SCHEDULE

Capital-River Region • MS Songwriters Festival

DOWNTOWN NATCHEZ

Saturday, January 31, 2026

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • NATCHEZ CIVIC CENTER

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES

ODIE BLACKMON

BRYAN KENNEDY

WENDY BUCKNER

GORDON BRADBERRY

ERIC SCHMITT

CAROLYN DAWN JOHNSON

SHANE PAUL

SERABEE

Workshops & Presentations • 9 AM - 1 PM

9:00am • **Opening Remarks** – Dan Gibson, Mayor

9:30-10am • **Odie Blackmon** – Grammy-nominated for "Nothin' On But the Radio," "She'll Leave You With A Smile"

10:00-10:30am • **Eric Schmitt** – Prof. of songwriting at LSU

10:30-11:30pm • **Wendy Buckner** – VP of North Chapel Records and Nashville publisher-singer/songwriter on industry changes

11:30-12:30pm • **Shane Paul** – Singer / Songwriter demos
Suno AI: The Revolutionary Music Generation App

The NATCHEZ MISSISSIPPI Write ...and... ROLL!
NATIONAL SONGWRITING CONTEST

Entries due March 1, 2026

20 songs will be chosen and reviewed by a panel of music industry pros supervised by Wendy Buckner of Nashville's North Chapel Records. The top two receive a $200 prize, a virtual Nashville writing residency, performance opportunitay and MORE!

DETAILS ONLINE: songwriters.onenatchez.com/contest

Main Stage Event • 5 PM Cash Bar & Food • Show 6 PM - 9:30 PM

OPENING SET

5:00 pm Intro – Dan Gibson, Mayor

5:30 – 6:45 pm

Brint Anderson, Maggie Brown, Hannah Belle, Kenny Jones, Mary Alice Vanderwater, Eric Schmitt, John Mohead

REGIONAL HEADLINER

6:45 pm – 7:15 pm

Serabee - The Original Bayou Baby

Her 'bring the house down' performances have been compared to Aretha, Tina Turner, Jerry Lee, and Dr. John. As a contestant on Season 1 of NBC's "The Voice," she was a member of Team Blake.

NATCHEZ to NASHVILLE and BACK

7:15 pm – 7: 45 pm

Shane Paul will perform a portfolio of songs written on Natchez's River Bluff expressly for this Writers Festival in partnership with Nashville writers Robin Branda and Natchez native son, **Tommy Polk** of Picalic Music Publishing – who will share the story his Nashville writing career and origins of the project.

Details Online >

NASHVILLE FINALE SHOWCASE

7:45 pm – 9:00 pm

Roger Cook (Virtual Greeting)

Bryan Kennedy

Three #1 hits and 15+ Songs recorded by Garth Brooks

Gordon Bradberry

BMI Country Award for co-writer' of "Long, Slow Kisses"

Carolyn Dawn Johnson

co-writer of "Single White Female"

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Local Restaurants and Dives Live

COVER CHARGE MAY APPLY AND VARY BY VENUE.

Friday • Jan 30, 2026 • 5:30 PM - 9 PM

BISCUIT AND BLUES

315 MAIN STREET

5:30–6:00	Ross Fiction
6:05–6:35	Monty Russell
6:40–7:10	Joey Culpepper
7:15–7:45	Jimmy Lee Hannaford
7:50–8:20	Bob McCoin
8:25–9:00	Victor Abendano

BIG MUDDY INN

411 N. COMMERCE STREET

6:00–9:00	Gabriel Bass Willie Hines Nancy Ropollo Sue Aysen Amy Allen

BOWIE'S RABBIT HOLE

100 MAIN STREET

5:30–6:00	Talbot Pearson
6:05–6:35	Mike Mathis
6:40–7:10	Mike Nixon
7:15–7:45	Bridgid Ferguson
7:50–8:20	Edley Jones
8:25–9:00	Double Dee

FRANKIE'S ON MAIN

422 MAIN STREET

6:05–6:35	Chris Livingston
6:40–7:10	Shane Varnado
7:15–7:45	Robert Eustis
7:50–8:20	Shelby Martin Anderson
8:25–9:00	Drew Young

THE CORNER BAR

115 S. CANAL STREET

6:00–9:00	Will Coppage Cary Hudson

LOUIE LOUIE'S

515 MAIN STREET

5:30–6:10	Michael Fields
6:15–6:55	Marshall Watkins
7:00–7:40	Morgan Tyler
7:45–8:25	Andy and the Glitch
8:25–9:00	Elanore Swede

NATCHEZ BREWING CO.

207 HIGH STREET

5:30–6:00	Dadfire & Misfire
6:05–6:45	Robert "Phrawg" Conn
6:50–7:30	Shelby Martin Anderson
7:35–8:15	Rachel Tanner
8:20–9:00	Richelle Putnam

DUNLEITH HISTORIC INN

84 HOMOCHITTO STREET

5:30–6:00	Guy Pucheu
6:05–6:35	Robert McCarthy
6:40–7:10	Dayle Arceneaux
7:15–7:45	Rick Cox
7:50–8:20	Classic Rocco
8:25–9:00	The Beach Bums

UNDER-THE-HILL SALOON

25 SILVER STREET

6:00–9:00	Travis McCready Maggie Brown
9:00–Late	The Vagabonds

PEARL STREET PASTA

105 S. PEARL STREET

5:30–6:15	Jeffrey Wagner
6:20–7:05	Ben Flournoy
7:10–7:55	Jamey Shannon
8:00–9:00	Tyler Bridge

FAT MAMA'S TAMALES

303 S. CANAL STREET

5:30–6:00	Trailand Elzroth
6:05–6:35	Larry Dixon
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THE FLORAL ANTHOLOGIST

612 FRANKLIN STREET

5:30–6:10	Greg Robinson
6:15–6:55	Jessica McKnuckle
7:00–7:35	Marla Booker
7:40–8:15	Dadfire & Misfire
8:20–9:00	Chris Livingston

MONMOUTH HISTORIC INN

1358 JOHN A. QUITMAN BLVD.

5:30–6:00	Larry Dixon
6:05–6:35	Robert Nelson
6:40–7:10	Sophia Meadows
7:15–8:00	RT Hall
7:50–9:00	Dan Gibson

SMOOT'S AFTER PARTY!

319 N. BROADWAY STREET

9:00–Late	The Tyron Benoit Band Ben Flournoy

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