

Ozark Folk Center sets 2026 music season with 17 concerts at Ozark Highlands Theater

The Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View will host 11 music events, which include a total of 17 concerts at Ozark Highlands Theater during their upcoming season from mid-April through mid-November, 2026. Evening concerts, festivals, and championship contests will feature top talent from the Ozarks and beyond, including award-winning songwriters, bands, and performers.

“Music has always been one of the focal points for the guest experience at our park,” said Daren Dortin, executive director of Ozark Highlands Radio and music director for the Ozark Folk Center State Park. “We continue to feature performances by local and regional performers, which is at the heart of our mission. In addition, events like our two-day John Prine Folk Festival will highlight how Mountain View has helped shape the folk music tradition outside the borders of Stone County for music fans everywhere.”

Music events include:
April 18—The Committee of 100 Presents: Next Generation Concert (Folk Festival weekend)
April 23-25—Dulcimer Jamboree Workshops
April 24-25—Dulcimer Jamboree Concerts & Championship Contests
May 22-23—Homecoming Hootenanny during Memorial Day weekend
June 19-20—John Prine Folk Festival* (Reserved Seating)
July 18—The Committee of 100 Presents: Sam Bush* (Reserved

Seating)

August 8—Arkansas Fiddle & Banjo Championships & Evening Concert

August 21-22—Bluegrass & Fried Chicken Festival

September 12—Stone Bank Presents: The Pine Leaf Boys

October 9-10—Stringband Music & Arts Festival

October 24—The Committee of 100 Presents: Next Generation Concert (Bean Festival weekend)

2026 Music & Craft season passes to the Ozark Folk Center State Park are available now and include admission to 14 (non-reserved seating) concerts and music events featuring world-class folk, bluegrass, and old-time country music at the Ozark Highlands Theater during their season, April 14 through November 14, 2026. Passes also include unlimited visits to the Ozark Folk Center Craft Village in season and discounts on year-round craft classes and herb events, including the annual herb event in May and October. Music & Craft season passes, which have a concert value of \$240, can be purchased for \$90 (adults) and \$45 (children 6-12). To get your pass, visit OzarkFolkCenter.Ticketleap.com.

The park’s renown Craft Village & Heritage Herb Garden will open Tuesday, April 14 and offer live music, old-fashioned fun, and entertainment like old-time magic shows, living history, and more every Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Village artisans make, demonstrate, and sell a variety of



handcrafted items at the park’s 20 artisan shops and gardens, like stoneware pottery, hand-dipped candles, soaps, brooms, flame-painted copper art, leatherworks, stained glass, and more. Artisans host workshops throughout the year for a more immersive crafting experience with personal attention and hands-on instruction. To learn more about upcoming craft classes, herb events and the Craft Village and gardens, visit OzarkFolkCenter.com.

The Skillet Restaurant, located on-site, will also open Tuesday, April 14 and remain open through mid-November. The hill-top restaurant offers scenic dining, weekend buffets, and tasty Southern country

menu items with fresh herbs from the Heritage Herb Garden. The Skillet’s operating hours are Sun., Tue., Wed. & Thu. from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. (closed Monday).

If you need a place to stay, the park’s Cabins at Dry Creek are open year-round and offer homespun décor and modern comforts. Their outdoor swimming pool is open for cabin guests May through September. Rooms are located just down the hill from the Skillet Restaurant, Craft Village, and the Heritage Herb Garden and a shuttle service is provided for cabin guests who attend concerts, workshops and special events at the park.