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The following are area on-going events. For Jams, it's suggested that you bring lawn or folding chairs and instruments and get ready to play, sing or listen.

Also, phone the venue to confirm all details before heading to the jam. Good sources of information include:

- The venue's Facebook and website pages,
- Craigslist (in the Musicians category under Community; or, type Open Mic in the box under search craigslist),
- www.gotonight.com,
- www.sarasotamusicscene.com,
- Herald Tribune Ticket,
- Gondolier Sun,
- www.openmics.org, and
- <http://www.localendar.com/public/ace1234>

Verify whether the venue requires original music only or accepts covers as well, ask who the host/hostess is, and verify how many songs each person can play.

Submit new jam listings or changes to these listings at sarasotafolk@gmail.com or call (941) 496-8315.

***** Be sure to contact a venue first before heading out – some venues change or cancel open mics – and schedule changes aren't always communicated to us. *****

MONDAY

Englewood: Indian Mound Park, Monday nights, Folk, Country and Bluegrass Jam, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Contact: B. G. Gardner, 941-830-3254

Englewood: Flounders, 1975 Beach Road, open jam every Monday 6-10 pm hosted by Hatley (www.hatleyband.com), 941-460-8280. Sign-up time is 6 PM first come – first served. Please write clearly. Come on time to assure a time-slot. You get to play 2 songs or 10 minutes per rotation. (We want everyone to have multiple times on stage). We provide: Microphones, Instrument cables, Mic stands, Drums and the house sound system. Other than that... bring what you need. No drum kits. Instruments must be plugged into house sound board. We have volume restrictions. Stage can hold 5 performers total at one time. When you are next – please be ready. Your instruments should already be out of their cases and tuned-up. Be ready to take the stage when you are called. Tune-up before you go on stage. If you have difficulty tuning, don't be embarrassed to ask someone for help. We're all friends here and we want you to sound good. Don't lose performance time playing the tune up song. Perform material that you are comfortable with. We don't expect perfection but it's always best to be as prepared as you can be. Choose songs you are comfortable with. Be considerate of the other performers. Please be quiet and show respect for the performers on stage. Do not play instruments while performers are on stage. Applaud for everyone. Please stay for the performers after yourself. We all like to have an audience and it's all about supporting one another.

Sarasota: Sarasota Folk Club open mic (**see schedule at <http://www.sarafolk.org/sailingsquadron.htm>**). The open mike is a mix of local/traveling, amateur/pro, folk artists/song writers; always a surprise. Concerts are held the last Monday of the month, except May and December, which are held on the third Monday. In case of inclement weather, the concerts are held inside the club house. Open mics begin 7-7:15 pm; come earlier to sign up. More information: jvhewitt2@verizon.net.

Sarasota: JR's Old Packinghouse Café, 987 S Packinghouse Rd, 941-371-9358. Open mic with Rick Alvis starting at 7 pm. They have re-opened after the fire. Search for Rick Alvis in Facebook for more information.

Venice: Beach Pavilion, Bluegrass jam hosted by Swinging Bridge. 7:00pm - 9:00pm. West Venice Avenue, Venice, FL (Sarasota County). Every Monday except when weather or red tide is bad.

TUESDAY

Bradenton: Latte Luna, 2715 Manatee Ave. West, www.latteluna.com. Every Tuesday, 7-9 pm. 941-745-2444 Call day before to sign up. Sing in half hour segments. Original music only.

Sarasota: Growlers Pub Open Mic, 9 pm, 2831 N Tamiami Trail, 941-487-7373

Siesta Key: Siesta Key Oyster Bar, 5238 Ocean Blvd., 941-346-5443, 7-11 pm every Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY

Cape Coral: Open mic at the French Press, 6:30-9:30 pm, 5789 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral. Run by Papa Tommy. Each person performs three songs and if time permits, they can go back up once everyone has had a turn. www.thefrenchpressfl.com, 239-542-0212. Facebook: search for The French Press.

