

# 2024 Ocracoke



**JUNE 7-9**

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Celebrating 24 Years  
of Great Music, Stories, and  
Artisans on Ocracoke Island, NC



# OCRACOCKE *Alive*

## Welcome to Ocracoke Festival 2024!



Photo by Eakin Howard

### Greetings Ocracokes!

Prepare yourself for an incredible weekend of musical performances, storytelling, artisans, and activities for the whole family. Ocracoke Festival brings us together each year and reminds us that there is so much to celebrate in the world . . . love, creativity, individuality, and diversity. Thank you for joining us!

This program is an excellent guide for the weekend, but Ocracoke has also gone digital this year. See page 15 for instructions on how to use your mobile device to plan your visit and learn more about the many outstanding performers and artists.

Take time to explore Ocracoke village . . . by foot, bike, & tram. We have an incredible array of restaurants and shops to discover in this small village.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated sponsors and volunteers that make Ocracoke possible. Their contributions and yours help us bring arts programming to Ocracoke all year round.

*Ocracoke Alive & Ocracoke Festival Board & Staff*

Last Year's Ocrafolk



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## OCRAFOLK FESTIVAL ADMISSION

Ocracoke Festival is produced by the community non-profit, Ocracoke Alive, as a fundraiser in support of much-needed Ocracoke Student and Community Arts Programming. This glorious weekend is made possible by your ticket purchase, along with sponsor and volunteer support. You are welcome to stroll through and visit our artisan booths for free, as well as the Workshop Stage at the Ocracoke Preservation Society. Stages within the Berkley Grounds require an Admission Armband. This helps ensure that the festival (& Ocracoke Alive's mission) stays happy and healthy for years to come!

### Wristband Colors

#### Ticket Prices

All Weekend	Single Day	Fri Night	Sat Night	Kids Pass
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Adult All-Weekend Pass (Friday-Sunday) ~ \$90

Adult Single Day Passes (Includes Evening)~ Fri \$45, Sat \$50, Sun \$35

Adult Friday Night Pass (6-10 PM) ~ \$25

Adult Saturday Night Pass (6-10 PM) ~ \$25

Kids All-Weekend Pass (0-17 Years Old) ~ Free

Sunday Morning Gospel Sing (9:15-10:45) ~ Free



#### Box Office

The Box Office is located on the harbor front lawn of the Berkley Manor. You may purchase tickets and pick up pre-ordered tickets and sponsor bags there.

#### Box Office Hours

Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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#### Volunteers

Ocracoke Festival relies on the support of hundreds of volunteers! Folks looking for a more affordable festival weekend can donate 4 hours of volunteering in exchange for an All-Weekend Pass. And hey, it's a lot of fun! Contact us before the festival at [info@ocracokealive.org](mailto:info@ocracokealive.org) or at the Box Office during the weekend about available volunteer spots.

## Meet The Performers

### DIALI CISSOKHO & KAIRA BA

Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba ecstatically explore the spiritual songs, stories, and rhythms of Senegal's millennia-old Mandé culture. Bandleader Diali Cissokho chose the name “Kaira Ba” (meaning “The Great Peace”) because it elegantly reflects a core value that he and his band aim to express when they perform. Cissokho comes from a long line of prominent hereditary griots – people who are entrusted to maintain a West African village’s genealogies and important ceremonial affairs through song. But he is much more than a preservationist. Cissokho and his band effortlessly integrate the traditional sounds of the kora, the 22-stringed bridge-harp, with a modern rush of electric guitar and an exuberant rhythm section. [kairabamusic.com](http://kairabamusic.com)



### CLEMENTS BROTHERS



The Clements Brothers are George and Charles Clements, identical twins from New England. They’ve been playing and writing music together for as long as they can remember. ‘The Clements Brothers’ marks their first project together since playing in the internationally touring grass-roots band, The Lonely Heartstring Band, with whom they put out two albums on Rounder Records. With roots, rock, bluegrass, jazz, and classical influences, George (on guitar) and Charles (on bass) aim to capture their singer-songwriter sensibilities in a unique blended voice, at once enthralling and intimate, groovy and serene. [theclementsbrothers.com](http://theclementsbrothers.com)

### COLD CHOCOLATE

Returning for their second year, Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. Featuring Ethan Robbins on guitar, Ariel Bernstein on percussion, this group from Boston is impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond. Punctuated by tight harmonies and skillful musicianship, and with a focus on songwriting, Cold Chocolate has quickly gained recognition for their original music and high-energy shows. The band has shared bills with Leftover Salmon and David Grisman, and regularly performs at venues and music festivals up and down the East Coast. [coldchocolatemusic.com](http://coldchocolatemusic.com)



Lipbone is a one-man orchestra and award-winning collaborator, who makes stories into songs, and songs into birds. In his early years, he left his home of North Carolina to live in New York City, where he busked nightly for three years in the Uptown 6 Train subway station in SoHo. The experience of New York has led him to many accolades and adventures. His music is groove-inspired, unique and heartfelt; a rootsy, soulful joy that can move a crowd to dancing with just a microphone and a guitar. His songs are peppered with vocal trombones and throat-singing crickets, fantastic animals and a host of poignant characters. Lipbone engages the audience as if they are additional band members, and invites them to employ their voices, claps and dance moves for the greater good. [lipbone.com](http://lipbone.com)



## REV. ROBERT JONES



Rev. Robert Jones, Sr. is a renaissance man. He has been a professional musician for more than forty years. The legendary blues man, Willie Dixon, encouraged him to bring his music into schools over 35 years ago. In fact, The National Blues Foundation recognized his work as a leading blues educator in 2007. He has been a Pastor for more than 20 years, and he has been a nationally recognized storyteller for more than fifteen years. All of those experiences have allowed him work in a variety of ways and to apply his speaking and musical skills to educate, entertain, and inspire. At the heart of his message is the belief that our cultural

diversity tells a story that should celebrate, not just tolerate.

