

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion

FACT SHEET

Festival Dates

- 2021** | September 10 – 12, 2021
- 2022** | September 9 – 11, 2022
- 2023** | September 8 – 10, 2023

Average Attendance

40,000+ attendees yearly

Location and Number of Stages

The festival prides itself on the lineup, but downtown is the real showstopper. Its hometown atmosphere provides the perfect ambience for visitors and artists; there are no muddy fields and many unique venues for fans to explore. With seven (7) major outdoor stages strategically placed to highlight important Bristol landmarks and 13 indoor venues—including the beautifully restored Paramount Center for the Arts, Theatre Bristol, and a number of downtown restaurants—there is a wide array of local flavor for attendees.

Additional Activities

The Festival offers a free Children's Day event, a 5k Run/ 2 Mile, Yoga in the Park, a Wernick Method Bluegrass Jam Camp, plus a variety of unique food and craft vendors.

More Information

For more information about Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion, visit [BristolRhythm.com](https://www.BristolRhythm.com).

The Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion is an annual music festival that takes place in downtown Bristol Tennessee/Virginia on the second weekend in September. The three day festival features a diversity of performers in recognition of the fact that the 1927 Bristol Sessions influenced many genres of music in America, and that the roots established in Bristol have grown deep and spread wide. Each year, the Festival hosts over 100 bands on 16 stages in Downtown Bristol.

Types of Music

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion music festival celebrates the very best in roots music, covering a wide range of genres. Old-Time, bluegrass, alternative country, western swing, progressive newgrass, rock, blues, and folk-rock were all included in the lineup that consisted of more than 100 acts of live music performed on 16 outdoor and indoor stages.

Past Artists

Artist alumni of Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion include Dr. Ralph Stanley, Emmylou Harris, The Avett Brothers, Buddy Guy, Doc Watson, Béla Fleck, The Carolina Chocolate Drops, Lucinda Williams, The Drive-By Truckers, Old Crow Medicine Show, Jason Isbell, Sturgill Simpson, Old 97's, The Steep Canyon Rangers, Corey Harris, The Del McCoury Band, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, and many, many more.

Awards

Over the years, Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion has earned countless awards including:

- Bronze Grand Pinnacle from the International Festivals and Events Association
- Shining Example Award from the Southeast Tourism Society
- Top 20/Best Event award from the Southeast Tourism Society
- Pinnacle Awards from the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association – numerous awards
- Gold Kaleidoscope from the Southeast Festivals & Events Association
- Arts 50 for 50 Arts Inspiration Award for the Exemplary Programs & Pinnacle Events by the Virginia Commission for the Arts



Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion has become one of the premier roots music festivals in the Southeast. Artists and visitors from all over the world appreciate our cities' great music history and are eager to be part of the celebration every year. Once they've experienced what the festival has to offer, they want to return.

Leah Ross

Executive Director of the Birthplace of Country Music
Parent organization of Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion