

On the Town Performance Schedule :: July 11, 2026

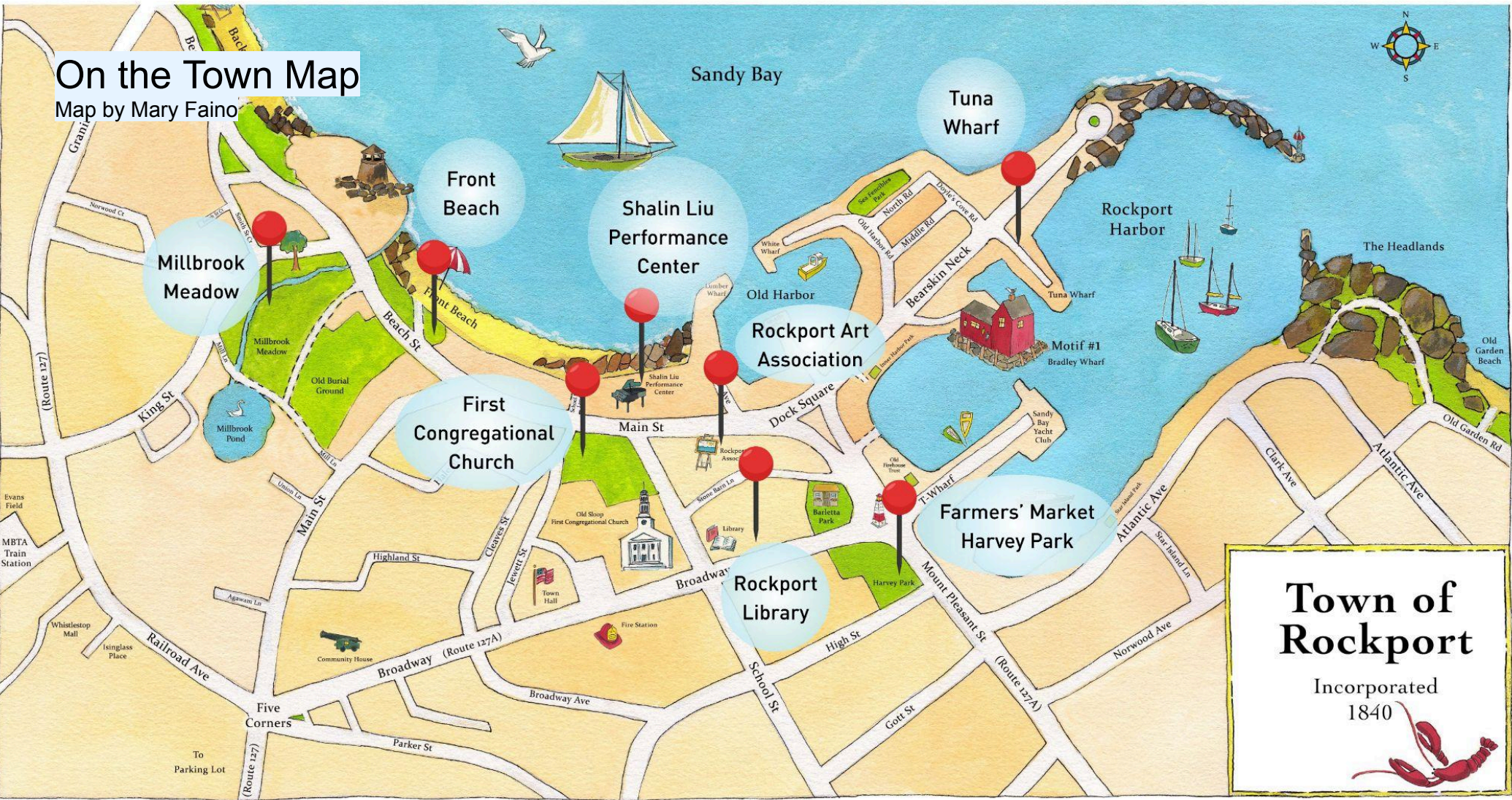
Time	Community Stages						Rockport Art Association	Millbrook Meadow Circus and Activities Hub	Shalin Liu Performance Center
	Harvey Park	Rockport Library Courtyard	Tuna Wharf	First Congregational Church Lawn	Front Beach				
9:00 AM	Scrub Pines								
9:30 AM									
10:00 AM	Noble Dust	Magalí Benítez Trio	Martina Gallo	The Syllabus	Ristuben Jazz+		Check out our Activities List for interactive fun!	Docent led tours and relaxation station	
10:30 AM									
11:00 AM	Phil and the Flying Leap	Harry Wagg	Alec Sullivan	Vinyl Street a Cappella	Juliet Hawkins	Steve Lacey			
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12:00 PM	The RPS Band						Circus 617 Mixtape		
12:30 PM									
1:00 PM							Activities		
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2:00 PM							Seaside Circus Students & Staff Showcase		
2:30 PM									
3:00 PM	Indoor Friends	Sarah Blacker & Zev	Carole Wise	The Jambalaya Five	The Crab Elastic		Activities	Collage Concert	
3:30 PM									
4:00 PM	Heather Smith & The Constants	Rory Halt	Maggie Monroe	Tenille Ja'Nae	Clay Pigeons	Arianna Martinez Cavero & Eli Mansur	Student Music Spotlight Concert		
4:30 PM									
5:00 PM	FM Collective	Crossroads of Sound	Jenna May	Carousel	Cyan Sueño				
5:30 PM									
6:00 PM									
6:30 PM							Boston Circus Guild Grand Finale!		
7:00 PM									

