played with David Lee Roth, James Taylor, Santana, Don Henley, Joe Satriani, Andrea Bocelli, ELO, Maynard Ferguson, Spinal Tap, Steve Lukather, The Reddcoats, and countless others. facebook.com/greggbissonette

Blue Jay Way

This dynamic trio is dedicated to celebrating the timeless music of The Beatles. Born from Tosco Music's FabFest, Blue Jay Way brings fresh yet faithful energy to the Fab Four's iconic catalog. Jackson Harden (guitar), Rob Bloise (piano), and Patrick McFall (percussion) deliver a tribute that's high-energy, heartfelt and includes tight harmonies and a deep reverence for the original recordings. instagram.com/bluejayway.music

Charlotte Marie

At just 14, Charlotte Marie has been focusing on her vocal, musical theater and performance skills since 2020. A vocal student of Persona Bell who first brought her to perform at Tosco Music Open Mic, Charlotte was the winner of the Beatles Cover Song Contest at FabFest in 2024. She loves performing scenes that convey deep emotional connection and tension, and incorporating humor into her performances. instagram.com/charlotte_marie_official_

Coconut Groove Band

Rick McClanahan (guitar), Eric Marder (bass), Eric Wilhelm (drums) and David Harper (keyboard) have performed for over 25 years across the Southeast and are known for their tight, robust vocals, and skillful musicianship even while playing some of the most complex songs, by Steely Dan, CSNY, the Beatles, and more. No show is ever the same - their performances leave audiences guessing which classics they'll hear from show to show! cgb1.com

Reeve Coobs

Acoustic or electric, Reeve Coobs' artistry and unique and genuine approach to life and love are reflected in her craft. She released a career-spanning anthology aptly-titled "Everything So Far" (2023) and launched a members-only Patreon Page called "The Sad Song Society" in 2022. She is also a longtime member and frequent Vocal Director of the TMP Singalong Choir. reevemusic.com

Groove 8

Groove 8 is a US-based jazz/funk collective that has performed across the country, from Alabama to Fillmore Jazz Festival in San Francisco. The band began as jazz musicians in the local Charlotte music scene in 2008, the same year they released their first album DEBUT. They've recorded 3 more albums since and have another in the works to be released in November 2025. Get ready for their take on a Beatles classic! groove8.com

Josh King

Hailing from Charlotte, Josh is a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist known for his soulful alt-pop songs and authentic sound. At age 6 he received a harmonica that set him on a lifelong musical journey around the world that included being mentored by American blues harmonica legend James Cotton. As a kid, he was once invited on stage to accompany Tommy Emmanuel on harmonica! He's performed many times at Tosco Music Open Mic over the years and is a volunteer pianist at Charlotte's airport. Most recently he captivated American Idol viewers with dynamic and energetic performances that secured his spot in the Top 8 of season 23! instagram.com/officialjoshking

Melissa Lozada

Born and raised in Charlotte, Melissa is a Venezuelan-American vocalist, musical theater actor, and bilingual artist who appreciates highlighting Hispanic culture and bridging cultural gaps through the performing arts. She's recently performed at Three Bone Theater in "Electricidad", the Children's Theater of Charlotte in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," and in the Off-Broadway world premiere of "Oz in the Amazon." instagram.com/melissalozadaofficial

Bob Malone

Called "a keyboard wizard" by The New Yorker, Bob Malone has amassed a loyal international fan-base through nearly 30 years of touring and nine critically acclaimed album releases. He played keyboards with John Fogerty for 12 years, and has been a session player for Ringo Starr and Avril Lavigne. Bob combines unforgettable songwriting with an eclectic hybrid of high-energy rock, uptown blues, melodic piano pop, New Orleans R&B, jazz chops and a voice all his own. His latest album is "Good People." bobmalone.com

Austin McNeill

Hailing from Rowan County, Austin McNeill is an independent artist who released his debut Country EP "Carolina" and his breakout single "Ridin' Highways" was featured during the 2023 CMT awards. He performed at the Grand Ole Opry with Lainey Wilson in October 2023. He's also shared the stage with country superstars Maddie & Tae and others. linktr.ee/austinmcneillmusic

Penny Lane

Nashville's Penny Lane is the world's grooviest all-girl Beatles tribute band, bringing a fresh twist to the timeless tunes of the Fab Four! With powerhouse vocals and contagious energy, these talented musicians take you on a magical ride with playful harmonies and spirited performances that create an atmosphere of pure joy leading to audiences singing and dancing along.

pennylanenashville.com

Suite Strings CLT

This Charlotte ensemble aims to bring the excitement and presence of a pop group to the sophisticated sounds of string instruments. Founded by Jana Giliberto (double bassist, guitarist), the group includes Sabrina Huang (first violin), Katie Shanta (second violin), and Kasey Awad (cello, piano). Together, they create a fresh, captivating, sound with an eclectic, inclusive repertoire of classical masterpieces and modern pop hits. [instagram.com/suitestringsclt](https://www.instagram.com/suitestringsclt)

The British Invaders

The British Invaders transport you back to the 1960's when English bands were storming the USA and later when MTV started in the 80's! Performing across North Carolina and beyond, they bring a high-energy tribute to the best of 1960s British rock: hits from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Who, and more! [facebook.com/thebritishinvaders](https://www.facebook.com/thebritishinvaders)

The Taxmen

Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this young band has performed across the country introducing the music of the Beatles to a new generation. Their debut album, "Dead Man's Float" (2024), has 14 original songs. Will (Guitar), Anthony (Bass), Jeff (Guitar), and Will (Drums) deliver vocal harmonies, musicianship and youthful energy that ignite every room they play! taxmen.org

Our Nonprofit Mission & Impact

Tosco Music provides live music with a purpose throughout the Charlotte region. Donor support helps Tosco Music bring people together through music, provide access to the arts for underserved communities, and supports artist with access to spaces to create and perform.

As a nonprofit organization, we present a wide variety of music through performances and outreach programs, foster a sense of community among listeners and performers through inclusive participation; and connect professional and amateur musicians to share and inspire one another.



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We serve the community with four impact areas:

- * Cultivating Audiences Across Generations
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LRS is a giving circle of donors whose gifts of \$1,000 or more are paving the path forward for Tosco Music.

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