Rev. Robert Jones makes his home in Detroit, Michigan but he performs throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. An award-winning multi-instrumentalist, he is accomplished on guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo, fiddle and ukulele. [revrobertjones.com](http://revrobertjones.com)

## CASSIE & MAGGIE MACDONALD

From the deepest roots of Canada and its very earliest musical traditions come Nova Scotian sisters Cassie and Maggie, putting their own 21st Century stamp on the Celtic soundtrack of this nation. Exciting and innovative, their talent is surpassed only by the sheer joy they exude in performance. Alternating between Gaelic and English, traditional and contemporary, haunting and electrifying, the duo is nothing short of mesmerizing. They're turning heads wherever they go – 2018 JUNO award nominees, 17 Canadian Folk Music Awards, Female Singers of the Year by Live Ireland Radio, and Album of the Year by NPR's Celtic Connection – the list goes on. [cassieandmaggie.com](http://cassieandmaggie.com)



## JACOB JOHNSON



Since dropping out of college in 2007, Jacob Johnson has journeyed across the country in six minivans (so far), captivating audiences with his highly caffeinated brand of acoustic guitar playing. Known for his energetic performances, Jacob has had the privilege of sharing the stage with Grammy winners like Victor Wooten, Yonrico Scott, and Paula Cole, as well as esteemed musicians including Tommy Emmanuel, Marcus King, and Tim Reynolds.

Beyond his guitar prowess, Jacob has proven himself as a talented songwriter, garnering recognition as the Don Gibson Songwriter Award Grand Prize Winner, Nashville Connection Songwriter of the Year, and a Finalist for the Freshgrass No Depression Songwriter Award.

Jacob currently resides in Greenville, SC, with his wife, Jessica. In addition to his busy touring schedule, Jacob is an adjunct guitar faculty member at North Greenville University. Yes, that is the college he dropped out of. [jacobjohnsontunes.com](http://jacobjohnsontunes.com)

## BISCUIT EATERS



The Biscuit Eaters are a 7-piece, bluegrass and old-time family string band from Surry County, NC, with their youngest member playing fiddle and singing at 5 years old. The parents, Meredith, homeschooling mother of the six kids, and Jason, a pastor, round out the ensemble.

[www.facebook.com/thebiscuiteatersnc/about](http://www.facebook.com/thebiscuiteatersnc/about)

Donald Davis was born in a Southern Appalachian mountain world rich in stories. While he heard many traditional stories about Jack and other heroic characters, he was most attracted to the stories of his own family and places of origin. Davis began retelling the stories he heard and then adding his own new stories to them until he was repeatedly asked to "tell it again, on purpose." During his twenty-five year career as a United Methodist Minister, Davis began to use stories more and more. He was also asked to begin performing at festivals and in other settings until he retired from the church to tell stories full time.

The author of eighteen books and more than forty original recordings, Davis is the recipient of both the Circle of Excellence and the Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Storytelling Network. [ddavisstoryteller.com](http://ddavisstoryteller.com)

## DONALD DAVIS



Photo: Eakin Howard

## SALTARE SOUNDS

Saltare Sounds returns to Ocracoke with a diverse array of local and international artists. Directed by Marina Zurita, in close collaboration with the rest of the ensemble, they will be presenting a devised theatre piece inspired by islands and their mysteries, as well as smaller musical and multi-disciplinary sets throughout the festival. It promises to be an experience that pushes the boundaries of conventional classical music performance, with intention, humor and heart.



Photo: Eakin Howard

## BLUE CACTUS



Blue Cactus, the North Carolina duo of Steph Stewart and Mario Arnez, creates "Dream Country:" a blend of grit, glitz, groove, and twang that evokes a celestial soundscape of mid-century heartbreak, and harkens comparisons eclectic and iconic as Bobbie Gentry, Fleetwood Mac, and David Bowie.

Between the comfort of classic country and the glamor of 70s rock, Blue Cactus resuscitates a fleeting style of honest-to-goodness country music considered valueless to a "new" country music, where songwriting is officiated by financial analysts and teams of marketing plutocrats instead of woebegone troubadours. With a high lonesome twang, an Emmylou-like southern drawl, and blistering guitar techniques, Blue Cactus exercises the honky-tonk muscles to firmly bear the flag for a new generation of country music. [bluecactusmusic.com](http://bluecactusmusic.com)

## BELEZA TRIO



United by musical interests that include samba, funk, soul, blues, bossa nova, jazz and Spanish flamenco; Humberto (Berto) Oliveira Sales (native to Salvador, Brazil) and Madeline Holly-Sales (raised in the southeast of the US) blend the melodic, rhythmic and harmonic riches from North and South America. They are joined by percussionist Matt Wyatt, a songwriter, musician and sound engineer for Tree and Booms studio in Charlottesville, VA. [belezamusic.com](http://belezamusic.com)