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On the Town Map

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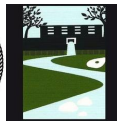
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Millbrook Meadow Circus Hub

12-1pm Circus 617 Mixtape

featuring the Balourdet String Quartet and Miles Wilder

Contemporary circus meets live music in this imaginative collaboration from Circus 617. Circus Mixtape melds the spectacular, expressive physicality of circus with theatrical and musical methods of storytelling, featuring breathtaking aerials and acrobatics performed alongside live music by the internationally acclaimed Balourdet String Quartet and Boston-based composer, musician, and multi-instrumentalist Miles Wilder. Bring a blanket and lunch, and enjoy this one-of-a-kind picnic concert at Millbrook Meadow.

2:30-3:30pm Seaside Circus Cape Ann Student, Staff, and Friends Showcase

featuring The Syllabus

Celebrate the vibrant Seaside Circus Cape Ann community as performers of all ages take the stage alongside professional coaches and staff. This joyful showcase highlights the creativity, confidence, and connections that grow through circus arts while offering a glimpse of the welcoming community that will be leading hands-on activities throughout the day.

4-5pm Student Spotlight Concert

Rockport Music's Cape Ann Youth Chorus and Cape Ann Jazz Workshop welcome young violinist Damian Poh and Gloucester's Kicked off the Bus for an afternoon celebrating student musicians from across the region. From choral music and jazz to rock and classical performance, the Student Spotlight Concert showcases the creativity, collaboration, and musical curiosity that define the next generation of local artists.

6:30-7:30pm Grand Finale Circus Performance with the Boston Circus Guild

featuring Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band

End the day with a spectacular celebration of contemporary circus and live music. Featuring the Boston Circus Guild and Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, the Grand Finale transforms Millbrook Meadow into an exhilarating outdoor stage filled with breathtaking aerials, daring acrobatics, mesmerizing juggling, live music, and larger-than-life theatrical spectacle. It's a joyful, high-energy finale to On the Town's inaugural celebration.





Shalin Liu Performance Center Collage Concert

Shalin Liu Performance Center | 2:00–5:00 PM

Take a musical tour of On the Town without leaving your seat. Every 12 minutes, a new artist or ensemble takes the stage, creating a fast-paced afternoon of discovery, surprise, and celebration. Featuring fifteen performances spanning a wide range of styles and traditions, the Collage Concert is a unique opportunity to experience the breadth of music that fills Rockport throughout the day.

