

# 2021 FESTIVAL PERFORMERS



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## LARRY CAMPBELL AND TERESA WILLIAMS – Sat evening **HEADLINER**, ‘riveting, honest emotion’

The duo not only brings a lot to the table, they bring the table itself — plus the house, the still, the church, the sawdust-covered floor, and abiding, unconditional love, all carried in two voices harmonizing across hills, hollers, porches. . . . Their close harmonies ride atop music made in a mountain refuge . . . connected to a spirit that lives on in song.

– Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD

**LARRY CAMPBELL** is a talented multi-instrumentalist/songwriter/vocalist, perhaps most widely known as a member of *Bob Dylan’s* tour band from 1997 to 2004. He moves freely between folk, blues, Americana, and country utilizing a variety of instruments: guitar, pedal steel, dobro, fiddle, mandolin, cittern, and banjo. For 7 years, he was also co-writer, collaborator, musical director and band leader for the *Levon Helm Band*, at the same time garnering 3 Grammys for Helm album productions. In 2008, he was awarded the “AMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Instrumentalist” by the Americana Music Association.

**TERESA WILLIAMS** is both a solo artist and part of the duo with her husband, Larry. Known for her warm, resonant alto and passion for roots music, Teresa is also an exceptional vocalist and actor known for her highly acclaimed roles as Sara Carter in *Keep On The Sunny Side* and the title role in *Always...Patsy Cline* as well as serving as a stellar vocalist for Levon Helm, Emmylou Harris, Jackson Browne, Phil Lesh and Friends and Peter Wolf, to name just a few.

A review of one of their albums *Contraband Love* (2015) reads: “musically, *Contraband Love* revisits the Americana textures of the duo’s debut, deftly channeling Memphis, Chicago, the Delta, and Appalachia with equal assurance. Larry’s world-famous guitar work — scorching here, funky there, stellar always — punctuates the proceedings with riveting emotion, often like a third voice weighing in on a myriad of emotional states.” Listen here: [www.larryandteresa.com](http://www.larryandteresa.com)

# DAYTIME MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS

## RJ COWDERY (COLUMBUS, OH) FOLK / SINGER-SONGWRITER



Singer-songwriter, guitarist RJ Cowdery is motivated by the best things in life: making people think, laugh, cry and feel. Fans tell her it’s uncanny the way her songs seem to take a peek directly into their lives. Her music is driving and lyric-rich, and her unique approach has been validated by her winning the *Kerrville New Folk Contest* (2008), the *Mountain Stage New Song Contest* (2007) as well as *Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist* and *Sisters Folk Festivals* contests. She’s appeared on NPR’s *Mountain Stage* and played festivals to include *The Kerrville Folk Festival*, *Rocky Mountain Folk Festival*, and *Vancouver Island Folk Festival*. [www.rjcowdery.com/listen](http://www.rjcowdery.com/listen)

# DAYTIME MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS (CONT)

## THE SHAZZBOTS (COLUMBUS, OH) CHILDREN'S MUSIC / AND 'YOUNG AT HEART'



Champions of music, art and all things creative, *The Shazzbots* have been blasting off for 'intergalactic' adventure and fun over the past 10 years across the U.S. and into the airwaves, spreading their folk rockin' tunes to the children of the cosmos. With 3 full-length albums, a triple Emmy winning TV show, and thousands of live shows under their belts, the 'Bots are no rookies when it comes to family entertainment.

"*The Shazzbots* are a throwback to the early days of Jim Henson's Muppet vision. Bringing whole family entertainment back into a reality that

desperately needs it!" ([theshazzbots.com](http://theshazzbots.com)) and "There has never been such a good WHOLESOME, entertaining and yet educational group as *The Shazzbots!* This group is so very talented and creative, that they blow my socks off!" ([theshazzbots.com](http://theshazzbots.com)) Bring the kids, bring yourself and your young heart attitude (and maybe even your favorite drink), and be ready for some merriment! [www.theshazzbots.com/music](http://www.theshazzbots.com/music)

## THE WAYFARERS (ZANESVILLE, OH) OLD-TIME MOUNTAIN MUSIC



*The Wayfarers* fuse tight musicianship with the high energy that characterizes early mountain music. With old-time radio shows setting the example, their style encompasses Appalachian dance music, traditional mountain fiddle tunes, and pre-bluegrass music of the 1920's – resulting in a dose of nostalgic Americana.

Their spirited approach is infectious and people of all ages are drawn to the sounds of thumping washtub bass, driving guitars, sawing fiddles, and rich harmonies. They have been featured on the national PBS television series "*Song of the Mountains*", toured much of the Midwest and Southern Appalachians, released 4 studio albums, and have shared the stage with

some of the biggest names in bluegrass & country music; including Ralph Stanley, Ricky Skaggs, Marty Stuart, Connie Smith, Dailey & Vincent, Lonesome River Band, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Rhonda Vincent, Marty Raybon, Jerry Douglas amongst others. [www.thewayfarersband.com](http://www.thewayfarersband.com)

## STARLIT WAYS (AKA) CHRIS & ROSE (COLUMBUS, OH) FOLK, JAZZ, POP



They are an acoustic duo consisting of Rose from Gabon/Nigeria, West Africa and Chris Glover, a Columbus native. Rose's truly gifted and elegant vocals captivate any audience with grace and class. Combined with Chris' rhythmic/melodic guitar style and harmonies, the duo creates a unique and captivating sound reflecting their talents and passion for music.