## BERTO & VINCENT



Combining the untamed spirit of wild gypsy rumba with the heart and soul of Latin guitar, Berto Sales & Vincent Zorn engage their audiences with their high energy and sophisticated performances. From Berto's flying fingers to Vincent's percussive rhythm, these two may even get you out of your seat. [vincentzorn.com](http://vincentzorn.com)

## MARTIN GARRISH AND THE OCRACOKE ROCKERS



Photo: Eakin Howard

Since he was a teenager, Ocracoke Heritage award winner Martin Garrish has been at the heart of the music scene here on the island, fronting bands such as "The Ocracoke Rockers," "The Graveyard Band Revived," and his acoustic ensemble "Martin and Friends." His exceptional guitar playing and rich voice covers everything from acoustic folk and bluegrass to hard rock, classic country and blues. Teamed up with his brother Clifton (bass), young Dallas Mason (guitar & drums), and other special guests and family, they will be ready to rock on Friday night!

## JAY TURNER & THE SWINGING DOORS

J. T. & The Swinging Doors plays "Roots Country, Old Rock and Refurbished Hits of Today" with a feel and love of this music. This is not your Grandfather's Country Music. Oh wait, Yes it is. A good part of it anyway. Jay remembers his Grandfather yodeling Jimmie Rodgers songs while shaving, and listening to Johnny Cash on WXGI at the family's Body Shop. These songs bring those memories to life & remind us there is a great selection of music that many have written off. The Swinging Doors does play a variety of these classics but also drops in some Sun Records era Rock-N-Roll and takes songs of the past 20 years and sets them in new light. Hop in and take a refreshing and entertaining ride down the rural routes of yesterday while still having your modern influences satisfied. [facebook.com/SwingingDoorsBand](https://facebook.com/SwingingDoorsBand)





## MOLASSES CREEK



Photo: Justin Casey

Your host band, Molasses Creek, began life way back in 1993 when Gary Mitchell lured "Little FiddleBoy" David Tweedie to spend a college summer on an exotic island filled with beautiful bikini-clad young women, live music and fig cake. David got quite excited about the fig cake, and moved to Ocracoke where he found the beautiful woman of his dreams, paid music gigs, and also became an accomplished baker of figgish goods. Over the next 30 years, Molasses Creek band went on to win awards and loyal fans around the world (and beyond), produce 15+ albums, create The Ocracoke Opry, Deepwater Theater, The Ocracoke School, and last but certainly not least, The Ocracoke Festival. The band is currently composed of Gary Mitchell, Fiddler Dave Tweedie, Gerald Hampton and Kim France. They welcome you to Ocracoke 2024!

The Fontanelles of Wilmington, NC, have deep roots in the North Carolina coast, which probably explains their mixture of sweet but salty sensibilities. Their style and harmony-driven sound can be attributed to the influences of Townes Van Zandt, Dire Straits, The Byrds, and Blaze Foley, then rounded out with undercurrents of Bonnie Prince Billy, Mazzy Star, and Magnolia Electric Co. The music is made with the belief that life is filled with heartache, but laughter and love are what make the journey beautiful. It's the perfect balance between "supper at grandma's" and "put the youngins to bed, so grown folks can visit." Be prepared to cry, cackle, and blush before it's all said and done.



The five-piece folk group is comprised of members of Wilmington's No Dollar \$hoes (Carson Jewell, Jesse Jewell, Richard Welsh), Masonboro Sound (Shane Lippard), and Ocracoke alumni, The Barnraisers (Tiff Reece Jewell).

## AARON CASWELL TRIO



Photo: Eakin Howard

Aaron Caswell is a native to Ocracoke Island who cut his outstanding guitar chops at an early age, absorbing songs, technique and tunes from local guitar legends Martin Garrish and Lou Castro. He performs regularly on the Outer Banks with area musicians, and can frequently be found onstage in the Aaron Caswell Band.

For over 21 years, Paperhand Puppets has been using papier-mâché, cardboard, bamboo, your old house paints, cloth, and other assorted junk (treasure to them!) to create incredible giant puppets, masks, shadow plays and spectacle performances for all ages. Director Dononvan Zimmerman has visited Ocracoke many times as part of Ocracoke and as a featured artist-in-residence at Ocracoke School's Arts Week. Paperhand continues to tell stories, beat drums, sew cloth, get sweaty, push boundaries and carry heavy things to help make the world a better place. Their parades, pageants, and award-winning performances aim to be an inspiration, a call to action, and a celebration for everyone to enjoy! [paperhand.org](http://paperhand.org)

## PAPERHAND PUPPETS



Photo: Eakin Howard

## MAHALOJAZZ

mahaloJazz is Alison Weiner (piano, melodica, vocals), Steve Chall (electric bass), and Beverly Botsford (percussion) – three eclectic musicians and great friends coming together to have their delightful way with jazz standards and original tunes. Blossom Dearie comes to mind often when hearing Alison sing. Ben's joy grounds us all no matter what style we indulge in. Beverly keeps all of us in the pocket as she shares her global experience of drum traditions. [mahaloarts.com](http://mahaloarts.com)