2:00 PM	Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band	Brass band, Balkan, Klezmer and funk
2:12 PM	Clay Pigeons	Bluegrass
2:24 PM	Magalí Benítez Trio	Jazz, World
2:36 PM	Tenille Ja'nae	Jazz, Pop, R&B, Singer/Songwriter, World
2:48 PM	Scrub Pines	Americana, Indie, Singer/Songwriter, A touch of funk!
3:00 PM	RPS Band	Jazz, R&B
3:12 PM	FM Collective	World (Latin rhythms, hip-hop, and jazz)
3:24 PM	Crossroads of Sound	World (Turkish classical, folk, and Sufi traditions)
3:36 PM	Jenna May	Pop, Singer/Songwriter
3:48 PM	Carousel	Hip Hop, Jazz, Pop, R&B, Rock
4:00 PM	Cyan Sueño	Hip Hop, R&B
4:12 PM	Alec Sullivan	Folk, Rock, Singer/Songwriter
4:24 PM	Phil and the Flying Leap	Folk, Singer/Songwriter
4:36 PM	The Crab Elastic	Jazz, Rock
4:48 PM	Jambalaya Five	Blues, Funk, Jazz, R&B, World

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Activities On the Town

Millbrook Meadow Circus and Activities Hub

10am-12pm

- Interactive circus demos with [Seaside Circus Cape Ann](#)
- Instrument exploration with Johnson String Instruments and David French Music (winds and brass)
- Nature and history activities with the Millbrook Meadow Committee

1-2:30pm

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1:30-4pm

Nature and history activities with the [Millbrook Meadow Committee](#)

3:30-5pm

Interactive circus demos with Seaside Circus Cape Ann

Rockport Exchange Farmers' Market 9am-1pm

Check out the [Rockport Public Library](#)'s table for a craft activity!

Rockport Art Association 10am-7pm

11am & 4pm Music in Hibbard Gallery

Self-guided art activities and open gallery time throughout the day.

Old Sloop Fair 9am-3pm

Rockport Art Walk 4-7pm

Visit galleries and meet the artists during extended hours on second Saturdays through the summer.

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Harvey Park with Rockport Exchange Farmers' Market

9am Scrub Pines

Scrub Pines is a musical duo playing folky and funky original music. The group is made of Heather Watson on piano/vocals and Alex Becrelis on mandolin/vocals. Scrub Pines has a cinematic approach to song writing, incorporating story lines and musical imagery, allowing the listener to merge with music with their own lives.

10am Noble Dust

"Sweeping instrumentals and profound lyrics" - NPR

Noble Dust creates dynamic, lyrically-driven folk pop, blending ethereal vocal harmonies with intricate horn and string melodies. They released their second LP 'A Picture for a Frame' recorded at Dimension Sound Studios with producer Dan Cardinal (Darlingside, The Ballroom Thieves) in August 2023 to critical acclaim from NPR and Bandcamp among others. The group is a 2023 & 2024 New England Music Award Nominee for Americana Band of the Year, 2023 Falcon Ridge Grassy Hill Emerging Artist and received Club Passim's inaugural Gecko Award for creative narrative works. The group's latest project 'Both Sides Now' engineered & produced by Devon Dawson (Big Thief, Local Natives) was released on Bridge & Key in September 2025.

11am Phil and the Flying Leap

Phil and the Flying Leap twists and re-imagines music across multiple genres of classic American song spanning Vaudeville to Nashville to Somerville and everywhere in-between. Songwriter Phil Berman's melodies and lyrics usher the Great American Songbook into the 21st century, while lush arrangements and virtuosic musicianship from violinist Rachel Panitch and bassist Forrest Pettengill offer vibrant live performances full of heart, joy, and rich vocals. The group released their new single Spring Again on the vernal equinox, 2026. Flanked by lush string arrangements, rhythmic percussion in 5/4, and an irresistible melodic line, the single can coax even the grumpiest winter isolationist into the pollen-streaked sunlight.

12pm The RPS Band

RPS is a jazz trio, a funk/r&b quintet, and also morphs into a folk/blues/americana quartet

Featuring special guests Kenn and Myran Brass, this incarnation will bring soul to your afternoon with some standards, some jazzy R&B, and a few originals.

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Harvey Park afternoon On the Town

3pm Indoor Friends

Brought together, like most modern tales, through the avenues of dating apps and college parties, Boston-based Indoor Friends brings a kaleidoscopic take on alternative rock. Blending pop punk, emo, and early-2000s pop rock, Kat, Amanda, and Krista craft songs about growing through pain, friendship, and speaking your mind.

4pm Heather Smith & the Constants

Heather Smith & The Constants showcases Heather's Detroit-born Americana lyrics and soulful, Appalachian-flavored vocals in a live experience that takes the audience on a journey of alternative country, traditional folk, modern blues and poetic storytelling.

