



June 2-4

**Celebrating 23 Years of
Great Music, Stories, and Artisans
on Ocracoke Island, NC**

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Welcome to Ocracoke Festival 2023!



Photo by Denise Deacon

Hello friends!

So glad that you could join us for this year's Ocracoke Festival. We have gathered an amazing group of performers, artisans, and visionaries to shape this special weekend . . . for Ocracokies of all ages. This program will help you track everything you don't want to miss.

And for those who can't keep still, we have a special section on all the activities you can dive into while you are here. We also encourage you to explore Ocracoke village . . . by foot, bike, tram, you name it! There's a lot going on in our tiny town.

A special thanks goes out to the enthusiastic sponsors and volunteers that made this year's Ocracoke Festival possible. Your support nurtures great programming in the Ocracoke community all year round. Our hats off to ya!

Ocracoke Alive & Ocracoke Festival Board & Staff

Last Year's Ocrafolk



Photos by Eakin Howard

OCRAFOLK FESTIVAL ADMISSION

Ocracoke Festival is produced by the community non-profit, Ocracoke Alive, as a fundraiser in support of much-needed Ocracoke Student and Community Arts Programming. This glorious weekend is made possible by your ticket purchase, along with sponsor and volunteer support. You are welcome to stroll through and visit our artisan booths for free, as well as the Workshop Stage at the Ocracoke Preservation Society. Stages within the Berkley Grounds require an Admission Armband. This helps ensure that the festival (& Ocracoke Alive's mission) stays happy and healthy for years to come!

Wristband Colors

Ticket Prices

All
Weekend

Single
Day

Fri
Night

Sat
Night

Adult All-Weekend Pass (Friday-Sunday) ~ \$90
 Adult Single Day Passes ~ Fri \$45, Sat \$50, Sun \$35
 Adult Friday Night Pass (6-10 PM) ~ \$25
 Adult Saturday Night Pass (6-10 PM) ~ \$25
 Child All-Weekend Pass (0-17 Years Old) ~ Free
 Sunday Morning Gospel Single (9:15-10:45) ~ Free



Box Office

The Box Office is located on the harbor front lawn of the Berkley Manor. You may purchase tickets and pick up pre-ordered tickets and sponsor bags there.

Box Office Hours

Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Photo: Tom Whelan

Volunteers

Ocracoke Festival relies on the support of hundreds of volunteers! Folks looking for a more affordable festival weekend can donate 4 hours of volunteering in exchange for an All-Weekend Pass. And hey, it's a lot of fun! Contact us before the festival at info@ocracokealive.org or at the Box Office during the weekend about available volunteer spots.

Meet The Performers

COLD CHOCOLATE

Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. Featuring Ethan Robbins on guitar, Ariel Bernstein on percussion, and backed by some of the root's music scene's finest players, this group from Boston is impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond. Punctuated by tight harmonies and skillful musicianship, and with a focus on songwriting, Cold Chocolate has quickly gained recognition for their original music and high-energy shows. The band has shared bills with Leftover Salmon and David Grisman, and regularly performs at venues and music festivals up and down the East Coast. coldchocolatemusic.com



BURNETT SISTERS BAND



For the Burnett Sisters Band, it's all about family. Growing up playing music together in Boone, North Carolina, the sisters' sound is focused around the type of breathtaking vocal harmonies that can only come from the unique bond shared by siblings, expertly complemented by tight instrumental arrangements and a bona fide love of the traditional songs they play. With a repertoire that's equal parts old-time and bluegrass, country and gospel, this Billboard charting band navigates the diverse source material effortlessly, diving into the songs with an attention to detail and an appreciation for nuance that lends an authenticity and a feeling of genuine expression rarely matched in today's traditional music. burnettsistersband.com

LARRY & JOE

Larry Bellorín hails from Monagas, Venezuela and is a legend of Llanera music. Joe Troop is from North Carolina and is a GRAMMY-nominated bluegrass and oldtime musician. Currently based in the Triangle of North Carolina, both men are versatile multi-instrumentalists and singer-songwriters on a mission to show that music has no borders. As a duo they perform a fusion of Venezuelan and Appalachian folk music on harp, banjo, cuatro, fiddle, guitar, maracas and whatever else they decide to throw in the van. The program they offer features a distinct blend of their musical inheritances and traditions as well as storytelling about the ways that music and social movements coalesce. larryandjoe.com



Photo: Zion McKnight

EARL WHITE

Fiddling Earl White has been a mainstay in the old-time, folk and dance community for more than 45 years. An original and founding member of the famed Green Grass Cloggers, he is one of few Black Americans preserving and playing Appalachian old time string band music, which was an intricate part of Black communities and formed the foundation of American music of today. Earl White is well known for his extensive repertoire of tunes, and his heartfelt, syncopated, driving style. facebook.com/earlwhitestringband/about

**BLUE CACTUS**

Blue Cactus makes Cosmic Americana music, blending classic country sounds with vintage '70s pop sensibilities and a sobering sense of honesty. Led by long-time collaborators Mario Arnez and Steph Stewart, the Chapel Hill duo creates songs that range from gritty honky tonk to tender, heartbreaking balladry, harkening comparisons eclectic and iconic as Bobbie Gentry, Fleetwood Mac and David Bowie. bluecactusmusic.com