Photo: Eakin Howard

## BROOKE & NICK



Brooke & Nick's music is truly a unique & fresh combo. Their sound brings a dynamic fusion of folk/rock with an edgy twist of roots revival. Brooke plays cello, almost bridging bass & violin with how she plays, while harmonizing alongside Nick's spirited voice and bigger-than-life baritone uke & foot percussion. Their style offers a large and compelling sound that easily pulls listeners in with their heartfelt harmonies. Nick's voice & tunes offer a special experience as his customized foot percussion almost generates the heartbeat that drives their act, while Brooke holds ground playing bass & soloing on the sweet end. [brookeandnickavl.com](http://brookeandnickavl.com)

Bob and Jeanne are old friends and life partners who combine a passion for music and history -- which they love sharing with others! They are singers of songs, old and new, about people, places and times gone by ... players of dozens of the usual (and unusual!) "unplugged" folk instruments ... collectors of stories in verse ... tellers of "the tales behind the songs" ... commentators on the ecology of the human spirit ... scholars of the evolution of "homemade music." See them onstage, or stop by the Workshop stage (Sat 12 PM) for the Instrument Petting Zoo, where you can try your hand at being a folk musician! [bobzents.com](http://bobzents.com)

## BOB & JEANNE ZENTZ



Photo: Eakin Howard

## JEF THE MIME



Photo: Eakin Howard

Whether onstage or roving, Jef is a quiet kind of guy. He juggles and balances things. He gets confused at times. (Sometimes he even forgets what his hat is for!) He involves his audience members to play along with his mime, mask, and variety arts shenanigans. He even leads sing-a-longs! In addition to making appearances at Ocracoke Festival and Ocracoke School Arts Week, Jef has performed at such places as Merlefest in Wilkesboro, NC; Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC; the Very Special Arts Festival in Pembroke, NC; and The Children's Festival in Hampton, VA. [jefthemime.com](http://jefthemime.com)

## ANA LUISA CHAVEZ

Ana Luisa grew up in Mexico City between sacred music, school choirs and traditional Mexican songs. In her final days as a high school student, the school choir director saw her passion and talent and encouraged her to take her singing to the next level. Thus, she began her training in classical vocal technique as part of her college studies. Although her favorite opera is Verdi's Traviata, her true self comes alive with the Mariachi, voice of her soul and heart of her country. In 2019, she came for the first time to Ocracoke to visit her father Eduardo (Eduardo's Taco Stand) and fell in love with the island. Donning a traditional Mexican gown, Ana will be dusting off her falsetto and bringing her joyful performance to Ocracoke Festival 2024.



Photo: Eakin Howard

## PHILIP HOWARD



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Dive for the Oyster . . . Dig for the Clam . . . Carry your partner to the promised land!  
Ocracoke Festival isn't just about sitting still and listening to incredible performances . . . it's about jumping into activities like the Ocracoke Squaredance that give you that one-of-a-kind Ocracoke experience.  
Ocracoke Islander Philip Howard is celebrated within the community for his passion for collecting and sharing the local stories. Without the efforts of researchers like him, many of the treasured Ocracoke tales would have disappeared. Not only does he pass along his research through his books and his blog on the Village Craftsmen website, Philip also instructs local residents and visitors in the living tradition of the Ocracoke Squaredance. A featured event on Saturday night of the Ocracoke Festival, this dance is easy to learn and fun for the whole family. Not to be missed!

## ELLA RALSTON

A lifelong poet and thespian, Ella graduated from Florida State University with a BA in theater in 2003. The past 20+ years have been a magical journey of teaching theatre to various groups of children and adults, writing and performing her own unique style of Spokenword, MCing a range of events from Hip Hop shows to Ocracoke Festivals, and exploring many other creative outlets, such as jewelry making and visual arts.



## OCRACOKE GHOST STORIES WITH AMY HOWARD, DAVID TWEEDIE, & PHILIP HOWARD

Saturday evening as night falls and the misty moon rises, join Amy, David, & Philip in the front yard of the Ocracoke Preservation Museum for some ghoulish stories from Ocracoke Island. They will introduce you to some of the famous and infamous characters that have strolled the sandy village lanes over the years. You might even learn some island history. Spooky Stuff!

## LOUIS ALLEN



Photo: Eakin Howard

Louis began his band life with Gary Mitchell in the mid-70s as one of the founding members of The Wahoo Revue bluegrass band. It was there that he acquired the stage name "Uncle Dewey." (Gary's stage name was... "Gary.") Since then, he has spent the last 45!! years in the trio Warren Bodle & Allen, a past repeat performer at Ocracoke. Louis went to law school to learn how to emcee a stage at Ocracoke. Heckle him at your own peril!

A crowd-pleaser and proven 'spellbinder' of adults and children alike, Eastern Carolina's beloved Rodney Kemp is a Morehead City native who managed to actually remember all those Down East tales he heard while growing up. His humor comes not only from his folksy manner but also from his knowledge of, and affection for, the people and places of his boyhood days along the Carolina coast. He is often featured at festivals and events in the coastal region, was a performer at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC., and, we're pleased to say, has been with us every year of the Ocracoke Festival since our beginnings in 2000.

