

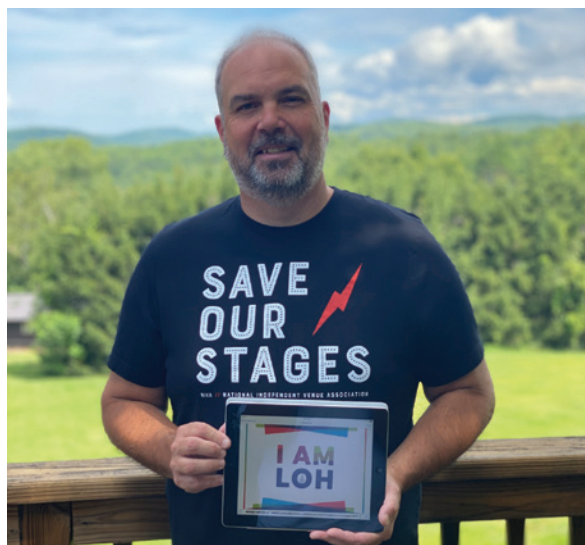
LEBANON OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS

NEXXUS

music and arts festival

It's showtime!

After 17 long months, LOH's "COVID intermission" has come to an end. This weekend's festivities mark our return to in-person events and serve as an epic kick-off to the 2021/2022 season (see listing of Fall 2021 events on the back cover).



Nexus has been designed as an immersive, three-day experience with activities scheduled sequentially in Colburn Park, on the Main Stage located behind LOH, on the pedestrian mall, and even in the just-opened rail trail tunnel.

This guide provides a full schedule of the outdoor performances from dozens of eclectic artists—a mix of regional touring artists, LOH's Upper Valley arts partners, and local students—all featured alongside displays of public art and *al fresco* dining. My hope is that you see flashes of creativity and community at every turn and discover your next favorite artist.

We see Nexus as an important leadership opportunity; a chance to thank those who supported LOH and the greater Lebanon arts community through a really tough year. A chance to demonstrate the impact of the arts on our local economy. A chance for artists and technicians to once again share their talents with in-person audiences.

And, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors listed on page five this family-friendly event is FREE and open to all. Please consider your own tax-deductible gift in support of Lebanon Opera House. As an independent nonprofit organization, we acknowledge that every dollar raised really does make a difference.

Your donation can have twice the impact!

LOH has received an astounding \$150,000 matching grant challenge from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation in support of our new season.

The Byrne Foundation's gift is intended to inspire existing donors to increase their giving and incentivize new contributors. To make a donation, go to lebanonoperahouse.org/donate or use your smartphone to scan the QR code below.

Thank you for joining the chorus of supporters who believe that the arts are worth celebrating.

Here's to an amazing weekend,

Joe Clifford
Executive Director
Lebanon Opera House



SCAN ME

Friday, August 13

12:00-8:00 pm - Pedestrian Mall *(Rain date Saturday)*
Katie Runde 3D chalk art work-in-progress

12:00-3:30 pm - Pedestrian Mall
City Center Ballet studio visits, explore costume exhibit

12:00-6:00 pm - Bank Street (across from Colburn Park)
AVA Gallery and Art Center
explore three visual art exhibitions

» **1:30-2:45 pm - Colburn Park**
Twisted Pine open jam session with
Upper Valley Music Center

» **4:00-4:45 pm - Colburn Park**
Revels North's Band of Fools
leads processional through rail trail tunnel

4:45-5:30 pm - Colburn Park
Revels North chorus performance

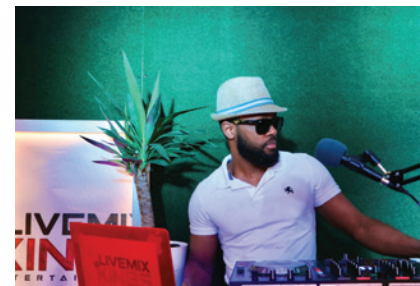
5:30-7:00 pm - Main Stage
Twisted Pine performance

7:00-8:00 pm - Colburn Park
Bitter Pill performance

8:00-9:30 pm - Main Stage
Eric Johanson performance

» **9:30-11:00 pm - Salt hill Tent**
Pub Sing w/Revels North

» **9:30-11:00 pm - Colburn Park**
Silent Disco w/DJ Sean



Twisted Pine

Friday at 5:30 pm

Boundary-jumping Boston band takes traditional music into exhilarating directions with an upbeat sound they call Americana funk.



Eric Johanson

Friday at 8 pm

Following years as an in-demand touring guitarist for Tab Benoit, the Neville Brothers, and JJ Grey, this Louisiana blues-rockers strikes out on his own.

Saturday, August 14

12:00-3:30 pm • Pedestrian Mall

City Center Ballet studio visits, explore costume exhibit

12:00-4:00 pm • Bank Street (across from Colburn Park)

AVA Gallery and Art Center
explore three visual art exhibitions

12:00-1:00 pm • Colburn Park

Tuck's Rock Dojo All-Stars

1:00-1:45 pm • Colburn Park

Acrobuffos: Waterbombs!

2:00-3:00 pm • Various Locations

Upper Valley Circus Camp pop-up performances

3:00-3:20 pm • Colburn Park

Akwaaba Ensemble drumming workshop

3:20-4:00 pm • Colburn Park

Akwaaba Ensemble leads processional through rail trail tunnel

4:00-4:30 pm • Colburn Park

Akwaaba Ensemble performance

4:30-5:15 pm • Colburn Park

Acrobuffos: Waterbombs!