With craftsmanship and finesse, they perform an eclectic range of music from originals to jazz age classics to modern tunes from diverse genres, including

some classic tunes in French. [starlitways.com/music](http://starlitways.com/music)

# DAYTIME MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS (CONT)

## WHINESTOPPER (COLUMBUS, OH) FOLK, AMERICANA, SWING



Whinestopper is a Columbus-based band noted for its unique blend of folk, Americana, and swing era hits. Their mix offers a blend of guitars, accordion, and four-part harmonies that has pleased crowds for over 10 years. So whether they are singing their way through a classic like *Ain't Misbehavin'* or sharing a haunting folk duet, it is likely that the audience and band will connect and both have lots of fun while they're at it.

[whinestopper.com](http://whinestopper.com)

## DANIEL DYE AND THE MILLER ROAD BAND (MUTUAL, OH) FOLK, ROOTS, AMERICANA



*Buckeye Music Magazine* dubbed Daniel Dye an “extraordinary singer-songwriter.” Daniel is also the band leader of the Miller Road Band which features his classically trained siblings and cousins who, adding violin, viola, cello, melodica, mandolin and harmonies, create a heartwarming and soulful, rich bluegrass sound underpinning Dye’s “powerful short stories through simply beautiful lyrics”. (WYSO 91.30)

Dye, born and raised in rural Ohio, is also co-founder of the Madden Road Music Fest, an annual family run music fest in Mutual Ohio. [danieldyemusic.com/videos/](http://danieldyemusic.com/videos/)

## THE RELENTLESS MULES (COLUMBUS, OH) BLUEGRASS



Founded in 2010, *The Relentless Mules* is a Columbus-based Bluegrass band. Though it has had a rotating cast of characters over the years, in its current iteration The Relentless Mules feature Dan Phelps (guitar and lead vocal), Glenn Rinehart (banjo), Scott Adkins (mandolin) and Isiah Sparling (upright bass).

These mules ‘kick’ and will have you definitely wanting to come back for more. “Great band, great people. Highly recommend them, world class talent.” T. Roberts

[www.facebook.com/therelentlessmules/](http://www.facebook.com/therelentlessmules/)

# CHILDREN'S STAGE PERFORMERS

## JOANIE CALEM (COLUMBUS, OH) CHILDREN'S MUSIC



Joanie Calem is a singer/songwriter, musician, and teacher. She teaches privately and in schools, and presents music and story programs in a variety of settings, performing for audiences of all ages.

Joanie has written over 150 songs for children and adults, has produced five CDs, and written and illustrated four "singing" books for children.

[joaniecalem.com](http://joaniecalem.com)

## BARRY WEAVER (COLUMBUS, OH) CHILDREN'S MUSIC



Early Childhood educator at Hilliard City Schools for 26 years, Barry is also a musician and loves to entertain and engage kids musically.

Expect the kids to be entertained and even invited to join along with their rhythm instruments / shakers they will learn how to make in the Crafts Zoom Session on the festival site.

## ROGER PARISH (COLUMBUS, OH) CHILDREN'S MUSIC



With 35+ years of experience in education, Roger Parish is also an accomplished musician in his own right. He is a musical instructor for all ages and is proficient on many instruments: piano, guitar, drum, trumpet, and violin amongst others. He will lend his talent to the Children's festival stage and lead the kids in a musical hour. They will most likely come away from the hour having learned basic drum patterns on their handmade drums as well as having a lot of fun in the process! Making handmade drums is one of the activities in Crafts Zoom Session. Roger is the owner of the Parish Musical Arts Studio in Columbus, OH. [www.parishmusicalarts.com/](http://www.parishmusicalarts.com/)

# CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

## CHILDREN'S CRAFTS – IN BETWEEN CHILDREN'S PERFORMERS

We encourage active participation by the kids during the festival! There will be a Children's Programming link on the festival website that will take you to the Kids' Zoom Room where kid's programming will run from Noon - 5pm. In between the children's performers (see festival schedule), there will be children's crafts. Some performers (maybe all) will encourage kids to play along with the instruments they have made! In addition, downloadable, festival themed coloring pages will be available.

# CHILDREN'S CRAFTS (CONT)

Kids will be helped/encouraged to make their own drums and shakers. To be prepared, we encourage parents to gather some or all of these materials in preparation for the craft sessions. Each 50 minute session will cover the making of both drums and shakers.



## **Drums:**

Empty container: coffee can, oatmeal, or empty box (shoe or pizza boxes work)!

Blank paper

Tape: duct, masking or scotch tape

Stickers

Markers, crayons or paint

Ribbons

2 pencils

Safety scissors

If over 5 yrs : beads and string



## **Shakers:**

Emptied (and dry) plastic bottle, plastic egg or small box

Cheerios or Fruit Loops (kids under 5)

Beans or beads (kids over 5)

Paper

Markers, crayons, paint

Stickers

Safety scissors

Duct, masking or scotch tape