## RODNEY KEMP



# THE ARTISANS

## POTTERY

### **TAYLOR KENNEDY ART**

Taylor Kennedy creates handmade functional ceramics for drinkware, barware, bakeware, garden pots, and home decor. Each piece is whimsical, unique, and one of a kind due to its bright colors and designs. Each piece taken home is added to someone's unique collection. [taylorkennedyart.com](http://taylorkennedyart.com)

### **KARIN THOMPSON ARTWORK**

Karin Thompson is an artist from Goldsboro, NC, who loves to create nature-inspired work in pottery, painting and other materials. Her work is one-of-a-kind and hopefully speaks to the individual looking at it. Come see what speaks to You! [karinthompsonartist.com](http://karinthompsonartist.com)

### **MILLSTONE POTTERY**

Millstone Pottery specializes in designs that focus on exhibiting natural themes. Each piece is one-of-a-kind and dishwasher & microwave safe. Designs stem from an affection for the local Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. [millstonepotteryva.com](http://millstonepotteryva.com)

### **OAKTRACE POTTERY**

Christy Eubank has been a NC potter for over 20 years. She enjoys all the directions clay can take her and primarily makes functional items for everyday use. Her items are microwave, dishwasher, and oven safe. She has been featured in Our State magazine. [oaktracepottery.com](http://oaktracepottery.com)

## WOOD

### **MANTEO MADE**

A small woodworking studio located on the Outer Banks.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### **THE IMAGE MILL**

Greg Mills photographs North Carolina from the mountains to the sea, focusing on the Outer Banks and especially Ocracoke Island. Greg's studio The IMAGE MILL, located in Raleigh, delivers upscale archival photography for home, office and gift giving. [theimagemill.com](http://theimagemill.com)

## PAINTING

### **DISCOVER OUTER BANKS ART**

Eric Brockmyre became a self-taught artist after shipwrecking on Hatteras Island. His soulful art expresses a message for the sensitive viewer to enjoy. Each oil or acrylic painting contains a message and reflects life on the Outer Banks. [dobastudioandgalle.wixsite.com/mysite/gallery](http://dobastudioandgalle.wixsite.com/mysite/gallery)

### **PAIGE DECKER**

Paige Decker is a sophomore in high school. She has been coming to Ocracoke her whole life and through that has developed a passion for ocean life that she expresses through her art. At her booth you will find wood carvings, canvas paintings, and odds & ends that capture the beauty of the island and the importance of ocean life that will be perfect for your home.

## METAL

### **UPCYCLED SPOKESMAN**

Robert and Carol Smith live in Raleigh, NC, and formed The UpCycled SpokesMan in 2018. They create a variety of unique jewelry and home decor items from stainless steel bicycle spokes and vintage silverplate flatware. Find them on Etsy and Facebook.

### **GARDENARTWORKS**

Unique mixed-metal garden art made from copper, silver, brass and aluminum: sculptures, planters, feeders, etc. Approximately 40% to 50% upcycled materials. Each piece is hand-wired. Each leaf is hand cut, no "cookie cutting." So each piece is unique in its own right; no two pieces are ever identical.

**LEATHER****MILESTONE BAG CO.**

Established in 2011, they are a woman owned and operated leather craft business. They specialize in making high quality leather bags and accessories one at a time, using traditional hand tools alongside high end machinery. [milestonebagco.com](http://milestonebagco.com)

**JEWELRY****WOODCRAFTY**

Jon Pitts is a Raleigh-based artist who creates intricate wooden mosaic jewelry. Every piece of Woodcrafty is made by hand in small batches. Applying techniques found in Japanese yosegi, he transforms scrap wood and broken skateboard decks into unique and beautiful designs. [woodcraftyart.com](http://woodcraftyart.com)

**TRI LASER FOCUS**

They specialize in laser cut earrings & ornaments, dog breed ornaments, and bandanas. [facebook.com/trilaserfocus/photosa](https://facebook.com/trilaserfocus/photosa)

**EMPTY NEST STUDIO & GALLERY**

Crystal Blackmon is the jewelry artist at the Empty Nest Studio and Gallery in Frisco, NC. Her jewelry is made from local seashells, coral and glass found on our beaches. Incorporated are textures from worm wood, driftwood, barnacles and a variety of organic findings that she transforms using silver, copper and bronze. Find them on Facebook.

**COPPERTIDE**

Contemporary Enamel Jewelry. A North Carolina native, Annie Grimes Williams creates one-of-a-kind wearable art jewelry inspired by nature, period design movements, and color. She uses traditional metalsmithing and enameling techniques with a bold contemporary organic style. She enjoys playing with organic vs geometric forms and creating unique and interesting color combinations. [coppertide.net](http://coppertide.net)

**MARY MAVELINE ORIGINALS**

Miniature, original watercolor paintings are handcrafted using glass, sterling silver, leather and natural gemstones into one of a kind pieces of jewelry. [marymavelineoriginals.com](http://marymavelineoriginals.com)

**SANDY TOES JEWELRY**

Sandy Toes Jewelry forms pieces out of wire, and accents them with natural stone beads, cabochons, and faceted stones. Her designs are very swirly. "I have no control over the swirls. No matter how hard I try, the swirls just keep showing back up." So now she says, "Embrace your swirls!" [sandytoesjewelry.com](http://sandytoesjewelry.com)

**FIBER ARTS****WESTWIND TIE DYE**

Karen has been making tie dye for over 30 years. She loves to help people find their colors and enjoy fun clothing that makes you feel good when you wear it. Each piece of wearable art is hand wrapped and dyed individually using Procion MX Fiber Reactive Dye. [facebook.com/westwindtiedye](https://facebook.com/westwindtiedye)

**A GOOD CATCH**

After working in Graphic design in London and New York, Vicki Lowe moved to Hatteras to start her own Textile Designer Company, "A Good Catch." She paints vibrant, whimsical watercolors, designs patterns, prints them on fabric, cuts and sews to form functional, unique items for the home. [agoodcatch.us](http://agoodcatch.us)

**ROSE RAST STUDIO**

Jennifer Rose's home base is the stunning islands of the Outer Banks. As a self-taught artist, her focus is primarily textiles, but her love for creating art transfers across mediums. Using the technique of hand-embroidery she composes pieces of wearable art & accessories with vibrant colors & textures. [facebook.com/RoseRastStudio](https://facebook.com/RoseRastStudio)

## Berkley Stage Schedule

### Friday

3:00-3:45 PM - Jacob Johnson

4:00-4:45 PM - Lipbone Redding

5:15-6:30 PM - Classical picnic with Saltare Sounds (Backyard of Berkley. Bring yer basket)

6:30-7:15 PM - Cassie & Maggie MacDonald

### Saturday

9:00-9:45 AM - Zentz Folk Sing-a-long

10:00-10:45 AM - Donald Davis

11:00-11:45 AM - Aaron Caswell Band

12:00-12:45 PM - Cold Chocolate

1:15-2:00 PM - Beleza

2:15-3:00 PM - Jacob Johnson

3:15-4:00 PM - Biscuit Eaters

4:15-5:00 PM - Berto & Vincent

5:15-6:00 PM - Fontanelles

6:30-7:15 PM - mahaloJazz picnic



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### Sunday

11:30 AM - "Songs That Matter" w/Rev. Robert Jones, Bob & Jeanne Zentz, Gary Mitchell, & Louis Allen

12:30-1:30 PM - Martin & Friends w/special guest Dallas Mason

## Kid's & Family Activities (Yard & Barn)

### Saturday

10:00- AM-4:00 PM - Fish Print Ts, Crafts, Games (*Kid's Area*)

11:00-11:45 AM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder* (Barn)

12:00-12:45 PM - Rodney Kemp's *Down East Tales* (Barn)

12:00-12:45 PM - Drum Circle with Beverly Botsford & Kaira Ba (*lawn of OPS museum*)

12:45-1:15 PM - Paperhand Puppet Parade (*assemble at 12:30, front of OPS museum*)

1:30-2:15 PM - Juggling with Jef the Mime (*Kid's Area*)

3:00-3:45 PM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder* (Barn)

## Barn Stage

### Friday

7:30-8:30 PM - Jay Turner & The Swinging Doors

8:45-10:00 PM - Martin Garrish & The Ocracoke Rockers

### Saturday

10:00 AM - Saltare Sounds presents *Island Tides*

11:00 AM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder*

12:00 PM - Rodney Kemp's *Down East Tales*

3:00 PM - Paperhand Puppets presents *World of Wonder*

7:15-8:30 PM - Squaredance with Philip Howard, Molasses Creek, & Biscuit Eaters

9:00-9:45 PM - Aaron Caswell Band

10:15-11:00 PM - Saltare Sounds presents *Island Tides*

### Sunday

7:15 AM - Yoga with Desiree Adams, (7:45) Yoga Nidra with Lipbone, (8:15) Freeform Movement with Saltare Sounds (*Free. Bring your own yoga mat*)

## Golden Stage Schedule

### Friday

- 3:00-3:45 PM - Brooke & Nick
- 4:00-4:45 PM - Blue Cactus
- 7:00-7:45 PM - Fontanelles
- 8:00-8:45 PM - Rev. Robert Jones
- 9:00-10:00 PM - Cold Chocolate

### Saturday

- 9:00-9:45 AM - Biscuit Eaters
- 10:00-10:45 AM - Blue Cactus
- 11:00-11:45 AM - Rev. Robert Jones
- 12:00-12:45 PM - Libbone Redding
- 1:15-2:00 PM - Clements Brothers
- 2:15-3:00 PM - Cassie & Maggie MacDonald
- 3:15-4:00 PM - Saltare Sounds
- 4:15-5:00 PM - Donald Davis
- 5:15-6:00 PM - Molasses Creek
- 7:15-8:00 PM - Jacob Johnson
- 8:45-10:00 PM - Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba



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### Sunday

- 9:15-10:45 AM - Gospel Sing (w/hosts Gary Mitchell, Louis Allen, & Desiree Adams. Free)
- 12:30-1:30 PM - Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba
- 1:45-2:45 PM - Cassie & Maggie MacDonald
- 3:00-4:00 PM - All-Star Jam hosted by Lipbone Redding, & Molasses Creek

## Workshop Stage Schedule @ Ocracoke Preservation Museum (Free)

### Friday

- 3:00-4:00 PM - Stories with Donald Davis's Storytelling Group

### Saturday

- 10:00-10:45 AM - mahaloJazz
- 11:00-11:45 AM - Spoken Word with Ella Ralston & Friends
- 12:00-12:45 PM - Instrument Petting Zoo with Bob & Jeanne Zentz
- 1:15-2:00 PM - Meet Rev. Robert Jones
- 2:15-3:00 PM - Bob & Jeanne Zentz
- 3:15-4:00 PM - Meet the Clements Brothers

