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Blues at the Arch Music Festival Returns to Gateway Arch National Park, Celebrating a Decade of Uplifting St. Louis' Rich Legacy of Blues Music

Free Concert Series Returns August 7-10 with National Acts, Local Favorites, and Family-Friendly Fun

ST. LOUIS (Jul. 22, 2025) – One of St. Louis's most beloved summer traditions returns to Gateway Arch National Park. Gateway Arch Park Foundation's [Blues at the Arch Festival](#), the signature concert series presented by the Steward Family Foundation and produced in partnership with the National Blues Museum and the National Park Service, celebrates its 10th anniversary from August 7–10, 2025. In recognition of a decade of Blues at the Arch, the festival is going "Back to Our Roots" with a legendary lineup of national and regional artists. This free, four-day music festival honors the city's storied blues legacy and continues to energize downtown with unforgettable music and community spirit.

Born from the region's rich blues legacy and hosted at the iconic North Gateway of Gateway Arch National Park, with stage sponsor The Whitaker Foundation, Blues at the Arch has grown into a cornerstone summer event, bringing together nationally recognized headliners, St. Louis favorites, family programming, and local food vendors in a setting unlike any other in the country.

2025 Blues at the Arch Schedule of Events:

- **Thursday, August 7 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
Blues Museum Preview Night: a special opening night celebration at the National Blues Museum offers an intimate evening of history and community, featuring live music by Jeremiah Johnson.
- **Friday, August 8 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
The festival opens at the Gateway Arch grounds with The Women of Blues, featuring Uvee Hayes and a special guest, followed by a set from rising local star Dylan Triplett.
- **Saturday, August 9 – 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
The music lineup includes Myles Lacey, Keeshea Pratt, Skeet Rodgers, Dexter Allen, and a special line dancing performance with The SlideShow STL. The night closes with a spectacular fireworks display.
- **Sunday, August 10 – 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.**



The festival wraps with a soulful Sunday set featuring *Jazz St. Louis Presents: An Afternoon with Anita Jackson* and a headline performance by Mr. Sipp.

“Blues at the Arch honors St. Louis’ musical roots, which began right here on the riverfront,” said Ryan McClure, Executive Director of Gateway Arch Park Foundation. “This free festival brings the community together in our hometown national park to celebrate our city’s rich heritage and drives real economic energy into downtown St. Louis. We’re thrilled to mark ten years of this tradition alongside all of you.”

Since it began in 2016, Blues at the Arch has brought tens of thousands to the Arch grounds, showcasing the North Gateway as a natural amphitheater and iconic gathering space. The festival generates millions in economic impact for the St. Louis region every year. In 2024, the 15,500 Blues at the Arch attendees drove \$2 million in economic impact to the St. Louis region, based on a third-party [economic impact study](#) conducted by Tripp Umbach earlier this year.

The 2025 festival will continue this legacy while introducing new activities to further enhance the visitor experience.

This year’s festival will also feature:

- **Rhythm and Roots Market (Saturday only)**
New this year, experience a curated shopping experience featuring handmade goods, art, accessories, apparel, and sweets from locally-owned businesses.
- **Kids Korner**
A fun, family-friendly zone with hands-on activities, games, and a musical “petting zoo,” where kids can explore instruments and the sounds of the blues.
- **Food Trucks**
A rotating selection of St. Louis favorites serving up comfort food, sweet treats, refreshing drinks, and festival-ready snacks all weekend long.
- **Gateway Arch Park Foundation Member Tent (Friday only)**
Gateway Arch Park Foundation members at the Supporter level and above will be invited to enjoy a shaded and cooled member tent with food and drinks on Friday night of the festival. Become a member by July 31 to receive the invitation.
- **Premium Experience (Saturday and Sunday)**
Back for its second year, visitors can upgrade their experience with shaded seating, exclusive access to artist meet-and-greets, food and beverage perks, and Blues at the Arch swag. [Premium Experience tickets](#) are available for individual days or the full weekend.



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RSVP for the free festival, pre-order your official Blues at the Arch merchandise, and see the full schedule of events at www.archpark.org/blues.

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About Gateway Arch Park Foundation

Gateway Arch Park Foundation is the official philanthropic partner and conservancy for Gateway Arch National Park. Its mission is to ensure the Gateway Arch, its grounds, neighboring public spaces, and attractions are a vital, welcoming, well-supported resource to the community and nation for generations to come. It seeks to fulfill its mission by providing for ongoing conservation, preservation and education at the park, in addition to hosting, facilitating and promoting community programs that bring the park and its surrounding areas in Downtown St. Louis to life. The Foundation is part of an alliance that helps meet this mission, which includes the National Park Service, Bi-State Development, Great Rivers Greenway, Jefferson National Parks Association, and the City of St. Louis. For more information, visit archpark.org.

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