JOSH GOFORTH

Josh Goforth must have been born musical—he was already playing piano in church at the age of four—but it was a performance by Sheila Kay Adams that caused him to start thinking about the musical heritage of his native Madison County. Most famous for his fiddling, Goforth is a highly accomplished oldtime, bluegrass, and swing musician. Remarkably versatile, he is able to pick up any of a wide variety of instruments and make a solid contribution in almost any kind of band. In 2000, he played fiddle for the movie *Songcatcher*, both onscreen and on the soundtrack. He has toured extensively with a variety of ensembles, including David Holt and Laura Boosinger, and has also shared stages with Ricky Skaggs, Bryan Sutton, The Yonder Mountain String Band, Open Road, and The Steep Canyon Rangers. blueridgeheritage.com/artist/josh-goforth



Photo: Eakin Howard

DONALD DAVIS

Photo: Eakin Howard

Donald Davis was born in a Southern Appalachian mountain world rich in stories. While he heard many traditional stories about Jack and other heroic characters, he was most attracted to the stories of his own family and places of origin. Davis began retelling the stories he heard and then adding his own new stories to them until he was repeatedly asked to "tell it again, on purpose."

The author of eighteen books and more than forty original recordings, Davis is the recipient of both the Circle of Excellence and the Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Storytelling Network. ddavisstoryteller.com

AFTER SCHOOL SURF CLUB



Eli is an American Indie Rock musician from the Outer Banks of North Carolina. His sound is a smooth blend of laid back indie pop, folk rock and jazz. ASSC is an ode to the simple pleasures of life, like napping in the shade on a mid-summer day. afterschoolsurfclub.com

WYLDWOOD

Wyldwood Stringband is the collaboration of Caroline Tanner, Sarah Hollis, and Phil Lanier. Each of them separated by a decade, but with the same passion; the evolution of bluegrass and old time folk music. Sarah's father and Phil's uncle both played in the bluegrass band, Bitter Creek, in the 70s; they are from right here where the music began in North Carolina. Caroline is from western Canada and fell in love with bluegrass on Vancouver Island before moving to the heartland of the music that stole her heart. Bringing their various backgrounds together, Wyldwood Stringband strives to honor the traditions from which the music came, while pushing it forward and having one hell of a good time along the way. wyldwoodstringband.com



Photo: Eakin Howard

BELEZA



United by musical interests that include samba, funk, soul, blues, bossa nova, jazz and Spanish flamenco, Humberto Oliveira Sales and Madeline Holly Sales blend the melodic, rhythmic and harmonic riches from North and South America. Berto, native to Brazil, pursued a formal education in classical guitar. His knowledge of Brazilian rhythms and study of Spanish Flamenco add to the unique finger picking style he uses. Madeline brings with her the strong influence of soul, jazz and blues. She sings in Portuguese, English and Spanish. Her sensual, rich voice, playful interpretations, and strong stage presence make their combination extremely unique. belezamusic.com

SALTARE SOUNDS

Led by Raphael Papo and Caroline Felkins, this troop of classical musicians and dancers will be descending upon the island to collaborate on a range of works from the classical period, distant folk songs and up to present-day American compositions. The performers, some deriving from North Carolina and others from around the globe, met at the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem and have a shared love for contemporary dance and live music. Their aim on the island is to prove to everyone not only what a beautiful experience music and dance together can be, but also how much of it is rooted in folk music.



BERTO & VINCENT



Blending wild Gypsy Rumba guitars with Latin & Cuban influences, Berto & Vincent have been wowing audiences with their untamed style. From the flying fingers of Berto Sales, to Vincent Zorn's percussive rhythm, these two seasoned musicians are making a mark with their uplifting performances. vincentzorn.com

MARTIN GARRISH



Photo: Eakin Howard

Since he was a teenager, Ocracoke Heritage award winner Martin Garrish has been at the heart of the music scene here on the island, fronting bands such as "The Ocracoke Rockers", "The Graveyard Band Revived", and his acoustic ensemble "Martin and Friends". His exceptional guitar playing and rich voice covers everything from acoustic folk and bluegrass to hard rock, classic country and blues.

COYOTE



Photo: Eakin Howard

COYOTE are Marcy Brenner and Lou Castro. Residents of Ocracoke Island, NC, for over 20 years, they have recently moved to a new habitat in Merritt Island, FL, where they continue to invite you into their Coyote Music Den virtually (and their "space coast" backyard soon) for concerts.

Their music is homemade and lightning storm hot; unexpected, honest, masterful, heartfelt, authentic. Throw a rock at a genre and you will hear it, with a Coyote twist, often with a special guest. No matter

what, you'll be enchanted by the inevitable magic of a concert with Coyote, wherever they are, and whoever is playing with them. mrbpublishing.com

MOLASSES CREEK

The pandemic was over by the time Molasses Creek realized they were wearing their masks wrong.

You may remember that Kim took a COVID-cation from Ocracoke in 2022. To prepare for this year's festival, she is backpacking her way through Albania this spring. Gerald, Gary, & Dave are aiming to lure her back with promises of all-you-can-eat fig cake. They will reunite at Ocracoke 2023! molassescreek.com



Photo by: Tom Whelan

AARON CASWELL DUO

Aaron Caswell is a native to Ocracoke Island who cut his outstanding guitar chops at an early age, absorbing songs, techniques and tunes from local guitar legends Martin Garrish and Lou Castro. He performs regularly on the Outer Banks with area musicians, and can frequently be found onstage in the Aaron Caswell Band. [facebook.com/aaroncaswellmusicco](https://www.facebook.com/aaroncaswellmusicco)



Photo: Eakin Howard

PAPERHAND PUPPETS



Photo: Eakin Howard

For over 20 years, Paperhand Puppets have been using papier-mâché, cardboard, bamboo, your old house paints, cloth, and other assorted junk (treasure to them!) to create incredible giant puppets, masks, shadow plays and spectacle performances for all ages. Director Donovan Zimmerman has visited Ocracoke many times as part of Ocracoke and as a featured artist-in-residence at Ocracoke School's Arts Week. Paperhand continues to tell stories, beat drums, sew cloth, get sweaty, push boundaries and carry heavy things to help make the world a better place.