## Saturday Night Around the Village (Free)

- 6:30-8:30 PM - (Ocracoke Coffee Company) - Brooke & Nick, Lipbone Redding, & Adam Lavigne
- 7:30-9:30 PM - (1718 Brewery) - Latin Beats at the 1718 Brewery w/ Beleza, Berto & Vincent
- 9:15-10:00 PM - (OPS Museum) - Ocracoke Island Ghost Stories (front lawn) with Philip Howard, Amy Howard, David Tweedie
- 10-10:45 PM - (Deepwater Theater, School Road) - "The Flying Raviolis" film debut

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**NANA GLASS**

Color has always fascinated Nancy, and rainbows are her totem. Fusing glass is a perfect medium for blending color and light. Dichroic glass intrigues her. It reflects several colors simultaneously. The luminescence is spectacular. She enjoys combining dichroic and art glass for unique and surprising pieces, often featuring angels.

**ARTSEA**

Flavia has been fusing glass for over 15 years. A self-taught artist, she began exploring fused glass with local artist and cherished friend, Annie Lou Gaskins. Together they learned the magic of fused glass. At the Ocracoke Festival, she will offer a variety of pieces.

**TANGLED TURTLE**

Artists Rosalyn Kutchins and Wendy Johnson make handmade glass wearable art. Using many glass-forming techniques, each piece is paired with handcrafted fine metals to make unique one-of-a-kind pieces. Their art may be seen in many galleries in eastern North Carolina, from Oriental and New Bern to the Outer Banks. Tangledturtlenc@gmail.com

**OTHER****ELIZABETH AIKEN ART**

Elizabeth is an artist originally from Georgia. Growing up spending summers on Ocracoke, she fell in love with painting the Outer Banks. Now based out of Washington, NC, she gives new life to old items with paint in addition to traditional paintings and drawings. elizabethaiken.com

**SHORE SOAP**

Shore Soap was founded in 2015 in Wake Forest, NC, by Carolyn Zahnow, as a fundraiser for The Shore Grief Center. Shore Soap is now its own business and travels to VA, SC and throughout NC selling at craft events. All soaps are created by Carolyn, and her best sellers are ocean related. shoresoap.com

**LEAF PEEPER TEA & ARTISAN WARES**

Leaf Peeper Tea & Artisan Wares launched at the Ocracoke Fig Festival in 2016 and maintains a plant-inspired theme in an eclectic product line that includes original tea blends made with organic, Fair Trade, homegrown, and/or wild-harvested ingredients; homemade sweet and savory goods; and miscellaneous locally themed crafts. LeafPeeper.xyz

**ABOUT THE 2024 OCRAFOLE FESTIVAL POSTER ARTIST****DENISE DEACON**

With an eye for perspective, self-taught Kitty Hawk artist Denise Deacon has designed architectural renderings professionally for commercial interests, contractors and homeowners since the 1980s. She created the 2019 Ocracoke Fig Fest artwork, the original Seal for the Town of Duck, and "World-Famous" Brew Thru T-shirts. Another of Denise's favorite pastimes is being barehanded and elbow-deep in a colony of thousands of honey bees! She absolutely LOVES Ocracoke and feels especially honored to now be among those counted as an artist for the Ocracoke Festival!

**ABOUT OUR FESTIVAL GRAPHIC DESIGNER****JUSTIN CASEY**

Justin Casey has appeared at the Ocracoke Festival in many forms over the years. We originally got to know him through his band, Carolina Still. Since that time his keen artistic eye and graphic talents have played an integral part in the creation of our programs and posters. Hats off to another great year Justin! Check out Justin's new company Whole Hog Clothing Co. a clothing line dedicated to the art of BBQ! www.wholehogclothing.com





### To Our Volunteers

*The Ocracoke Festival is only possible because of the thousands of hours contributed by our volunteers. Thanks to the Ocracoke Alive board members past and present for their thoughtful guidance throughout the year and to the incredibly dedicated Ocracoke Festival volunteers who work hard before, during, and after the festival (including the deputies, EMTs, and Fire Department). Our apologies if we left any names off the list!*

*David Tweedie ~ Executive Director, Ocracoke Alive  
Gary Mitchell ~ Ocracoke Festival Entertainment Director  
Desiree Ricker ~ President, Ocracoke Alive*

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### Thank You . . .

#### Ocracoke Alive Board

Desiree Ricker, Sharon Brodisch, Chad Macek, Sonya Allen, John Spagnola, Daniel Sockwell.

#### Ocracoke Festival Production Team

Special thanks to Gary Mitchell, David Tweedie, John Brock, Lou Brock, Debbie Leonard, Katy Mitchell, Amy Howard, Ocracoke Preservation Society, National Park Service, the Sumner family, Javier Rivera, our local volunteer boards, all of our sponsors, and all the other folks who might not be on this list but should be!

#### Sound

Tim Allen, Rex Riley, Randy Martin, Gary Mitchell, Philip Correll

#### Greenroom

Debbie Leonard, Leslie McRimmon, Ruth Toth, Marci Mason, Susan Dodd, and the multitude of community members who have donated food.



