



South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club Newsletter

**We play, sing, and listen to music.
July 2025**

Save the Date! South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival 2026

**Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2026
Bergeron Rodeo Grounds
4261 NW 65th Way
Davie, Florida**

South Florida in the Winter, Why the FOLK NOT!!!

Festival NEWS:

The Board is busy working on next year's festival! In addition to our National Singer-Songwriter competition, we are adding a South Florida ONLY Singer-Songwriter Competition (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) If you are a songwriter, or KNOW any local songwriters, please be sure to check on the website sffolk.org on October 1st for applications to be open. There will be three applications: National & South Florida songwriters, and Performers.

If you would like to volunteer to help on any festival committees, please email sffamc@gmail.com to get in touch with us and share your ideas.

We are looking for someone to help with social media (especially Instagram). Is that YOU???? Please email us if you can help.

Music, Music, Music!

So are you thinking it is summer and there is NOT a lot going on musically in town. Boy are you WRONG!! Be sure to go to the sffolk.org calendar to see all of the events!. Come out and support **LIVE, LOCAL, MUSIC!!**

Summer Song Swaps in Broward: Mark your calendars!

We do not meet at Together We Stand in the summer due to the heat and weather. We will meet at different homes over the summer. Mark your calendars NOW:

- **Sunday, July 20th at the home of Eric King and Bridgette McBrigh (Mayo St. near 441, Hollywood) 4 - 8 pm (potluck and song swap)**
- Sunday, August 17 at the home of Arlene Boumel (Coral Springs) Time TBD
- Sunday, September 21 at the home of Bill Wunderlich (Criterion Condo Pompano) 2-5 pm.
- We will return to Together We Stand in October 19, 2025.

YouTube Channel

Did you know that we SFFAMC has a YouTube Channel? Please check it out and ***subscribe!*** There are 50 videos from this year and past festivals!

Join Us

If you are not a member of the club, please consider joining. Your support makes us stronger! Click [here](#) to become a member of the South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club. Members receive discounts on concerts and other events. Membership runs from January to December 2025!

If you are not on the mailing list, be sure to email us at sffamc@gmail.com so we can also add you to the sf_folk@googlegroups.com list. We do not share our mailing list with anyone and only email to announce special activities.

Interesting article shared from Matthew Sabatella:

Click on the word BANJO and it will take you to the article.


How did the [banjo](#), which has roots in West Africa, become a symbol of rural white America? And how are African Americans today reclaiming this vital part of their heritage? Along the way, the instrument took center stage in America's most popular form of entertainment in the mid-19th century and found a home in the Victorian parlor. Through historic images, recordings, and live performance, [Matthew Sabatella](#), founder and president of Ballad of America, Inc., tells the story

of the [banjo](#) from its African roots through its development in the Caribbean, early history with enslaved people in North America, growth in popularity through [blackface minstrel](#) performances, integration into dance and song traditions in Appalachia, role in 20th and 21st century [ragtime](#), [jazz](#), folk, [old-time](#), bluegrass, country, popular, and world music, as well as the current Black [Banjo](#) Renaissance.

Calendar of Events

If you are a performer or know of other events that you'd like to share on on calendar, be sure to email sffamc@gmail.com before the beginning of the month!

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| <p>July 5</p> <p>8 pm</p> <p>\$8 members</p> <p>\$10 non-members</p> <p>\$15 minimum purchase</p> <p>ALL CASH establish-ment</p> | <p>SFFAMC Underground Concert Series at Luna Star Cafe</p> <p>The Hoochie Digs</p> <p>The Digs are a folk duo from Louisiana writing & performing original songs...now in South Florida, recording their 4th album & playing venues & festivals. Dig?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@thehoochiedigs</p> <p>775 NE 125 ST. North Miami, FL</p> |
| <p>July 6</p> <p>Greynolds Park</p> <p>Parking \$10 on the app only</p> | <p>Monthly Bluegrass Concert</p> <p>https://southfloridabluegrass.org/index.php</p> <p>Greynolds Park</p> <p>18501 NE 22nd Ave.</p> <p>North Miami Beach</p> <p>MIami-Dade parking \$10 with mobile app only</p> |
| <p>July 10</p> <p>6- 8 pm</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Veterans Park</p> | <p>Daam Jam: Delray Art & Acoustic Music</p> <p>2nd Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm</p> <p>Veteran's Park Recreation Center</p> <p>802 NE 1st Street, Delray Beach, FL</p> <p>Intracoastal and Atlantic Ave</p> |

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| <p>July 12</p> <p>6:30-10:30 pm</p> |  <p>BROWARD ROCKERS Dance Drink Repeat</p> <p>Making our debut at the hottest music spot in town</p> <p>Grumpy Gary's Bar & Grill July 12, 2025 6:30 10:30 PM 318 N Federal Highway, Dania Beach</p> |
| <p>July 12</p> <p>Cover</p> <p>\$15 minimum purchase</p> <p>ALL CASH establish-meet</p> | <p>Grant Livingston @ Luna Star Cafe</p> <p>Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist Grant Livingston has been a Florida favorite since the mid-1980s. Upbeat, with an offbeat sense of humor, Grant Livingston weaves history and the environment into his songs. He has written about South Florida pioneers Henry Flagler and Julia Tuttle, the invasion of the Everglades by Melaleuca trees and pythons, Halley's Comet, armadillos, barnacles, greyhounds and grey cats in graveyards. And if you ask him Grant will reveal, in song of course, the reason he always wears a hat.</p> <p>775 NE 125 St. North Miami</p> |
| <p>July 13</p> <p>5-9 pm</p> <p>Free</p> | <p>SFFAMC Song Swap: Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Potluck and song swap- contact Jim Teas @ jamesdteas@gmail.com for address and details.</p> |

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| <p>July 14</p> <p>6-7:30 pm</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Broward Library</p> | <p>FUN- Florida Ukulele Network and the Broward Library</p> <p>Theme: The American Songbook</p> <p>Ukelele FUN and Friends- Play and Sing Along Hour at the Main Library - 6th floor. We project the chords and lyrics as we play and sing together. Bring your use or other acoustic instrument, as well as your friends, to play and sing along with us...or just listen to your favorite songs. There is ample parking in the adjoining City Garage in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Main Library is open until 8 PM on Monday evening. This program is presented on the 2nd Monday of every month, co-sponsored by FUN (Florida Ukulele Network) and The Friends of Ft. Lauderdale Libraries.</p> |
| <p>July 18</p> <p>Cover</p> <p>\$15 minimum purchase</p> <p>ALL CASH establish-ment</p> | <p>Robert Ross @ Luna Star</p> <p>Robert Ross is a two-time winner of the coveted New York Music Award for Best Blues Artist. Ross won his first New York Music Award for Best Blues Artist in 1989 and has been nominated a total of 7 times over the years alongside such stars as Johnny Copeland, Taj Mahal, John Hammond Jr., Roscoe Gordon, Cyndi Lauper and Mose Allison. Robert also won an East Coast Rocker Award for Best Blues Artist in 1991. Ross is a New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee. The Robert Ross Band plays hard driving boogie, hip grinding soul, burning rock 'n' roll, and low down and dirty blues. David Hinckley of the NY Daily News once wrote, "Robert Ross is one of the most impressive young bluesmen around."</p> <p>775 NE 125 St. North Miami</p> |
| <p>July 19</p> <p>Cover</p> <p>\$15 minimum purchase</p> <p>ALL CASH establish-meet</p> | <p>Joel Zoss and Rachel Coba @ Luna Star</p> <p>Joel Zoss has enjoyed a worldwide reputation as a songwriter and guitarist since Bonnie Raitt recorded his "Too Long at the Fair" and "I Gave My Love a Candle." Featuring his own million-selling compositions and folk and blues classics by American masters such as Elizabeth Cotten, Lead Belly, and Big Bill Broonzy, Zoss's unique fingerpicking style and moving vocals have entertained audiences from blues clubs and concert halls to the Philadelphia Folk Festival. From 2007-2009 he opened shows for B.B. King and Etta James in theaters across the country. He has performed and recorded with many highly regarded artists including David Bromberg, Taj Mahal, James Taylor, Paul Butterfield, and Howlin' Wolf.</p> <p>775 NE 125 St. North Miami</p> |
| <p>July 19</p> <p>\$10 admission</p> <p>\$5 18 and under, college students, and those facing financial hardships</p> | <p>Contra Dance</p> <p>Caller: Mandy Albert Band: Lost City String Band</p> <p>Doors open: 6:30pm. Lesson/Mixer: 7:00pm. Dancing: 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Unitarian Universalist</u></p> <p><u>2601 St Andrews Blvd</u></p> <p><u>Boca Raton, FL 33434</u></p> |

