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shady grove bluegrass music festival.

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friday.

6pm	lonesome town painters
7pm	hot biscuit stringband
8pm	mason via
9pm	michael prewitt & crunchgrass supreme

saturday.

12pm	crooked path
1pm	5 guys named dave
2pm	bix mix boys
3pm	hot biscuit stringband
4pm	leah mae gardiner & kids
5pm	DINNER BREAK
6pm	lonesome town painters
7pm	eli west trio
8pm	michael prewitt & crunchgrass supreme
9pm	mason via

schedule.



sunday.

9:45am	open stage gospel jam
11am	eli west trio
12pm	5 guys named dave
1pm	crooked path
2pm	bix mix boys



saturday.

10am	jeremy freeman	mandolin	site 1
10am	logan sarchfield	guitar	site 2
10am	holly gilroy	vocals	site 3
10am	dan eubanks	bass	site 4
11am	laura orshaw	fiddle	site 1
11am	thuya boivin	banjo	site 2
11am	michael prewitt	songwriting	site 3
11am	leah gardner	kids rehearsal	site 4

we will also be hosting a children's craft program between 10am and noon on saturday behind the new grandstand.

schedule. 

workshops. 



→ michael prewitt & crunchgrass supreme.

kentucky, usa
(9pm friday, 8pm saturday)

Michael Prewitt is a mandolinist, singer-songwriter, and bluegrass troubadour from the Cumberland Mountain foothills of southeast Kentucky. He began playing fiddle at age six before switching to mandolin at twelve, developing a spirited, hard-driving style rooted in the tradition of Bill Monroe while embracing adventurous improvisation.

Prewitt gained national recognition touring with the GRAMMY-nominated, IBMA award-winning band Special Consensus, earning two IBMA Awards as part of the band, and two IBMA Momentum Award nominations himself for Instrumentalist of the Year. In 2024 he released two acclaimed solo albums: 'The Peerless Mountain Sessions' and 'Something He Can Handle', praised by Bluegrass Today, Bluegrass Unlimited, and SiriusXM's Bluegrass Junction. Now performing solo or with his band CrunchGrass Supreme, Prewitt delivers expressive songwriting, dynamic vocals, and fiery picking to audiences across North America and Europe.

michaelprewitt.net

[michaelprewittmusic](https://www.youtube.com/michaelprewittmusic)

[prewitt_michael](https://www.instagram.com/prewitt_michael)

→ mason via.

gainesville, usa
(8pm friday, 9pm saturday)

Mason Via is an Appalachian troubadour who was born and bred in the Blue Ridge Mountains but now makes his home in Gator Country: Gainesville, FL. An alumnus of Old Crow Medicine Show, he earned a Grammy-nomination for his work on the band's chart-topping Folk album, Jubilee. His new self titled album came out in April 2025 and debuted at #12 on Billboard Bluegrass Album chart. The song "Melt in the Sun" has gone to #1 on the Sirius XM Bluegrass show.

Mason toured in 2025 with bluegrass stars like Sierra Hull, I'm With Her, and the Wood Brothers. His songwriting can also be seen on Grammy-winning & Grammy nominated albums by bluegrass icons, Molly Tuttle and Del McCoury. During his time in Nashville, TN he was praised by NPR as one of the top 10 artists thriving in Bluegrass music. Be ready for an exciting show full of high-octane bluegrass energy paired with emotionally gripping lyrics that will have you dancing and singing along by the end of the night.



masonvia.com

[mason_via](https://www.instagram.com/mason_via)

[mason_via](https://www.facebook.com/mason_via)



→ eli west.

pacific northwest, usa
(7pm saturday, 11am sunday)

Eli West is an American Roots musician from the Pacific Northwest. A multi-instrumental creator of sonic spaces, Eli's former training as a designer informs a sound that is lush and organic – neither manicured nor overgrown. Evergreen timbres weave among pitches, rhythms and lyrics to become comfortable rooms into which listeners are invited. Lauded by Tim O'Brien as a musician "making music the World needs," Eli's reputation as a crafter of considered, toneful environments has fostered collaborations with Bill Frisell, Andrew Marlin, John Reishchman, Julie Fowlis, and many other pillars of the growing Americana movement.

eliwest.com

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→ hot biscuit stringband.

montreal, canada
(7pm friday, 3pm saturday)

The Hot Biscuit Stringband is an old-time, country, and bluegrass group based in Montreal. Rooted in their love for fiddle tunes, the project draws from the Appalachian folklore and musical traditions of the 1930s to the 1960s.

Led by Ryan McNally on fiddle, Cédric Thuya Boivin on banjo, Lina Halimi on guitar, and Isaac Seglins on upright bass, their repertoire brings together driving fiddle tunes, classic country songs, and rich bluegrass harmonies.

Last December, the Hot Biscuits released their second album, Hot Bizz, while continuing to record their upcoming release, scheduled for this spring.



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→ lonesome town painters.

vancouver, canada
(6pm friday, 6pm saturday)

The Lonesome Town Painters are a high energy, traditional bluegrass band hailing from Vancouver, British Columbia. These fellas have a look, style and sound that harkens back to the raw and ragged edge of the genre, drawing deeply from the masters of the golden era. Their act features songs from classic artists as well as original songs that are grounded in tradition, anchored by the soaring harmonies as well as driving and spirited instrumentation.



lonesometownpainters.com

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→ the bix mix boys.

alberta, canada
(2pm saturday, 2pm sunday)

Close to 20 years ago, each member of The Bix Mix Boys met over various jams and festivals in different bands throughout Alberta. Opportunity struck when a number of those bands dissolved, and late night jams led to the formation of a new band. Wanting to respect the roots of bluegrass, they chose the name The Bix Mix Boys after one of the biscuit products from the Martha White flour company - Martha White is known for sponsoring bluegrass acts such as Flatt and Scruggs, Hot Rize and Rhonda Vincent (just to name a few).

They have always focused on producing the highest quality of music possible, both vocally and instrumentally. While keeping the tradition of bluegrass alive, they want to bring their unique, Canadian interpretation to the genre. At the same time, they've always wanted to put on an entertaining show - with a humorous twist in between numbers.

They've entrenched themselves into the Edmonton and Calgary bluegrass scene and consider themselves ambassadors of bluegrass music to Alberta and Canada.

 thebixmixboys.ca

 [thebixmixboys](https://www.facebook.com/thebixmixboys)

 [thebixmixboys](https://www.youtube.com/thebixmixboys)

→ 5 guys named dave.

saskatchewan, canada
(1pm saturday, 12pm sunday)

5 Guys Named Dave is Saskatchewan's first and only old time party band. This five piece string band fuses the sounds of Bluegrass, Old Time and Appalachian music with an unbeatable energy. 5 Guys Named Dave are committed to playing one banger after another. Each Dave brings a sense of fun foot stomping, rip roaring, barn burnin' party energy to every show they play.



 [5gnd](https://www.youtube.com/5gnd)

 [5guysnameddave](https://www.facebook.com/5guysnameddave)

 [5gndband](https://www.instagram.com/5gndband)

→ crooked path.

alberta, canada
(12pm saturday, 1pm sunday)

Crooked Path is a 5-piece band that enjoys blending the sweet sounds of three and four part harmonies with traditional bluegrass instruments. The band is composed of Al Lamonaca ripping up the banjo, Boh Woodward rock solid on the upright bass, Amber-Lynn Yourk adding her own distinctive flavour on the mandolin, Maureen Woodward bringing her steady rhythm on the guitar, and Cedric Blary, master musician, playing clarinet.



 crookedpathband.com

 [crookedpathband](https://www.facebook.com/crookedpathband)

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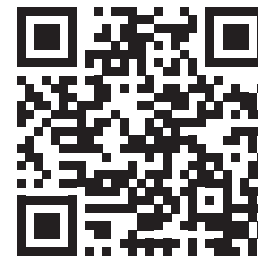
→ about foothills bluegrass music society.

The Foothills Bluegrass Music Society has been presenting the Shady Grove Music Festival for the past fourteen years. It is managed by a 12-member volunteer board.

Our concert series runs from September to June with monthly events featuring international, regional and local performers from the bluegrass world. Other events include pot-luck dinners, BBQ's, band scrambles, open stages, and dances. Local jam sessions welcome all levels of players in a comfortable and supportive environment.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and we greatly appreciate their participation in helping our events run smoothly.

foothillsbluegrass.com





→ about shady grove.

The Shady Grove Bluegrass festival has run annually for nearly 30 years, delivering top notch entertainment, workshops, and jamming. The festival is now held in Sundre, Alberta, in the shadow of Snake Hill at the Sundre Pro Rodeo Grounds. The festival is run by a committed group of volunteers and is a not for profit event.

→ enjoy sundre.

For a little time away from the festival, the Town of Sundre offers access to hotels and other lodging/camping, restaurants, grocery stores, golfing and other recreation, and the paths and hiking trails of Snake Hill and beyond.

For more, visit sundre.com.

→ other great western canadian festivals.



blueberry music festival

stony plain, ab
blueberrybluegrass.com

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ness creek, sk
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victoriabluegrass.com

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bluegrasscanada.org



more bluegrass.





wristbands on —

Keep your wristbands/name tags on all weekend. You will be asked to purchase one at the front gate or leave if you are not wearing an appropriate wristband.



be respectful —

Public drunkenness does not belong at the festival.

A big part of the Bluegrass scene is jamming and you can expect music and singing to carry on into the wee hours. Please respect the other campers around you and tone down the music and singing if it's getting late.

Open liquor is not permitted outside the beer gardens in the concert area. It is permitted at your campsite in the camping area.

There is a designated area in the concert area for smoking, including tobacco, vaping, and cannabis.



dog rules —

Well behaved, unobtrusive dogs may camp here with you. There are no off leash areas in the festival grounds.

Dogs must be kept at your campsite – you may not bring your dog to the concert area.



no recordings —

Please don't video or audio tape our performances.



seat etiquette —

Be considerate when placing your chair in the concert area. If your seats or backs are high, please place it at the back of the concert area. Please leave your very wide chairs back at your camp site. Shady Grove has a volunteer crew that helps with chair set up. Please accommodate the volunteers if they ask you to move your chair.

The bluegrass chair rule, vacant chairs are open to use by anyone until the owner returns. We don't want any of our performers to face a sea of vacant chairs



smart camping —

Camping passes must be displayed in an easily seen location during the festival.

We request that those campers using generators please restrict their use to between 9AM & 9PM.

Only propane fire pits and similar items are allowed.

Please deposit all trash in receptacles provided during and at the end of your stay. Please note that onsite security is provided throughout the event, however Foothills Bluegrass Society is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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