

LEHIGH VALLEY LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Venues, stages, and the annual festival calendar

From arena-scale tours to a 60-seat folk room, the Lehigh Valley packs live music into nearly every night of the week across Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton.

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STEELSTACKS (ARTSQUEST CAMPUS)

South Side Bethlehem — A 10-acre arts campus in the shadow of the former Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces, anchored by the ArtsQuest Center. Catch shows in the Musikfest Cafe (with floor-to-ceiling views of the furnaces) and Fowler Blast Furnace Room, plus roughly 50 free summer concerts at the outdoor Levitt Pavilion - and it's the heart of Musikfest each summer.

PPL CENTER

Downtown Allentown — The region's biggest indoor venue, seating 10,000+ for concerts (about 8,500 for hockey). Home of the AHL's Lehigh Valley Phantoms, it draws major touring acts; the surrounding Hamilton District has become a dining and nightlife hub.

ARCHER MUSIC HALL

Downtown Allentown (900 block of Hamilton St.) — Allentown's newest music hall, opened March 2025 and operated by Live Nation. Two rooms - the 1,600-capacity Archer and the intimate 500-capacity Arrow - host national touring acts, comedy and emerging artists across 200+ shows a year.

WIND CREEK EVENT CENTER

South Side Bethlehem (Wind Creek casino complex) — A flexible mid-size venue at the Wind Creek Bethlehem casino, holding roughly 2,550 seated or up to about 3,800 standing. It runs a steady calendar of national touring acts, comedians and special events with sightlines that stay close to the stage.

STATE THEATRE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Downtown Easton — A lavishly restored historic theater (designed by William Harold Lee, opened March 8, 1927, on the National Register since 1982) seating about 1,500. It hosts touring Broadway shows, concerts, comedy and community events in one of the region's grandest rooms.

MILLER SYMPHONY HALL

Downtown Allentown — An 1,100-seat historic hall - the 1899 Lyric Theatre, one of few surviving McElfatrick beaux-arts theaters - and home of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra. Beyond classical programming it books concerts, recitals and special events.

GODFREY DANIELS

South Side Bethlehem (7 E. 4th St.) — A legendary nonprofit folk and acoustic listening room seating about 60, open since March 1976 in a former doughnut shop. One of the country's longest continuously running listening rooms and a launchpad for countless singer-songwriters.

THE FUNHOUSE

South Side Bethlehem (E. 4th St.) — A long-running South Side pub near Lehigh University that books eclectic indie, experimental and local acts, plus weekly open mics and karaoke. A reliable spot for the grassroots side of the scene.

TIPS & PLANNING

Summer is the sweet spot: the Levitt Pavilion at SteelStacks runs about 50 free outdoor concerts (mid-May through September), and the festival calendar peaks with Musikfest in Bethlehem (July 31-Aug 9, 2026; 10 days, hundreds of free performances). Other anchors include the Great Allentown Fair grandstand shows (Sept 2-7, 2026), the Celtic Classic in downtown Bethlehem (Sept 25-27, 2026; the largest free Celtic festival in North America), Allentown's reimagined Red, White & Blues festival (formerly Blues, Brews & Barbecue), and the Easton Garlic Fest each October. Always confirm dates and lineups on each venue's official site, since schedules shift; for arena shows (PPL Center, Archer, Wind Creek) buy early, and for the free Levitt and festival stages, arrive ahead of headliners for a good spot.

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