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| <p>July 20</p> <p>4-9 pm</p> <p>Free</p> | <p>SFFAMC Song Swap and Potluck</p> <p>Hosted by Eric King and Bri McBrigh</p> <p>6041 Mayo Street, Hollywood</p> <p>Bring a dish to share and a song to sing!</p> <p>Email sffamc@gmail.com for any questions.</p> |
| <p>July 25</p> <p>Cover</p> <p>\$15 minimum purchase</p> <p>ALL CASH establish-meet</p> | <p>Daniel Gallup @ Luna Star Cafe</p> <p>Daniel Gallup is a singer-songwriter born and raised in Hollywood, Fl. A genre blending artist, Daniel, sings and plays guitar, bass, and piano. Back in high school, he released a full length album and EP. A recent UF graduate, he's so excited to be back home performing in South Florida promoting his newest EP, "Unbridled and True" released last December. Daniel can't wait to share his original music at Luna Star Cafe! To find out more about the artist, go to https://danielgallup.com/</p> <p>775 NE 125 St. North Miami</p> |

July 27

7 pm

\$20

Songwriters in the Round at the Vintage on Harrison ST.



**STARTS AT
7PM**

**SUNDAY
JULY 27**

**ENTRANCE
20\$**

HOSTS & PERFORMERS
**ALEXA LASH &
ROMAN WILLIAMS**

INTRODUCING SONGWRITERS
**LEAH SIMMONS
CARLOS ESCANILLA
RYAN BAUTA**

THE LISTENING ROOM AT
THE VINTAGE ON HARRISON

SONGWRITERS THE ROUND

1955 HARRISON ST, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020

TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE

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| August 3 8 pm \$8 members \$10 non-members \$15 minimum purchase ALL CASH establish-ment | SFFAMC Acoustic Underground @ Luna Star featuring The Jamie Granger with Lou Dominguez opening Jamie Granger is a singer-songwriter from Florida whose soulful and endearing lyrics explore a wide range of topics from renaissance paintings to swimming pools to lost cowboys. He was raised on the island of Montserrat and worked for a time on a cattle ranch in Montana. His self-titled debut album was recorded and produced in Nashville, Tennessee, by Jack Shawde and Diane Ward. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hllvs6rz_14&t=15s 775 NE 125 St. North Miami |
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For more events, go to sffolk.org/events

If you are looking for a place to play, perform, or just go listen, there are LOTS of venues to explore! Check out our webpage for a list of local open mics and jams. sffolk.org/event

Every Saturday there is a Bluegrass Jam from 2-4 @ Together We Stand in Hollywood. The 1st Sunday is a Bluegrass Festival at Greynolds Park. Check out their website for details. <https://southfloridabluegrass.org/>

For more events, check out: <https://weekendbroward.com/live-music/>. If you are hosting a show, you can add your events to this list as well.

If you are hosting an open mic and want us to help promote your event, send details to sffamc@gmail.com. We want to expand our listing of open mics and other opportunities for members and friends to get together and play. We would especially like to add events in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties (and additional locations in Broward of course).

Michael Stock on WLRN

Don't forget to listen to the Folk and Acoustic Music show every Sunday from 3 - 5 pm on WLRN-FM with Michael Stock! The show is broadcast on Facebook Live from 3 - 4 pm weekly. <https://www.wlrn.org/show/folk-acoustic-music>