Their parades, pageants, and award-winning performances aim to be an inspiration, a call to action, and a celebration for everyone to enjoy! paperhand.org

mahaloJazz is Alison Weiner (piano, melodica, vocals), Ben Palmer (upright bass), Carter Minor (harmonica, vocals) and Beverly Botsford (percussion) – four eclectic musicians and great friends coming together to have their delightful way with jazz standards and original tunes. Blossom Dearie comes to mind often when hearing Alison sing. Ben's joy grounds us all, no matter what style we indulge in. Beverly keeps all of us in the pocket as she shares her global experience of drum traditions. Carter reaches down into our souls and wakes us up. mahaloarts.com

MAHALOJAZZ



Photo: Eakin Howard

BOB AND JEANNE ZENTZ



Photo: George Wood
spirit ... scholars of the evolution of "homemade music" ... and your hosts of the Ocracoke Festival workshop stage. bobzentz.com

Bob and Jeanne are old friends and life partners who combine a passion for music and history -- which they love sharing with others! They are singers of songs, old and new, about people, places and times gone by ... players of dozens of the usual (and unusual!) "unplugged" folk instruments ... collectors of stories in verse ... tellers of "the tales behind the songs" ... commentators on the ecology of the human world ... and your hosts of the Ocracoke Festival workshop stage.

Whether onstage or roving, Jef is a quiet kind of guy. He juggles and balances things. He gets confused at times. (Sometimes he even forgets what his hat is for!) He involves his audience members to play along with his mime, mask, and variety arts shenanigans. He even leads sing-a-longs! In addition to making appearances at Ocracoke Festival and Ocracoke School Arts Week, Jef has performed at such places as Merlefest in Wilkesboro, NC; Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC; the Very Special Arts Festival in Pembroke, NC; and The Children's Festival in Hampton, VA. jefthemime.com

JEF THE MIME



LOUIS ALLEN

Louis began his band life as one of the founding members, including Gary Mitchell, of The Wahoo Revue bluegrass band in the mid-70s. It was there that he acquired the stage name "Uncle Dewey". (Gary's stage name was..."Gary".) Since then, he has spent the last 45!! years in the trio Warren Bodle & Allen, a past repeat performer at Ocracoke. He went to law school to learn how to emcee a stage at Ocracoke. Heckle him at your own peril!



Photo: Eakin Howard

ANA LUISA CHAVE



Photo: Eakin Howard

Ana Luisa grew up in Mexico City between sacred music, school choirs and traditional Mexican songs. In her final days as a high school student, the school choir director saw her passion and talent and encouraged her to take her singing to the next level. Thus, she began her training in classical vocal technique as part of her college studies. Although her favorite opera is Verdi's Traviata, her true self comes alive with the Mariachi, voice of her soul and heart of her country. In 2019, she came for the first time to Ocracoke to visit her father Eduardo (Eduardo's Taco Stand) and fell in love with the island. Donning a traditional Mexican gown, Ana will be dusting off her falsetto and bringing her joyful performance to Ocracoke Festival 2023.

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BALLET FOLKLORICO DE OCRACOKE

Ocracoke's own Ballet Folklórico celebrates the traditional Mexican music and dance of Ocracoke's Latino community. Participants in the Festival Latino de Ocracoke and Ocracoke Festival four years running, you can catch their dancing during their set on Ocracoke weekend.



Photo: Eakin Howard

BROOKE & NICK



Photo: Allegory and Elm act, while Brooke holds brookeandnickavl.com

Brooke & Nick's music is truly a unique & fresh combo. Their sound brings a dynamic fusion of folk/rock with an edgy twist of roots revival. Brooke plays cello, almost bridging bass & violin with how she plays, while harmonizing alongside Nick's spirited voice and bigger-than-life baritone uke & foot percussion. Their style offers a large and compelling sound that easily pulls listeners in with their heartfelt harmonies. Nick's voice & tunes offer a special experience as his customized foot percussion almost generates the heartbeat that drives their ground playing bass & soloing on the sweet end.

GREEN GRASS CLOGGERS

The Green Grass Cloggers have performed at Ocracoke since the Crab Festival in the 1980s, and this year, a few dancers will continue the group's streak of Ocracoke appearances that started with the first festival. Members of the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame and America's Clogging Hall of Fame, the GGCs celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2021. Formed among college students in Greenville, NC, the group created distinctive choreography by combining square dance figures with original and traditional percussive steps. The resulting dance style has influenced performance clogging teams around the world. Today, the group includes dancers based in Asheville and Greenville, NC, who combine their talents whenever possible to provide lively performances with colorful calico flying to peppy old-time or bluegrass music. greengrasscloggers.com



KATY MITCHELL



Photo: Eakin Howard

Katy Mitchell, an Ocracoke A-lister, will be emcee to the Ocracoke Festival's "Local Talent" set. Katy has been singing and dancing since the ripe old age of 6! Daughter of Kitty and Gary of Molasses Creek, Katy grew up with music all around her. She has recorded 2 albums and been featured on many more throughout her career, not least of all the Motion Picture Soundtrack to *Nights in Rodanthe*, where Katy was a featured Musician on the Silver Screen! Her boisterous personality and infectious laugh, accompanied by a deep soulful voice, set her apart.

MADAME PRESIDENTS



This group of mystical creatures, is comprised of Kim France, Kate McNally and Katy Mitchell. Each woman brings heat to this ensemble! Burning up the stage with their undeniable talent and skill, these brilliant babes play old favorites from the days of yore. Their set is a brew of oldies and newbies and originals! We're bewitched by these women 3! Blessed be they'll play to Thee! Vote for Women!

DUSTY OLD BONES



Photo: Eakin Howard

The Dusty Old Bones, Daniel Bradley and Jenna Strole, play songs from the rails, a patchwork performance of American grit. The group got their start busking on the streets of Asheville, NC. They bought a van and traveled east to Ocracoke. They now call the island home.

NOAH DANIEL



Noah Daniel, a singer songwriter from Chapel Hill has been writing songs and performing for the last 5 years. This young man's old soul shines through in his gritty lyrics and raspy voice that tell stories with a hardness that holds hands with hope. We are excited to include this rising talent in this year's festival lineup.

RODNEY KEMP



Photo by: Clayton Gaskill

A crowd-pleaser and proven 'spellbinder' of adults and children alike, Eastern Carolina's beloved Rodney Kemp is a Morehead City native who managed to actually remember all those Down East tales he heard while growing up. His humor comes not only from his folksy manner but also from his knowledge of, and affection for, the people and places of his boyhood days along the Carolina coast. He is often featured at festivals and events in the coastal region, was a performer at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC., and, we're pleased to say, has been with us every year of the Ocracoke Festival since our beginnings in 2000.

THE ARTISANS

FIBER ARTS

WESTWIND TIE DYE

Karen Dillingham is a self-taught Tie Dye artist. Each piece is folded into a pattern and dyed by hand. [facebook.com/westwindtiedye](https://www.facebook.com/westwindtiedye)

BLACK RADISH HANDMADE

A native of the D.C. area, Annie Grace Campbell's interest in fiber arts started at a young age when she learned how to knit. As Black Radish Handmade, she now spins yarn, knits, weaves and hand dyes yarn, accessories and garments out of her home studio in Baltimore, Maryland. [blackradishhandmade.com](https://www.blackradishhandmade.com)

ROSE RAST STUDIO

Jennifer Rose's home base is the stunning islands of the Outer Banks. As a self-taught artist, her focus is primarily textiles, but her love for creating art transfers across mediums. Using the technique of hand-embroidery she composes pieces of wearable art & accessories with vibrant colors & textures. [Instagram.com/roserast](https://www.instagram.com/roserast)

MARIBETH OCOCK

Originally from Illinois, she has settled in Virginia and loves to spend her time creating sewn and machine embroidery items like luggage tags, reading pillows and aprons. Stop by and see what she has to share. (757) 532-4412

GLASS

KAREN CASEY FUSED GLASS DESIGNS

Fused glass vases, dishes, clocks, mirrors, tables, hair accessories, jewelry. Use of a glass saw, high-fire food-safe enamels for screen printing, and different types of glass gives them their unique look. Designs from elegant to wild. Creative, affordable art! [karencaseyfusedglass.com](https://www.karencaseyfusedglass.com)

JEWELRY

ANNIE GRIMES WILLIAMS – COPPERTIDE

Annie creates one-of-a-kind wearable art jewelry inspired by nature, period design movements, and color, using traditional metalsmithing and enameling techniques with a bold contemporary organic style. She enjoys playing with organic vs geometric forms and creating unique and interesting color combinations. [coppertide.net](https://www.coppertide.net)

TANGLED TURTLE

Artists Rosalyn Kutchins and Wendy Johnson make handmade glass wearable art. Using many glass-forming techniques, each piece is paired with handcrafted fine metals to make unique one-of-a-kind pieces. Their art may be seen in many galleries in eastern North Carolina, from Oriental and New Bern to the Outer Banks. Tangledturtlenc@gmail.com

CRYSTAL BLACKMON

Crystal believes she can be identified as a seashell artist at this point in her jewelry career. Molding shells using silver, copper and bronze to complement gemstones and pearls has become a passion. Driftwood, bones and coral make great textures in her designs. She started her first jewelry classes on Ocracoke! Facebook: Empty Nest Studio

LAMARR BY THE SEA

An Ocracoke native, Lamar has always loved the sea and its timeless beauty. Inspired by pirate tales, sunken treasures, and ever-elusive mermaids, Lamar has captured its images and fascinating tales by creating original, artisan jewelry featuring sterling silver, pearls, sea glass, and semiprecious stones. 252-945-7204

LEATHER

MILESTONE BAG CO.

Est. 2011, Milestone Bag Co. handmakes leather bags and accessories one at a time using traditional methods with a focus on sustainability and minimal waste. They are woman-owned and operated out of Siler City, NC. [milestonebagco.com](https://www.milestonebagco.com)

METAL**THE UPCYCLED SPOKESMAN**

Robert and Carol Smith, from Raleigh, NC, formed The UpCycled SpokesMan in 2018. Carol designs the pieces, and Robert, a retired machinist and welder, creates jewelry, ornaments, bookmarks, bud vases and other unique treasures from stainless steel bicycle spokes and stainless and silverplate flatware. Find them on Etsy and Facebook. theupcycledspokesman@gmail.com

MIXED MEDIA**SUES HAND PAINTED LEATHER HANDBAGS**

Sue Sweeney transferred her love of painting from canvas to leather handbags using a kaleidoscopic mix of metallic paints and designs to create these unique wearable art statements. [Instagram.com/sues_handbags](https://www.instagram.com/sues_handbags)

OTHER**LEAF PEEPER TEA & ARTISAN WARES**

Leaf Peeper Tea & Artisan Wares launched at the Ocracoke Fig Festival in 2016, and maintains a plant-inspired theme in an eclectic product line that includes original tea blends made with organic, Fair Trade, homegrown, and/or wild-harvested ingredients; homemade sweet and savory goods; and miscellaneous locally themed crafts. LeafPeeper.xyz

IMPERFECTIONZ ART

Mattie Wills is a paper quilled artist. She creates fun, unique pieces using traditional paper quilling techniques taught to her by her grandmother. Mattie also hand-sculpts polymer clay charms. Imperfectionzart.org

PAINTING**SONYA ALLEN**

Owner of Art Ocracoke Gallery, freelance digital artist, and traditional painter. Her portfolio is at sonyastudio.com

PHOTOGRAPHY**THE IMAGE MILL**

Greg Mills photographs North Carolina from the mountains to the sea, focusing on the Outer Banks and especially Ocracoke Island. Greg's studio The IMAGE MILL, located in Raleigh, delivers upscale archival photography for home, office and gift giving. theimagemill.com

POTTERY**KARIN THOMPSON ARTWORK**

Karin Thompson is from Goldsboro, NC. She is an artist that loves to create nature-inspired work in pottery, painting and other materials. Her work is one-of-a-kind and hopefully speaks to the individual looking at it. Come see what speaks to You! karint3230@gmail.com

FRAGMENTS AND FIG

Fragments and Fig is the creative business of local NC artist Emily Figueras. She has an artistic focus in pottery, printmaking, jewelry and more. Her work is inspired by nature and the nostalgia of growing up in rural southeastern North Carolina. She loves creating beautiful and humorous pieces that are functional and can be used in everyday routine. Fragmentsandfig@gmail.com

MILLSTONE POTTERY

Millstone Pottery specializes in designs that focus on exhibiting natural themes. Each piece is one-of-a-kind and dishwasher and microwave safe. Designs stem from an affection for the local Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. millstonepottery.va.com

Berkley Stage Schedule

Friday

Katy Mitchell & Friends

2:00-2:45 PM - Noah Daniel

3:00-3:45 PM - Dusty Old Bones

4:00-5:00 PM - The Madame Presidents

5:30-6:30 PM - *Classical picnic w/ Saltare Sounds (Backyard of Berkley. Bring yer basket)*

Saturday

10:00-10:45 AM - Donald Davis

11:00-11:45 AM - Coyote

12:00-12:50 PM - Cold Chocolate

1:15-2:00 PM - Blue Cactus

2:15-3:00 PM - Wyldwood

3:15-4:00 PM - Aaron Caswell Duo

4:15-5:00 PM - mahaloJazz

5:15-6:00 PM - Berto & Vincent



Photo: Eakin Howard

Sunday

11:30 PM - "Songs That Matter" w/Bob Zentz, Gary Mitchell, Louis Allen, Jeanne McDougall, Josh Goforth

1:00-2:00 PM - Acoustic Music Jam with Wyldwood & The Burnett Sisters

Ocracoke Family Stages & Activities (Yard & Barn)

Saturday

10:00- AM-4:00 PM - Fish Print Ts, Raguera, Crafts, Games (*Yard by Barn Entrance Gate*)

10:00-10:45 AM - Rodney Kemp's *Down East Tales* (Barn)

11:00-11:45 AM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder* (Barn)

12:00-12:45 PM - Drum Circle w/ Beverly Botsford (*front lawn of OPS museum*)

12:45-1:15 PM - Paperhand Puppet Parade (*assemble at 12:30, front of OPS museum*)

1:30-2:15 PM - Juggling with Jef the Mime (*Yard by Barn Entrance Gate*)

3:00-3:45 PM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder* (Barn)

Barn Stage

Friday

7:30-8:15 PM - The After School Surf Club

8:45-10:00 PM - "Let's Dance!" w/Martin Garrish & The Ocracoke Rockers

Saturday

10:00 AM - Rodney Kemp's *Down East Tales*

11:00 AM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder*

12:00 PM - Saltare Sounds

2:00 PM - Family Harmony with The Burnett Sisters

3:00 PM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder*

7:15-8:30 PM - Squaredance w/Green Grass Cloggers & Rodney Kemp

8:45-10:00 PM - Ballet Folklorico de Ocracoke, Larry & Joe, Ana Chavez

Sunday

7:30 AM - Yoga(7:30), sound meditation(8:10), and freeform movement(8:30) w/Desireé Ricker, Brooke German, & Saltare Sounds (*Free. Bring your own mat*)

Golden Stage Schedule

Friday

- 2:00-2:45 PM - Brooke & Nick
- 3:00-3:45 PM - Coyote
- 4:00-4:45 PM - Blue Cactus
- 8:00-8:45 PM - Josh Goforth
- 9:00-10:00 PM - Larry & Joe

