

A photograph of three men playing mandolins in a wooded area. The man on the left is wearing a blue shirt and a dark cap. The man in the middle is shirtless and wearing blue shorts. The man on the right is wearing a red and white checkered shirt, blue overalls, and a grey cap. They are standing on a paved path surrounded by trees.

**THE CTBA GUIDE**

**TO BLUEGRASS EVENTS**

**IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

**SPRING 2025**

**CENTRAL TEXAS**  
**BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**  
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# MARCH FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS

Mar  
**6**

Thursday, 7 p.m.

## **Mama Said String Band w/ The Hillsiders at The O4 Center**

Mama Said String Band has been making an impact on the Bluegrass Scene & beyond since their debut in 2016. Based out of Louisville Kentucky, Mama Said String Band is a four-piece collection of songwriters & players, support from CTBA Member Band, The Hillsiders.

Mar  
**8**

Saturday, 1-9 p.m.

## **SXSGrass at Radio East**

SXSGrass is BACK at its new home at Radio East. This day is all about celebrating and uplifting the Austin bluegrass scene and features many CTBA member bands. All proceeds of the event go directly back to supporting our local grass bands and musicians.

Mar  
**28-30**

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

## **Donkey Grass in Fischer, Texas**

Head out to Fischer for a weekend of bluegrass, with headliners including Peter Rowan, Della Mae, Billy Bright Band and the Cody Sisters. CTBA will be there as a sponsor, so be sure to come say hi! Hosted by CTBA Member business Cabin 10

MAR  
**29**

Saturday, 8 p.m.

## **Della Mae at Radio East**

Della Mae is a GRAMMY-nominated all-woman string band featuring founding members Celia Woodsmith (lead vocalist/guitarist) and 2-time Grand National champion fiddle player Kimber Ludiker, along with guitarist Avril Smith, and two-time IBMA Bass Player of the Year Vickie Vaughn. Featuring support from Georgia Parker.



# CTBA BAND SCRAMBLE & GARAGE SALE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH • 12 - 6 P.M.**

The 2025 **CTBA Band Scramble & Garage Sale** is happening on Sunday, March 30th, at Suds Monkey Brewing Co!

What, you say, is a Band Scramble? Musicians put their names in hats by instrument (guitar, fiddle, banjo, bass, etc...). Names are drawn to form bands. Bands have an hour to choose and rehearse songs. And then everyone performs! It is a BLAST, maybe our favorite event of the year, and we are excited to see you there!

As usual, we are pairing the CTBA Band Scramble with a Garage Sale to raise money for the CTBA. Which is to say: we want your stuff! If you have old instruments lying around, collecting dust...well, we want 'em. We'd love any musical instruments and music-related accessories you'd be willing to donate to the CTBA. And all donations to the CTBA are 100% tax-deductible.

If you are interested in making a donation, please get in touch at [CTBA@CentralTexasBluegrass.org](mailto:CTBA@CentralTexasBluegrass.org).

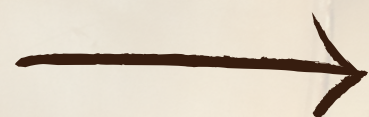
## EVENT SCHEDULE

12PM Doors and Garage Sale open

1PM Bands form

2-3PM Bands rehearse

3-6PM Bands perform

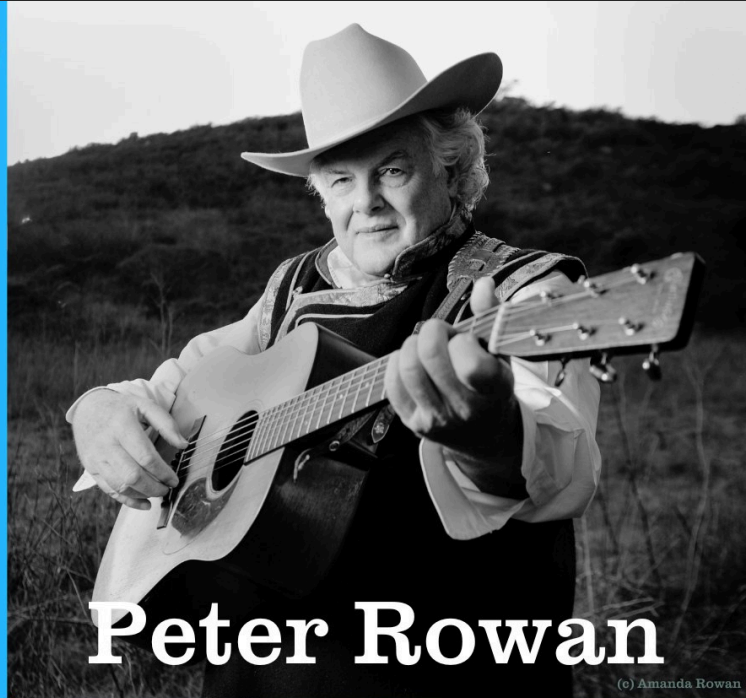


# DONKEY GRASS

March 28-30, 2025

Fischer, TX

Tix @ [www.cabin10.org](http://www.cabin10.org)



Peter Rowan

(c) Amanda Rowan



Della Mae

(c) Laura Schne



Billy Bright Band



The Cody Sisters



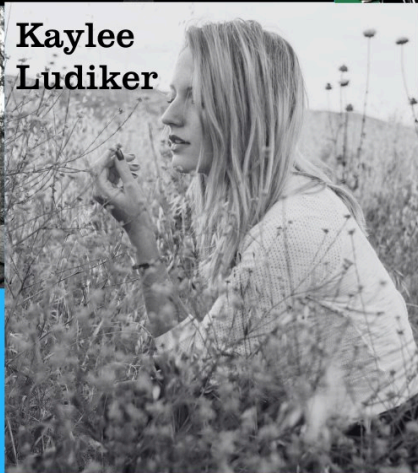
Righteous Intonation

Early Bird tix thru 12/1/24 - \$130

Advance 12/2/24 - 3/24/25 - \$150

Gate - \$175

info@ [www.cabin10.org](http://www.cabin10.org)



Kaylee Ludiker



Steve Smith w/ Tim May



Katie Shore Band



# APRIL FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS

Apr  
**18**

Friday, 8 p.m.

## **Bronwyn Keith-Hynes w/ Valley Flower at Radio East**

Join two-time IBMA Fiddle Player of the Year as she performs songs from her latest album *I Built a World*, including support from CTBA Member Band, Valley Flower

Apr  
**19**

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **4th Annual Luckenbach Bluegrass Festival**

Let's go to Luckenbach Texas! Dan Tyminski headlines this year's festival, other acts include Brennen Leigh, Bronwyn Keith-Hynes, Invoke, Caroline Owens and New Company, and The Owens Brothers

Apr  
**24-27**

Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday

## **38th Annual Old Settlers Music Fest in Dale**

You are invited to be part of a cherished Texas tradition. April 24-27, 2025, just 45 minutes south of Austin. Join us for four days of incredible music, community, and unforgettable memories at the 38th Annual Old Settler's Music Festival.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR CTBA MEMORIAL FEST ON MAY 18**

The annual CTBA Memorial fest is on, and will feature many CTBA member bands and musicians, as well as jams and other festivities to celebrate our incredible bluegrass community in Central Texas. Keep an eye on CTBA social media for more details.



45 MINUTES SOUTH OF AUSTIN, TX

Old Settler's Homestead 1616 FM 3158 Dale, TX 78616

38th Annual



**WATCHHOUSE**

**THE DEVIL  
MAKES THREE**

**YONDER MOUNTAIN STRING BAND**

**THE TRAVELIN' MCCOURYS - SIERRA HULL**

**HEARTLESS BASTARDS - WILD CHILD**

**TIM O'BRIEN BAND - DARRELL SCOTT**

**SISTER SADIE - TRAY WELLINGTON BAND**

Jeff Plankenhorn - Del Castillo Trio - Jack Barksdale

Grace Rowland (of The Deer) - Tony Kamel & Kym Warner

Katie Shore - Fennario Flats - Shred Lasso - Harvest Thieves

Steel Betty - Valley Flower - Owens Brothers

Shaded Camping - Family Friendly - A 501(c)(3) Community Powered Celebration

[www.OldSettlersMusicFest.org](http://www.OldSettlersMusicFest.org)



# ALWAYS-ON BLUEGRASS

## EVERY MONDAY

Bluegrass Night at Radio South, 7-10 p.m.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bluegrass Night at Tantra San Marcos, 7-10 p.m.

## EVERY THURSDAY

Bluegrass Night at St. Elmo's South, 7-10 p.m.

## EVERY SATURDAY

The McKinleys at Counter Cafe on 29th, 9-11 a.m.

## EVERY SUNDAY

Bluegrass Pals at Jester King, 1-3 p.m.

## SECOND SUNDAY

Bluegrass Night at Central Machine Works, 6-8 p.m.

**Reminder:** Check the CTBA events calendar for updates and submit events at [CentralTexasBluegrass.org](http://CentralTexasBluegrass.org)



# WHERE TO JAM

First  
**SAT**

First Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

## **Pearl Bluegrass Jam**

The first Saturday of every month (except September when it's the second Saturday) the Center has hosted a bluegrass jam for over 30 years. People from across the state and country come to play music, and camp in the RV park on site.

Every  
**SUN**

Sundays at 1 p.m.

## **CTBA Bluegrass Jam at Batch in East Austin**

Join us every Sunday for the official CTBA jam at Batch Craft Beer & Kolaches. All levels are welcome! Rain or shine, check the CTBA Facebook and Instagram for updates and cancellations.

Every  
**SUN**

Sundays at 12 p.m.

## **Bluegrass Jam at Suds Monkey in Dripping Springs**

Head out to Suds Monkey just about every Sunday for their Sunday jam, rain or shine.

Second  
**Thurs**

Second Thursday, 7-9 p.m.

## **NeWorldeli Open Mic**

Hosted by Eddie Collins, this monthly event is a great mix between a jam and an open mic. Bring a few bluegrass standards to share and play with other folks on stage.

Third  
**WED**

Third Wednesday, 8-10 p.m.

## **Butterfly Bar Jam**

Hosted by Everett Wren, this jam takes place on the stage at The VORTEX Theater in East Austin and is open to all.

Last  
**WED**

Last Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.

## **Pershing Jam**

Hosted by Gus Miller & Friends at The Pershing. The house band will kick things off, but the stage will be wide open - so if you've got the chops, grab your axe and jump in to pick with the band or lead some tunes!

(P.S. We have a jam calendar at [CentralTexasBluegrass.org](http://CentralTexasBluegrass.org) with even more jams listed)



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CTBA  
MEMBER BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORTING  
BLUEGRASS IN CENTRAL TEXAS