North Port: Bud Buckley hosts an Open Mic every Wednesday from 7-10 pm at KDWRadio's venue, Common Grounds Meeting Hall, North Port's new Live Music Venue and Meeting Hall, located in the Springs Plaza, 12735 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port, in the bright yellow building. The plaza is near the entrance to Warm Mineral Springs, and near Kindergarten Prep (look for its big sign), Paradise Pawn and Jewelry, KDWRadio, and Next Generation Barber Shop. Covers and original songs are both welcomed. Open mic performers should sign up at d Common Grounds in person between 6:30 and 7 to play. Each performer will have 10 minutes to play, or time to perform three songs, depending on the number of performers who sign up. If time permits, a second set may be performed. This is a LIVE music venue broadcast live on WKDW FM so there is no time for setting up effects and tracks. Please don't use those devices. We have a green room for case storage and tuning so you can arrive on the stage tuned and ready to go. For more information search for Common Grounds Meeting Hall on Facebook, or call 941-284-7779 and leave a message; your call will be returned.

Sarasota: WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAMMERS, rotating locations, public welcome (listeners/players/singers), around 8:30 p.m. Jim Leps 941-747-2096, Jim Glover, jimglover@verizon.net

Sarasota: Open mic night 6-7:30 pm at Sam Ash Music, 7606 N. Tamiami Trail. Open mics resume Wednesday, January 11. Singer songwriters welcome, originals and covers fine. Call 941-351-7793.

Sarasota: Open mic night every Wednesday, 8pm-midnight, at the Cock and Bull, 975 Cattlemen Road, hosted by Sara Nelms and Justin Layman. We feature songwriters. We do allow people to play covers if they want to but it's primarily a songwriter friendly evening. We have Facebook and Twitter both under the handle @cockbullopenmic. Call 941-363-1262.

THURSDAY

Cape Coral: Durso's Delite Café. Open Mic every Thursday, 110 N.E. 2nd Place, /unit 401, Cape Coral, from 6-9 pm. Call 239-574-3333 to reserve a time slot. All musicians welcome.

Lido Key (Sarasota): Daiquiri Deck St. Armands Circle open mic, 6 pm--10 pm, 325 John Ringling Blvd, 941-388-3325. Host is Noel Harris. Event: [facebook.com/noelharrisopenmic](https://www.facebook.com/noelharrisopenmic) -- host: Noelharrismusic.com. Covers and original songs.

Osprey: Oscar Scherer State Park, starts in January 2017, January - March, Thursdays, 3:00pm - 6:00pm, acoustic folk jam hosted by Bill and Kate Isles. Park phone: (941) 483-5956

Punta Gorda: The Thursday night jam (acoustic) which was held at Gilchrist Park for over 20 years has settled on a temporary location until the construction is finished at Gilchrist late this year or early in 2018. We meet on top of the Herald Street parking building on Herald Street in Punta Gorda behind the River City Grill.

Music starts at 6 pm. Join the Punta Gorda Guitar Army Facebook page to get updates. Rain will relocate to the lower level. No mixing vehicles and people on the levels upon which we play. No smoking. Bathrooms will be open on the first floor. Elevator on the north side.

Sarasota: Open Mic 8-11 pm with Silverman at The Tea House, 1869 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. 941-346-6361. Signups start at 7:30 pm.

Sarasota: Bluegrass jam every Thursday 7-9 pm at Bee Ridge Park pavilion, corner Wilkinson and Lockwood Ridge. All year! Contact: Charlie Holbrook at 941-923-8635 or park at 941-316-1330.

Siesta Key: LeLu Coffee, open mic, 7-10 pm, hosted by Matt Gerhardt, 5251 Ocean Blvd., Siesta Key. 941-346-5358. Come early to reserve a spot. www.lelucoffee.com

FRIDAY

Palm Harbor: The Witch's Brew, 1219 Florida Ave., Palm Harbor, Fridays 8-11. Once a week, local talent show off their stuff with music, spoken word and comedy. Rain or shine; held inside if raining. PA system provided for vocal and acoustic guitar or keyboards. Drum kit available upon request with 2 days notice. Call 727-483-9210 or email info@thewitchsbrew.com to sign up, or just show up that evening! We'll do the best we can to fit you in!