Saturday

- 9:00-9:45 AM - mahaloJazz
- 10:00-10:45 AM - Saltare Sounds
- 11:00-11:45 AM - Josh Goforth
- 12:00-12:45 PM - Earl White
- 1:15-2:00 PM - The Burnett Sisters
- 2:15-3:00 PM - Beleza
- 3:15-4:00 PM - Larry & Joe
- 4:15-5:00 PM - Donald Davis
- 5:15-6:00 PM - Molasses Creek
- 7:00-7:45 PM - Wyldwood
- 8:00-8:45 PM - Cold Chocolate
- 9:00-10:00 PM - Josh Goforth, Aaron Caswell & Friends Acoustic Jam



Photo: Eakin Howard

Sunday

- 9:15-10:45 AM - Gospel Sing (w/hosts Gary Mitchell, Louis Allen, & Madeline Sales. Free)
- 12:30-1:30 PM - mahaloJazz
- 1:45-2:45 PM - Martin & Friends w/special guest Dallas Mason
- 3:00-4:00 PM - "International All-Star Jam" hosted by Beleza and Coyote

Workshop Stage Schedule @ Ocracoke Preservation Museum (Free)

Saturday

- 9:00-9:45 AM - Folk Song Sing-a-long" w/ Bob and Jeanne Zentz
- 10:00-10:45 AM - Meet The Burnett Sisters
- 11:00-11:45 AM - Meet Berto & Vincent
- 1:15-2:00 PM - Meet Larry & Joe w/Ana Chavez
- 2:15-3:00 PM - Pickin' with Earl White & Josh Goforth
- 3:15-4:00 PM - Bob & Jeanne Zentz
- 9:15-10:00 PM - Ocracoke Ghost Stories

Saturday Night Around the Village

- 6:30-8:30 PM - Ocracoke Coffee Company - Brooke & Nick, The Madame Presidents (Free)
- 7:30-8:30 PM - Community Square Docks (near Kitty Hawk Kites), The Saltare Sounds (Free)
- 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM - Ocracoke Community Center - Donald Davis (Festival Armband Required)
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM - 1718 Brewery - After School Surf Club, Blue Cactus (Free)

Saturday Night Donald Davis Storytelling



Join Donald Davis for a special evening of stories Saturday night at the Ocracoke Community Center. Door opens 7:30. Show runs 8:00-9:15. General seating. Be prepared to be in your seat by 7:55. Latecomers may be held at the door so as to not interrupt the performance. (General Festival Admission Band Required)

OAK TRACE POTTERY

Christy Eubank has been a NC potter for over 20 years. While she enjoys all the directions clay can take her in, she leans towards functional items that can be used and enjoyed on a daily basis. She has been featured in Our State magazine. Oaktrace@aol.com

YANA VOLOTOVSKAYA

Yana is from Russia, where her interest in ceramics first appeared. She started working professionally with clay when she moved with her family to Lithuania. Now that she and her family are part of the Ocracoke community, she has been making ceramics from her new island home. In 2023, she was a featured instructor at Ocracoke School Arts Week. janavolotovskaja@gmail.com

WOOD**WINDY ISLAND DESIGNS**

The art of Windy Island Designs is a collaborative endeavor between husband and wife team Tom and Keven Eriksen. The evolution of the art has been a journey of creativity and discovery over many years. Their process in creating wood sculpture includes the use of technology and traditional methods. They use computer design, laser cutting, hand finishing and hand painting to create their art and are continually exploring new designs and methods of creating art to keep it fresh and innovative. They are committed to creating art that inspires, provokes ideas and shares the joy received from making it with others. windyislanddesigns.com

MANTEO MADE

Manteo Made is a custom furniture and homewares studio located on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Owen Lauber started Manteo Made with the goal of making the highest quality wood products possible. Each piece is handmade with care, using traditional methods that will last for generations. Their products use sustainably sourced lumber and all natural finishes. (914) 319-7039.

VIC & ELLEN BERG

Well known for their often whimsical carvings, Vic and Ellen Berg have been carving for over 30 years. outerbankswaterfowl.com

ABOUT THE 2023 OCRAFOLK FESTIVAL POSTER ARTIST**CHARLEY SHIPE**

Charley Shipe (Sure Charley) is a self taught artist located on Ocracoke Island. Although originally from the Shenandoah Valley, she has called the island home for over 5 years now. Her passion for art originally began as a personal meditation, but has grown into a desire to bond with people in and outside of her community. Charley's art style is inspired by the groovy aesthetics of the 70's, but also pulls from her love of pen and ink sketching, hand lettering, and tattooing. Whether it be creating uplifting signs, designing shirts for local businesses, or drawing up the menu boards at 1718 Brewing, she enjoys exploring various mediums and bringing a level of playful authenticity into her work.

**ABOUT OUR FESTIVAL GRAPHIC DESIGNER****JUSTIN CASEY**

Justin Casey has appeared at the Ocracoke Festival in many forms over the years. We originally got to know him through his band, Carolina Still. Since that time his keen artistic eye and graphic talents have played an integral part in the creation of our programs and posters. Hats off to another great year Justin! Check out Justin's new company Whole Hog Clothing Co. a clothing line dedicated to the art of BBQ! www.wholehogclothing.com



To Our Volunteers

The Ocracoke Festival is only possible because of the thousands of hours contributed by our volunteers. Thanks to the Ocracoke Alive board members past and present for their thoughtful guidance throughout the year and to the incredibly dedicated Ocracoke Festival volunteers who work hard before, during, and after the festival (including the deputies, EMTs, and Fire Department). Our apologies if we left any names off the list!

David Tweedie ~ Executive Director, Ocracoke Alive

Gary Mitchell ~ Ocracoke Festival Entertainment Director

Desirée Ricker ~ President, Ocracoke Alive

Thank You To . . .

Ocracoke Alive Board

Desiree Ricker, Sharon Brodisch, Chad Macek, Sonya Allen, John Spagnola, Daniel Sockwell.

Ocracoke Festival Production Team

Special thanks to Gary Mitchell, David Tweedie, John Brock, Lou Brock, Debbie Leonard, Katy Mitchell, David Perez, Amy Howard, Ocracoke Preservation Society, National Park Service, our local volunteer boards, and all the other folks who might not be on this list but should be!

Photo Team

George Wood, Eakin Howard, Beverly Meeker and Tom Whelan

Sound

Tim Allen, Rex Riley, Jackie Willis, Gary Mitchell, Philip Correll

Greenroom

Debbie Leonard, Leslie McRimmon, Ruth Toth, Marci Mason, Robin Turner, Susan Dodd, Vera Buxton, Kathi Weiss, Liz Hotchkiss, and the multitude of community members who have donated food.



Things to do . . .



Photo: Eakin Howard

Looking for a little more action in your weekend? Try . . .

A PICNIC TO THE CLASSICAL SALTARE SOUNDS ~ Fri, 6:30-7:30 PM.
Backyard of the Berkley Manor. You bring your picnic basket.

ROCK OUT WITH MARTIN & THE ROCKERS ~ Fri, 8:45-10 PM.
This is your chance to cut a rug.

SING SOME FOLK SONGS WITH BOB & JEANNE ZENTZ ~ Sat, 9 AM.
Workshop Stage.

FISH PRINTING ~ Sat, 10-2 PM, Ocracoke Family Corner. *Make a Fish Print T. \$5 Donation for the shirt.*

VISIT THE OPS MUSEUM ~ 10 AM-3 PM Tues-Sat. *Step in the door and back in time as you stroll through island history at the Ocracoke Preservation Society Museum.*

DRUMMING WORKSHOP ~ Sat, 12-12:45 PM. OPS Museum front lawn. *Join Beverly Botsford of Mahalo Jazz for a drum circle.*

JOIN THE PAPERHAND PUPPET PARADE ~ Assemble on Saturday at 12:30 PM in front of OPS Museum. *Parade starts at 12:45 PM.*

HARBOR KAYAKING ~ Sat, 10-5 PM. *Show your Ocracoke Armband at Ride the Wind Surfshop for free 1-hour kayaking. 0-17 years must be with an adult.*

TOUR WOVV RADIO ~ Sat, 3 PM. *Meet at the library across from the Ocracoke Coffee Company on the back road. Tram stops there.*

TRADITIONAL OCRACOCKE SQUAREDANCE ~ Sat, 7:15 PM. Berkley Barn. *Easy to learn. No fancy stepping involved . . . unless you want!*

LEARN TO CLOG WITH THE GREEN GRASS CLOGGERS ~ Sat, 7:15-8:30, at the Barn during the Squaredance. Join members of the Green Grass Cloggers for a tutorial on being footloose and fancy-free.

OCRACOCKE GHOST STORIES ~ Sat, 9:15 PM. Museum Workshop Stage. Spooky island tales from Ocracoke Island.

YOGA, SOUND MEDITATION, & FREEFORM MOVEMENT WORKSHOP ~ Sat, Barn 7:30-9:00 AM. What a way to wake up. Yoga at 7:30 with Desiree Ricker, followed by a sound meditation with Brooke German and a freeform movement workshop with Saltare Sounds.

TOUR ISLAND INN COMMONS ~ 8:30 AM, Sunday. At the corner of Lighthouse road and Hwy12. Directors will tell all about Historic Island Inn and Commons community project. Tram stops there.

JOIN THE ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM ~ Sun, 1-2 PM, Berkley Stage. Bring your instrument and circle up to join musical jams lead by Wyldwood and The Burnette Sisters. Feel free to sit and listen too

OCRACOCKE STORY SCAVENGER HUNT ~ All Weekend Around Festival Grounds. We have planted multiple waypoints around the festival grounds with scanable QR codes. Use your phone to scan and listen to Island Historian Philip Howard tell you a tale. Visit Box Office for help if you can't find em all!

WATCH A MURAL ARTIST IN ACTION ~ All Weekend on Festival Grounds.

PLAY A GAME OF RAGUELA ~ All Weekend in the Ocracoke Family Corner. This "coin toss" horseshoe game is a favorite Latino pastime. Challenge your friends!

HUNT DOWN JEF THE MIME ~ Talk about a fella who is always doing something interesting! Jef will give you a juggling lesson, get you to blow a giant bubble, and is always involved in some sort of shenanigans. Juggling workshop Sat 1:30-2:15 PM, Ocracoke Family Yard.

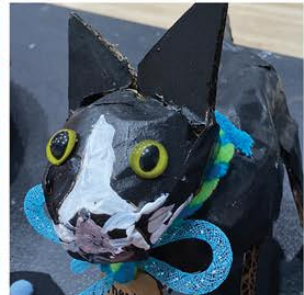
RIDE THE OCRACOCKE TRAM & VISIT VILLAGE SHOPS AND EATERIES ~ 10:30 AM-8 PM Daily. This free tram will takes you to 9 stops in the village. An easy way to hop about the village and see everything the Ocracoke community has to offer. The closest stop is next to the NPS visitor center, near where the ferries dock at the harbor.

VISIT THE ARTISAN VILLAGE ~ Visit our featured Ocracoke Artisans on the harbor side of the Berkley property.

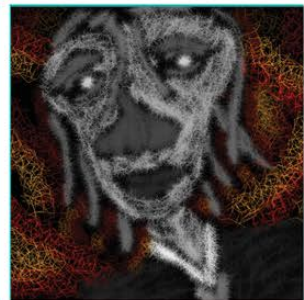
Ocracoke Arts Week 2023



Murals
Paper Mache
African Drumming
Digital Arts



Empanadas
Polymer Clay
Ceramics
Ballet Folklorico



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Special Thanks to . . .

NC Arts Council, Ocracoke Occupancy Tax, Nancy Leach Hyde 21st Century Community Learning Center, UMC Church, Deepwater Theater, Ocracoke Library Ocracoke School Staff, Leslie Cole, our Volunteers, The Pony Island Inn for providing artist housing, John & Sarah Saunders, & the Ocracoke Alive Board.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Activity dates can change. Always good to double check before you travel to the island.

MARCH

Ocracoke Preservation Society Membership Meeting / Ocracoke Alive Arts Partnership Program
with Ocracoke School (Spring) / Ocracoke Preservation Society Art Auction

APRIL

Portsmouth Island Homecoming
Easter Sunrise Service / Ocracoke School Arts Week / Ocracoke Island Waterfowl Festival
Ocracoke 5K/10K ½ Marathon

MAY

British Cemetery Memorial Service / Fireman's Ball, Ocracoke VFD, Memorial Day Weekend
NPS Interpretive Programs (Memorial Day through Oct)
Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

JUNE

Ocracoke Festival (June 7-9, 2024)
Ocracoke School Graduation / Ocracoke Preservation Society Porch Talks begin
Summertime music, ghost walks, surf camps, and fun!

JULY

2nd - 4th of July Celebration – Fireworks, music, parade, square dance
Ocracoke Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

AUGUST

Fig Festival (August 4-5)

SEPTEMBER

Seafood Festival Fundraiser for Ocracoke Health Center (Sept 2)
Labor Day weekend – End of summer sales / Fall Island Wide Yard Sale

OCTOBER

Ocracoke Working Waterman's Festival (Oct 21)
Blackbeard's Pirate Jamboree (Oct 27-28)
Ocracoke School Halloween Carnival
Costume parties/music at local restaurants & eateries
Trick or Treating in the village (Oct 31)

NOVEMBER

Festival Latino de Ocracoke (Nov 3-4) / AA Jamboree / Turkey Trot (Nov 24)
Ocracoke Alive Membership Meeting
Ocracoke Preservation Society Membership Meeting
Parade of Boats (Nov 24) / Holiday Gift Market (Nov 25)

DECEMBER

Ocracoke Preservation Society Christmas & Wassail Party
Ocracoke Community Christmas Concert at Community Center
Ocracoke Preservation Historic House Tour
Ocracoke Library Cookie Swap / Ocracoke School Christmas Program
Live Nativity Crèche, Caroling, Holiday Lights

Go to visitocracoke.com for details

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Ocracoke Food Guide

For a list of Ocracoke eating options during the festival visit

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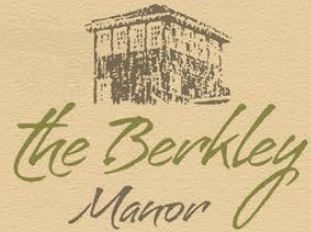


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 Charles & Carol Shuler

Kathy Gille & Doug Tanner
 Merrill Tisdell & Gerry Alfano
 Kathi & David Weiss
 Tammy Spurlock & John Wiggin
 in honor of fantastic work done
 by festival organizers



Kip & Cindi Davia "Firmly Optimistic"
 Kary & Doug Doscher
 Elizabeth Dyer & Art Mines
 Tim Dyer
 In Memory of Doris Winslow Williams
 Dave Frum & Karen Lovejoy
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Performer Hosts

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Karen and Barry Burgan
Doug Tanner
Connie Leinbach
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**Don't miss the OPS Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
for the Island Inn Commons Park!
Sunday, June 4, 9 AM - 1 PM
Jason's Restaurant - \$10 - Take out only.**

2023 Ocracoke Festival Quilt

120 tickets will be sold for \$10 each. Tickets at the Merch Tent.
We hope to announce the winner at Ocracoke Festival 2023!

This year's quilt by the Ocracoke Needle & Thread Club measures 40x60 inches and features the artwork from the second 10 years of the Ocracoke Festival! A perfect size to hang on the wall, or to keep you cozy this winter while you dream of returning to your favorite island.

Many thanks to Debbie Leonard, Nancy Carlson, Arleen Burley, Deborah Ralston, Elizabeth Dyer, and Jana Volotovskaja for their generous donation.



**Your ticket helps us inspire the next generation.
Thank you!**



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Map of the Festival Grounds around the Berkley Manor



Getting Started

- Park at the National Park Service Parking lot on Ocracoke Harbor for an easy stroll to the festival grounds. Or bike or walk.
- Check in at the Info/Merch Tent for Information
- Check in at the Box Office to pick up Sponsor Bags, Reserved Tickets, and to purchase day or weekend passes.