5pm FM Collective

FM Collective is a Boston-based Latin band blending Latin rhythms, hip-hop, and jazz into an energetic live sound rooted in culture, improvisation, and connection.

As a multicultural group of Berklee College of Music graduates, the band brings a bilingual presence to every stage, performing original music and select covers that engage audiences through groove, storytelling, and live musicianship.

FM Collective has performed across New England and beyond at festivals, community events, breweries, concert series, and cultural celebrations, including Boston City Hall, Sofar Sounds, Fluff Fest, Boston Immigrants, and the Somerville Arts Council.

The band was recently named World Act of the Year at the New England Music Awards.

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Rockport Public Library Courtyard

10am Magalí Benítez Trio

Magalí Benítez is a Paraguayan pianist, keyboardist, and composer whose eclectic style blends jazz with Paraguayan and South American music. Her work explores the intersections between jazz and other cultures through improvisation. Currently based in Boston, she is pursuing a Master's Degree at Berklee College of Music's Global Jazz Institute on a full scholarship. Magalí leads MAJUJA Trio, an instrumental project that explores Paraguayan music with jazz influences, and has performed at international festivals such as the Panama Jazz Festival, Curitiba Jazz Festival, and ASUJAZZ. In 2024, she released the group's debut EP. As a session musician, she contributes to a wide range of musical projects across different genres. In addition to her artistic work, she is the founder of We Exist!, a jazz festival that promotes gender equity by spotlighting the work of Paraguayan women in jazz.

11am Harry Wagg

Harry Wagg is a guitarist, educator, and performer based on the North Shore of Massachusetts. With a background in jazz, contemporary music, and music education, he creates performances that feel warm, expressive, and approachable, whether through intimate solo guitar arrangements or small ensemble performances for weddings, cocktail hours, and community events.

His playing blends jazz standards, modern classics, and familiar contemporary songs with a relaxed and lyrical style that complements the atmosphere of an event while still feeling engaging and memorable.

3pm Sarah Blacker & Zev

Sarah Blacker & Zev bring together expressive songwriting, rich harmonies, and multi-instrumental musicianship in performances that are warm, intimate, and engaging. Based in Salem, Massachusetts, Blacker is a two-time New England Music Award Performer of the Year, while Zev's instrumental playing and vocal harmonies help shape the duo's distinctive folk-inspired sound. Together, they create music rooted in storytelling, connection, and the shared experience of live performance.

4pm Rory Halt

Rory Halt is a Beverly-based singer-songwriter whose music blends indie sensibilities with rich imagery and personal storytelling. Her intimate acoustic sound has been compared to Joni Mitchell and Sarah McLachlan. She has performed locally at the Salem Arts Festival, True North Ale Company, and more. She is currently working on her debut album and will be heading to Berklee College of Music in NYC to pursue a graduate degree in songwriting this fall.

5pm Crossroads of Sound

Originally from Turkey, Volkan Efe is an oud player and multi-instrumentalist whose music spans Turkish classical, folk, and Sufi traditions. He began studying the oud as a teenager under his father's guidance and has performed extensively in Turkey and the United States. Based in Boston, he has appeared at venues including MIT, Harvard, and Tufts. A recipient of The Boston Foundation LAB Grant and the Passim Iguana Fund, he directs the Boston Meshk Ensemble and curates concert series exploring Turkish music across cultures. He also performs on ney, tanbur, kanun, and kemençe.

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Tuna Wharf

10am Martina Gallo

Martina Gallo is a Boston-based musician, educator, composer, and arranger. She began studying classical piano at the age of nine and later discovered a passion for jazz, blues, and big band music through her high school jazz band experience. Martina studied with Julie Cleveland, Maxim Lubarsky, and Steven Feifke before attending Berklee College of Music, where she earned a degree in Contemporary Writing and Composition in May 2025.

Martina performs throughout the Boston area and her hometown of Gloucester, Massachusetts, with groups including Cape Ann Big Band, BrassFed Nation, and The Beantown Swing Orchestra. She is currently the music teacher at Plum Cove Elementary School and also teaches private piano lessons through Gloucester Music Works. Alongside teaching and performing, Martina arranges, produces, and scores music for local artists and media projects.