5:30-7:00 pm • Main Stage

Mystic Bowie's Talking Dreads performance

7:00-8:00 pm • Colburn Park

Reckless Breakfast performance

8:00-9:30 pm • Main Stage

Red Baraat performance



9:30-11:00 pm • Colburn Park

Silent Disco w/DJ Sean



Mystic Bowie's Talking Dreads

Saturday at 5:30 pm

The Jamaican-born singer (and former member of Tom Tom Club) reimagines Talking Heads' art-pop tunes as upbeat dancefloor-ready reggae anthems.



Red Baraat

Saturday at 8 pm

Brooklyn band merges hard-driving North Indian *bhangra* music with elements of hip hop, funk, and raw punk energy.

Sunday, August 15

12:00-3:30 pm • Pedestrian Mall

City Center Ballet studio visits, explore costume exhibit

12:00-4:00 pm • Bank Street (across from Colburn Park)

AVA Gallery and Art Center
explore three visual art exhibitions

12:00-12:30 pm • Pedestrian Mall

Upper Valley Music Center
piano students

12:30-1:00 pm • Colburn Park

Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals

1:00-1:30 pm • Pedestrian Mall

Upper Valley Music Center
Suzuki violins and violas

1:30-2:00 pm • Colburn Park

Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals

2:00-2:30 pm • Pedestrian Mall

A cappella showcase:
Barbershop Harmony Society



2:30-3:00 pm • Pedestrian Mall

A cappella showcase:
VOXStars

3:00-3:45 pm • Colburn Park

Upper Valley Circus Camp pop-up performances



3:45-4:30 pm • Colburn Park

East Bay Jazz Ensemble and **circus campers**
lead processional through rail trail tunnel

4:30-5:30 pm • Colburn Park

East Bay Jazz Ensemble performance

5:30-7:00 pm • Main Stage

Kat Wright Trio performance

7:00-8:00 pm • Colburn Park

Jes & Jakob performance

8:00-9:30 pm • Main Stage

Moondance performance



Kat Wright

Sunday at 5:30 pm

The powerhouse soul singer—who has been described as “a young Bonnie Raitt meets Amy Winehouse”—leans into her love of folk and roots rock.



Moondance

Sunday at 8 pm

Get ready for a Wild Night celebrating Grammy-winning Irish singer/songwriter Van Morrison’s timeless hits.

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Bitter Pill

Friday at 7 pm

This "rhythm and bluegrass" band is a tight-knit family—literally father and daughter—specializing in folk, rockabilly, and country.



Acrobuffos

Saturday at 1 and 4:30 pm

Enter the splash zone if you dare! Seth and Christina, two charming clowns from NYC, rally the troops for an epic water balloon battle.

It Takes a Village

A big round of applause to these fine folks...

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Akwaaba Ensemble

Saturday at 3 pm

Percussionist Theo Martey, who began studying traditional African music and dance during his childhood in Ghana, leads this high-energy collective.



Reckless Breakfast

Saturday at 7 pm

The Upper Valley's go-to bluegrass band!

Planning Your Visit

Festival checklist

- Walk, bike, or carpool when possible (see below for parking suggestions)
- Pack a lawn chair or blanket (the comfier, the better)
- Bring a water bottle (there's a refilling station in Colburn Park)
- Pack a picnic (no glass or alcohol, please)
- Come hungry (there's lots of great eats within walking distance)
- Donate your time, talent, or treasure to LOH (stop by the info booth in Colburn Park to learn more)
- Be patient with your neighbors (respect personal space and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated*)

** The NH Division of Public Health Services will be offering free COVID vaccinations to anyone 12 and older on Friday and Sunday!
No appointment needed—just walk-up and take a shot in the arm for the arts.*

Parking suggestions

The Nexus main stage is located behind City Hall and will occupy the upper parking lot but there's plenty of room in the lower lot and the Hanover Street lot (near Village Pizza). You can also find ample on-street parking on Taylor Street (near the CCBA) and Park/School Streets. Overflow parking within walking distance can be found at Logan Field (Water Street) and Storrs Hill ski area on Spring Street.



Revels North

Friday at 4 pm and 9:30 pm

This nonprofit arts organization specializes in multi-generational programming celebrating the power of traditional music, dance, and ritual.



Jes & Jakob

Sunday at 7 pm

Joy-makers who've distilled years of touring into a sound that blends elements of bluegrass, old-time, jazz, and pop.



FALL 2021 @ LOH

To purchase tickets and see a complete list of shows, go to: lebanonoperahouse.org/events

Wednesday, August 25

Richard Thompson

Solo acoustic performance from the legendary singer/songwriter/guitarist who co-founded Fairport Convention, one of the bands responsible for igniting a British Folk Rock movement.

Friday, September 10

Jason Lyle Black

This accomplished pianist's family-friendly shows are packed with Broadway hits, Disney movie themes, classical masterworks, zippy one-liners, and lots of audience participation.

Friday, September 17

Johnny A.

Just Me...And My Guitars, an intimate solo performance that celebrates the most influential guitar work in history — with an emphasis on the British songbook of the '60s.

Thursday, September 23

Oshima Brothers

Twentysomething siblings Sean and Jamie share their harmony-drenched blend of contemporary folk, acoustic pop, and Americana.

Saturday, September 25

Juston McKinney

LOL@LOH with our favorite "parentally challenged" comedian. According to *NH Magazine*, "no one really 'gets' New England humor like Juston McKinney."

Tuesday, October 12

Chris Thile

Grammy-winning mandolinist (Nickel Creek, Punch Brothers) moves effortlessly between bluegrass and classical in this solo concert.

Friday, November 12

Rosanne Cash

Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member carries on her family's musical legacy with a powerful blend of country, folk, and Americana.