Sarasota: The White Horse Pub, The Parkway Collection Plaza, 6240 N. Lockwood Ridge Road. 941-358-1353. Email: contact@the-white-horse-pub.com; 7-11 pm every Friday.

Port Charlotte: Café Serendipity at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County, 1532 Forest Nelson Blvd., is held the second Friday of each month (with rare rescheduling around the holidays) from 7 to 10-ish pm (must arrive by 9 and sign up to perform). An open mic for musicians of all levels to practice their skills and enjoy one another's talents. Performers may play sets of at least 3 pieces, and more depending on the number of musicians attending. Music genres vary. We do not "jam" unless it is during the break or unless a players' circle evolves after the performers have given their offerings. This forum is open to the general public and dependent upon it for a diversity of talent. This is an acoustic open mic: players who want to use a microphone or instrument amp generally bring their own. Stories and jokes are invited as long as they are in good taste, i.e., not provocative or "racey." Gourmet coffee and snacks – gratuity of \$1 per serving is appreciated. Contact Chris McCoy, UUFCC office manager, 941-627-4303, or email Steve and Val at pollard2399@comcast.net.

SATURDAY

Arcadia: Bluegrass jam and show hosted by the Heartland Bluegrass Association of Florida. Monthly camping, jamming and stage show event on the 4th weekend of the month, unless that weekend conflicts with another major bluegrass event such as a local or nearby festival, or a major holiday weekend. It is held in Arcadia at Craig's RV Park. Details are available at www.heartlandbluegrass.com. The jamming is all acoustic, and goes on at campsites and inside the air conditioned rec hall during summer months. Friday & Saturday! email: heartlandbluegrass@gmail.com.

SUNDAY

Ellenton: AMVETS Post 301 in Ellenton every Sunday host a meet/social for local musicians, come in, plug into our great sound system, or bring your own amp. Meet others with similar music styles, practice and enjoy the awesome time. Begins at 8 or 8:30pm, goes until 11 pm. This Veterans club welcomes everyone, Veteran and non veteran. No need to join to jam. 2443 US 301 N, Ellenton. Call first to confirm: 941-722-0393. This is a smoking venue.

Englewood: Beyond the Sea Restaurant and Supper Club, 3555 S. Access Road, has an open mic Sundays from 6-8 pm. Host is Gary Dilley. Signups start at 5-5:30 pm. Originals and covers are fine. Bring your own equipment. Each performer gets three songs per set. The restaurant offers the early bird dinner menu to performers as its thanks for coming in to perform. Call 941-474-1400 for more information. Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/beyondthesearestaurant/?fref=nf> Restaurant website is <http://beyondtheseafl.com/>

Palmetto: Sarah Mitchell's Open Music Party 2nd Sunday from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a nice party that usually features Irish tunes, Contra Dance tunes and even some Old Time, and usually also some guitar/folk song type stuff. It is a potluck affair, so bring some food and brews!!!! Sarah also has a wonderful garden in her backyard, so if you are a plant buff you are in for a real treat (plus, she is VERY generous with her plants, and if she has something that strikes your fancy you can probably get a clipping or two). For directions to Sarah's you can reach her at mitchell8manatee@yahoo.com

Punta Gorda: The Celtic Ray, Open Mic Night, 9 pm-11:30 pm, 941-916-9115. Not on every Sunday: check calendar, <http://celticray.net/>

Sarasota: Acoustic Jam every Sunday at the Bearded Clam Waterfront Restaurant and Tiki Bar, Harbor Vista Hotel & Marina, 7150 N Tamiami Trail, 941-355-2600. Vocalists, percussionists and guitarists welcome. Stop by from 3 pm- 7pm.

Other Events

Sunday

Monday

Sarasota, Sarasota Folk Club SAILING SQUADRON CONCERTS, last Monday of each month unless specified, Open Mike 7:15 p.m., Feature 8:30 p.m. \$10 donation, 1717 Ken Thompson Pkwy, contact Jean Hewitt, 941-377-9256, 941-320-4774, email jvhewitt2@verizon.net Full schedule at <http://www.sarasotafolk.org/sailingsquadron.htm>

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday