

FROM BACH TO ROCK



Cleveland Celebrates its Roots in Music

With an acclaimed orchestra, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and a vibrant live music scene, Cleveland hits all the right notes. The city's rich music history encompasses all styles and genres.

New and Noteworthy

- As of April 2018, a reimagined and expanded [Hall of Fame Experience](#) awaits visitors to the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#). Spanning the iconic building's third floor, the redesigned space takes visitors on an induction-themed voyage focused on the transformative power of rock. Guests can amp up their experience by immersing themselves in the stories of rock's greatest artists through dramatic new displays, floor-to-ceiling video screens, interactive presentations of fan-favorite inductee moments, an artist signature wall and more.
- In the new [Shine a Light: New Acquisitions and Spotlight Artifacts](#) guests a close look at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's newest acquisitions, including one of Jerry Lee Lewis's piano, an outfit worn by P!nk, drumheads from Tré Cool and a guitar donated by Robert Lamm of Chicago. Frequent updates to the space highlight touring artists, national holidays, important dates in music history and inductees' birthdays.
- The [Power of Rock Experience](#), which debuted in 2017, gives visitors to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame a front row seat to performances from their favorite inductees with an immersive film by Academy Award-winning director Jonathan Demme.
- The world-renowned [Cleveland Orchestra](#) celebrates 50 years of the [Blossom Music Festival](#) this summer. With a seasonal lineup featuring an array of both classical and pop culture concerts, visitors can enjoy a music-filled night under the stars.
- Music lovers looking to ditch mud fields and fancy arenas as concert venues should pack their bags for Cleveland's inaugural [InCuya Music Festival](#). On Aug. 25-26, headliners **New Order**, **The Avett Brothers**, **SZA** and **AWOLNATION** join a mix of other national and local recording artists to celebrate the origins, diversity and evolution of rock on Downtown Cleveland's expansive greenspace, Malls A & B. The festival in Cleveland's vibrant city center will be a cross-genre, multi-generational, collaborative and uniquely Cleveland event.

Rock On!

- The [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#) has the world's largest collection of rock and roll artifacts displayed throughout more than 50 exhibits. Visitors can learn about the radio DJs and recording artists who invented the genre. They can explore the artists that got their big break in Cleveland. And, visitors can check out memorabilia from legends like The Beatles, Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and David Bowie, as well as contemporary artists like Lady Gaga, The Black Keys and Rihanna.
- Having celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2015, the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#) honors more than 300 inductees and broadcasts their music live every day on SiriusXM from the museum's Alan Freed studio.
- Cleveland hosts the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** every two years. The 33rd Annual Induction Ceremony took place April 2018 at Cleveland's historic Public Hall, and the ceremony returns in 2020.
- The truest of music nerds will be in memorabilia heaven at the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Library & Archives](#), housed at Cuyahoga Community College. This most comprehensive catalogue of materials relating to the history of rock and roll, which includes notable books, magazines, CDs and DVDs, is available to visitors by appointment only.
- Visitors can enjoy rock music throughout the City of Cleveland thanks to the [ROCK BOX](#) project. This permanent outdoor installation consists of multiple clusters of custom speakers placed around Downtown Cleveland, which play the music of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductees.

- In addition to the Rock Hall, Cleveland is home to a variety of independent record stores in [Gordon Square](#) and [Waterloo Arts District](#). Visitors can sift through records spanning from new and old LPs at [Hausfrau Record Shop](#), punk, metal and rock releases at [My Mind's Eye](#), and genres ranging from jazz to country and classic rock at [Blue Arrow Records](#).
- Rock out with renowned musicians and get a close-up view at [Hard Rock Live](#), the music venue at the Hard Rock Rocksino in Northfield Park.

Pitch-Perfect Performances

- Under the direction of Franz Welser-Möst, the acclaimed [Cleveland Orchestra](#) plays seasonally at Severance Hall in University Circle, within the perimeter of a national park at Blossom Music Amphitheater during the summertime and conducts annual residencies in Miami and Vienna.
- In addition to its standard repertoire, [The Cleveland Orchestra](#) incorporates innovative programming, which means visitors will find them hosting happy hour-style concerts on select Fridays, playing movie scores in conjunction with a live film, performing mini residencies within Cleveland's urban neighborhoods and partnering with ballets, operas and other national artists.
- [Severance Hall](#), the home of The Cleveland Orchestra, is known as one of the most beautiful concert halls in the world. Opened in 1931, the building received the Honor Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Free tours are available on select Sundays.
- [The Cleveland POPS Orchestra](#) performs in different venues throughout Cleveland, taking on current composers like John Williams, Rodgers and Hammerstein and Gershwin.
- The [Cleveland Jazz Orchestra](#) has been getting toes tapping in Northeast Ohio for 33 years. The Orchestra promotes jazz in its historical and contemporary forms through concerts with gifted musicians, arrangers and composers.

Live Music Venues

- Legendary concert hall the [Agora](#) has been a fixture in Cleveland's live music scene for decades. The vintage continues to host landmark performances in its ballroom and 1,800-seat theater.
- [The Grog Shop](#) originally started as just another corner bar but quickly gave way to a booming music scene and showcases some of the best underground rock bands in the nation.
- Catch a concert at the [Beachland Ballroom & Tavern](#), a former a Croatian social hall that's now an independent music club and an iconic destination for music lovers seeking everything from rockabilly and punk to folk and alt rock in an intimate, vintage surrounding.
- A staple in Cleveland's jazz scene since 1965, [Nighttown](#) in Cleveland Heights brings jazz and classical acts to the stage in an intimate performance setting.
- The [Music Box Supper Club](#), located in the Flats West Bank, has two performance areas where visitors can expect to hear music from genres spanning from alt-country to bluegrass and soul.
- In the heart of Downtown Cleveland, visitors to [Wilbert's](#) can enjoy national, regional and local acts before or after one of the big games at Progressive Field or Quicken Loans Arena. From blues and reggae to folk and jazz, visitors can listen to a variety of music genres nearly every night of the week.
- For nationally recognized performers like DNCE, Machine Gun Kelly, Mike Posner, Charlie Puth and Fetty Wap, visitors check out the schedule at [House of Blues](#) in Downtown Cleveland's East Fourth Entertainment District.
- The riverfront [Jacobs Pavilion at the Nautica Entertainment Complex](#) plays host to some of the hottest concerts and special events in Cleveland each summer. With sweeping views of the Cuyahoga River and towering bridges, Cleveland's cityscape provides the backdrop at this open-air amphitheater.
- [Mahall's 20 Lanes](#) in the Lakewood community takes the old-school bowling alley to a new level with a pool hall converted into a music club. Mahall's maintains it's working-man's bar physique but showcases indie rock and pop most nights of the week.