11am Alec Sullivan

The year is 1998. You're wandering through a moody, sunlit cemetery and begin to hear melodies drifting through the falling leaves. Is it Elton John? Chris Cornell? My Chemical Romance? No: It's Alec Sullivan. Tones of folk, rock, and metal are woven together with a voice that shatters glass to splinters while softly petting newborn kittens. This voice breathes tales of hope, despair, grief, and forgiveness, all with at least a tinge of whimsical macabre. Alec's music gives his audience something to connect with; a place to feel not so alone.

3pm Carole Wise

Carole Wise is an award winning singer-songwriter from Maine. Her debut album, "Long Way Home" and "North Star," achieved remarkable success charting in the Top 20 in 2021 and 2024 respectively on Folk Radio, after stepping away from her music in 2013, to care for her mum and aunt.

Carole's music is unafraid. She finds wisdom in nature exploring true self and courage, perseverance and grace — an opportunity to see the world with all its beauty, wonder, and fragility.

4pm Maggie Monroe

North Carolina native, Maggie Monroe grew up among sweet tea, slow talking, and Dolly Parton. Needless to say, country music and bluegrass runs in her Appalachian veins. Monroe moved to Boston five years ago to study Songwriting and American Roots music at Berklee College of Music.

You wouldn't wanna miss this Bluegrassicana treat!

5pm Jenna May

Jenna May is the faerie-trapped-in-a-human-body songstress based outside of Boston who is putting the complicated 'a' in LGBTQIA+. With shimmering melodies and heavy doses of emotional, currently-young-but-is-an-old-soul existential woe, Jenna introduces you to the world of "journal-pop": deeply introspective, intimate, and poetic pop music with lyrics often taken word-for-word from her journal pages.





First Congregational Church of Rockport Lawn

10am The Syllabus

The Syllabus is the Rockport Schools faculty ensemble that proves learning doesn't stop when the final bell rings. Featuring educators, their better halves, and guests, this group delivers a wild romp through a flexible curriculum of folk, rock, indie, pop and everything in between. Released from the demands of standardized testing, lunch duty, and hall monitoring, the message of The Syllabus is simple: music is the universal language. Participation earns full credit. There are no pop quizzes, just pop songs. Attendance is encouraged. Homework is optional. The only test is whether you can resist singing along.

11am Vinyl Street A Cappella

Vinyl Street is a professional a cappella group based in Somerville, MA. They have been performing in the Greater Boston area since 2007. Vinyl Street specializes in a mix of lively pop music.

3pm The Jambalaya Five

New Orleans-flavored Funk, Soul, and Brassy Second-Lines by the Jambalaya Horns will have you feeling like you're in the Crescent City! The group also features original compositions and covers arranged to capture the traditional sounds of New Orleans street beats, funk, and soul! The On the Town line-up features Carlos Menezes Jr, Gary Wolsieffer, Rick Geraghty, Matt Naeger, and Henley Douglas Jr.

4pm Tenille Ja'Nae

Tenille Ja'Nae is a Boston-based singer, songwriter, and keyboardist known for her soulful blend of R&B, neo-soul, pop, and heartfelt storytelling. With a captivating stage presence and smooth, emotionally rich vocals she creates performances that feel both intimate and powerful. Whether performing original music or reimagined covers, Tenille brings authenticity, passion and connection to every stage she steps on. Backed by live instrumentation and inspired by themes of self-love, resilience, and human connection, her music invites audiences into an experience that is both uplifting and unforgettable. Tenille Ja'Nae continues to build a growing presence throughout New England and beyond through live performances, collaborations, and original releases.

5pm Carousel

Carousel is a six-piece genre-defiant band based in the Greater Boston area. Round and round it goes, effortlessly turning the corner from hip-hop to jazz, R&B, rock, and everything in between. They have garnered praise for their innovative yet accessible sound, charming trans-generational crowds with eclectic originals, beloved covers, and live adaptations of solo music by Julian Mendoza, the group's award-winning frontman. Together and individually, Carousel's members have performed extensively at iconic venues across the Northeastern United States such as the Shalin Liu Performance Center, Mercury Lounge, City Winery, Lynn Auditorium, The Sultan Room, Franklin County Fairgrounds, and many more.

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Front Beach

10am Ristuben Jazz+

Ristuben Jazz+ is a Cape Ann collective spanning jazz standards, bossa nova, swing, and Americana. Great chemistry and an upbeat blended sound is an audience favorite wherever they turn up! Karen Ristuben, vocals, guitar; John Hicks, guitar; Steve Yost, bass.