### Ocracoke Food Guide

*For a list of Ocracoke eating options  
during the festival visit*

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## Things to do . . .



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**Looking for a little more action in your weekend? Try . . .**

**PICNIC WITH SALTAIRE SOUNDS** (Fri, 5:15 PM ) or **MAHALOJAZZ** (Sat, 6:30 PM). Berkley Stage. *You bring your picnic basket.*

**ROCK OUT WITH MARTIN & THE ROCKERS** ~ Fri, 8:45-10 PM (Barn)  
**GROOVE TO DIALI CISSOKHO & KAIRA BA** ~ Sat, 8:45-10 PM (Golden)  
*This is your chance to cut a rug.*

**SING SOME FOLK SONGS WITH BOB & JEANNE ZENTZ** ~ Sat, 9 AM.  
 Berkley Stage.

**FISH PRINTING** ~ Sat, 10-2 PM, Kids & Family Area. *Make a Fish Print T. \$5 Donation for the shirt or bring your own.*

**VISIT THE OPS MUSEUM** ~ 10 AM-3 PM Tues-Sat. *Step in the door and back in time as you stroll through island history at the Ocracoke Preservation Society Museum.*

**DRUMMING WORKSHOP** ~ Sat, 12-12:45 PM. *OPS Museum front lawn. Join Beverly Botsford, Diali Cissokho, & Kaira Ba*

**JOIN THE PAPERHAND PUPPET PARADE** ~ Assemble on Saturday at 12:30 PM in front of OPS Museum. *Parade starts at 12:45 PM.*

**TRADITIONAL OCRACOKE SQUAREDANCE** ~ Sat, 7:15 PM. Berkley Barn. *Easy to learn. No fancy stepping involved . . . unless ya want!*

**OCRACOKE GHOST STORIES** ~ Sat, 9:15 PM. *OPS Museum front lawn. Spooky island tales from Ocracoke Island.*

**YOGA, SOUND MEDITATION, & FREEFORM MOVEMENT WORKSHOP** ~ Sat, Barn (7:15 AM) - Yoga with Desiree Adams, (7:45) Yoga Nidra with Lipbone, (8:15) Freeform Movement with Saltaire Sounds (*Free. Bring your own yoga mat*)

**WATCH A MURAL ARTIST IN ACTION** ~ All Weekend on Festival Grounds.



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VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

*Activity dates can change. Always good to double check before you travel to the island.*

MARCH

Ocracoke Preservation Society Membership Meeting / Ocracoke Alive Sound Stage Partnership with Ocracoke School (Spring) / Ocracoke Preservation Society Art Auction

APRIL

Portsmouth Island Homecoming (Even numbered years)  
Easter Sunrise Service / Ocracoke School Arts Week / Ocracoke Island Waterfowl Festival  
Ocracoke Earthday Weekend Celebration / Ocracoke 5K/10K ½ Marathon

MAY

British Cemetery Memorial Service / Fireman's Ball, Ocracoke VFD, Memorial Day Weekend  
Island Wide Yard Sale / NPS Interpretive Programs (Memorial Day through Oct)  
Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

JUNE

Ocracoke Festival (June 6-8, 2025)  
Ocracoke School Graduation / Ocracoke Preservation Society Porch Talks begin  
Summertime music, ghost walks, surf camps, and fun!

JULY

2nd - 4th of July Celebration – Fireworks, music, parade, square dance  
Ocracoke Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

AUGUST

Fig Festival (August 2-3) / Seafood Festival Fundraiser for Ocracoke Health Center (Aug 31)

SEPTEMBER

Ocracoke Alive Sound Stage Partnership with Ocracoke School (Fall)  
Labor Day weekend – End of summer sales / Fall Island Wide Yard Sale

OCTOBER

Ocracoke Working Waterman's Festival (Oct 19)  
Ocracoke School Halloween Carnival  
Costume parties/music at local restaurants & eateries  
Trick or Treating in the village (Oct 31)

NOVEMBER

Blackbeard's Pirate Jamboree (Nov 1-2) / Festival Latino de Ocracoke (Nov 8-9)  
AA Jamboree / Turkey Trot (Nov 28)  
Ocracoke Alive Membership Meeting  
Ocracoke Preservation Society Membership Meeting  
Parade of Boats (Nov 29) / Holiday Gift Market (Nov 30)

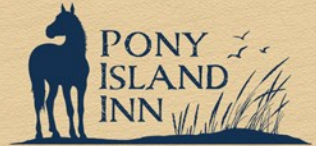
DECEMBER

Ocracoke Preservation Society Christmas & Wassail Party (Dec 3)  
Ocracoke Community Christmas Concert at Community Center  
Ocracoke Library Cookie Swap / Ocracoke School Christmas Program  
Live Nativity Crèche, Caroling, Holiday Lights

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This year's quilt by the Ocracoke Needle & Thread Club measures 50x66 inches and is the perfect size to hang on the wall, or to snuggle up with this winter while you read your favorite Ocracoke book.

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# Map of the Festival Grounds around the Berkley Manor



## Getting Started

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- Check in at the Info/Merch Tent for Information
- Check in at the Box Office to pick up Sponsor Bags, Reserved Tickets, and to purchase day or weekend passes.