11am Juliet Hawkins

Juliet Hawkins, a captivating vocalist and songwriter, was raised on Cape Ann and has spent more than a decade honing her craft—intertwining her personal journey of pain, pleasure, and radical self-acceptance into her original music all across the United States. With a rich, genre-bending style that encompasses RnB, country, swing, and soul, Juliet's music resonates with a poetic and provocative allure, encouraging listeners to embrace freedom of thought. After she cut her teeth in the world of songwriting and producing in Nashville, TN for three years—playing some of Music City's finest stages both solo and full band, she headed west to LA & put together another band, co-produced multiple music videos, NPR tiny desk submissions, and wrote and released her dream live album, "Stay True", co-producing with Grammy winning engineer, Bob Tucker (Tupac, The Temptations). She recently placed 2nd in the ISC (international songwriting competition- Nashville, TN) & now resides in Vermont, traveling down to Cape Ann to spend time with family and play shows with her band.

3pm The Crab Elastic

The Crab Elastic is an instrumental soul-jazz and rock ensemble based out of Cape Ann. Formed in 2025, the group of veteran Boston musicians consists of electric guitar, bass, drums, and electric keys. Featuring a blend of original music and creative renditions of pop, rock, and jazz classics, The Crab Elastic will take anything from Monk to Jobim, Stevie Wonder to The Meters, and make it their own. The vibe is dynamic and groove heavy, and the upbeat energy is sure to get people swaying.

4pm Clay Pigeons

Clay Pigeons is a string(ish) band that performs a boisterous collection of high-energy bluegrass, bouncy honky-tonk, vibrant folk Americana, and lonely old-school country crooners centered around seaside themes and stories of the next-door neighbors, friends, and down-and-outers you'll encounter in New England. Their music is an extensive library of originals you'll love and covers you didn't expect. Their band members consist of Conor Ryan Hennessy, Paul Simion, Ryan Fess, Luke Hanlin, James Cappelletti, and Marcus Kunkle on any combination of guitar, fiddle, accordion, stand-up bass, mandolin, banjo, and dobro, with songs, singing, and harmonies from all. No matter the occasion, Clay Pigeons delivers a show that is sure to engage and entertain!

5pm Cyan Sueño

Cyan Sueño is a multi-faceted entertainer. Though when it comes to music, he uses Hip Hop as a vehicle to connect, to enthrall, and to understand the world around him and at times, parts of himself.

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Rockport Art Association & Museum

11am Steve Lacey

Steve Lacey is a professional musician based in Gloucester, MA. Primarily a Fingerstyle guitarist, Steve performs solo and in Jazz groups regularly around the North Shore and Boston areas.

Steve has been performing and recording on keyboards, clarinets, recorders, and organ. His two new albums

“When Love Comes Your Way” and “To The Woods” show the wide variety of sounds he is working with.

Steve’s musical catalogue explores jazz, original music, and improvisational ambient music. He has composed his own music and for a number of short films by Casey Buckles.

Steve received his B.A. in Music at Salem State University, and M.M. In Jazz studies at City College of New York, and has been teaching private music lessons in Gloucester for 10+ years, and is adjunct faculty at Salem State University.

4pm Arianna Martinez Caverro & Eli Mansur

Arianna and Eli are rising juniors at Harvard University studying social studies and physics/music respectively.

Arianna is from Wayland, MA, and grew up playing classical and jazz violin, as well as occasional Scottish fiddle. She recently started pursuing her passion for fiddle music as a student of the Harvard/Berklee joint-studies program.

Eli is a multi-instrumentalist and producer hailing from West Fairlee, VT. Eli grew up playing Cape Breton fiddle and piano, and is off to Berklee-Valencia this fall for a study abroad dedicated to music production.

Arianna and Eli met at an arts themed freshman orientation at Harvard in August 2024, and have been playing together since!

Together, they bring a vibrant and eclectic mix of folk, jazz, blues, and more, playing both originals and existing music.

Their favorite tunes to play include Scottish reels, Shetland airs, Old-Time Fiddle breakdowns, and blues medleys. They also love covering The Lumineers, Elvis, The Beatles, and more.

Arianna and Eli are based in Cambridge this summer, 2026.

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