

## FESTIVAL PROGRAM



# BHAM FOLK FEST

AVONDALE PARK | MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 11 - 7

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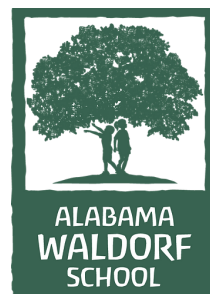


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# The Presenters

The Presenters are arts and educational initiatives in our community that do the real work year round. Presenters of The Birmingham Folk Festival (BFF) are the ones who curate music, who facilitate activities, interactive stages, and essentially who we need to thank for the richness and depth of art and entertainment in our park today.



# Pay it Forward?

Sponsors & Presenters pay for the tickets for our whole city! Consider paying forward their generosity with your own: donate a ticket price of \$25 to one of the following organizations!



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**MAY 4, 2024**  
**11AM-7PM**

**AVONDALE AMPHITHEATER**

4101 5th Avenue South • Birmingham • AL 35222

# BHAM FOLK FEST

## FESTIVAL LINEUP

MAIN STAGE • ROSE GARDEN • AVONDALE LIBRARY • AVONDALE UMC

11:00 • RAMSAY HS BAND

11:15 • GIRLS ROCK

11:30 • PREMIER DE AMERICA

12:00 • THE FLOURISH

12:00 • THE FLOURISH: COMMUNITY/POETRY  
WORKSHOP

12:15 • SAHI ON KO DJONY

12:45 • LITTY'S SONGWRITERS

1:00 • THE BYRD FAMILY

1:00 • FOOTMAD WITH THE YELLOW DANDIES

1:30 • ASFA GROOVE RHYTHM NATION

2:00 • EARL "GUITAR" WILLIAMS

2:30 • THE FLOURISH: SPOKEN MIC

3:00 • THE YELLOW DANDIES

3:00 • EARLY JAM WITH EARLY JAMES

4:00 • KNOWLEDGE, RHYTHM, AND UNDERSTANDING

4:15 • THE UNDERWOOD SPIRITUALS

5:00 • OLD TIME JAM WITH THE WHISTLEBEES

5:00 • SACRED HARP

5:30 • EARLY JAMES



## BFF's 2024 Featured Artist

The art of **Stephen W. Evans** is on display in the Auditorium of the Avondale Public Library, which will foreground the Library as the festival venue for community writing, poetry, and dance (see below schedules)!



**Stephen W. Evans** is an artist simultaneously preoccupied with the absurd and the existential. Evans' paintings are amalgamations of sources gathered from art history, literature, cinema, and invented imagery, all favoring the atmospheric, as well as a benign sense of danger. Evans currently resides in Birmingham, Alabama with his wife, Lauren Frances Evans, and their two daughters, Agnes and Edie, and is a preparator and art handler for the Birmingham Museum of Art.



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## Rose Garden Pavilion

Join with others at the Rose Garden Pavillion to participate in interactive art throughout the day. This is where memories are made with friends, family, and as individuals.

All Day · Community Mural · Ryan Foster

All Day · Maypole ·

Alabama Waldorf School

11-1 · Face Painting · Yogi Dada

1-5 · Henna · Blue Lotus Mehndi





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**Songwriters include: Girls Rock's: Evy Alley  
& Litty's: Daniel Bowden, Erica Ryleigh,  
Kollaba Blues Band, and Briar and Bloom**



# **BHAM FOLK FEST**

**AVONDALE LIBRARY**

**12:00**

**THE FLOURISH:  
COMMUNITY/POETRY WORKSHOP**

**1:30**

**ASEFA GROOVE RHYTHM NATION**

**2:30**

**THE FLOURISH:  
SPOKEN MIC**



# BHAM FOLK FEST

AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**1:00**

**FOOTMAD WITH THE  
YELLOW DANDIES**





**GROWING**



**TOGETHER**



**IN UNITY**

**We strive to foster a sense of community between citizens of Birmingham through showcasing diverse expressions of folk music and uniting community groups from different areas of the city that don't often have opportunities to gather together. BFF is a place that provides all festival attendees a chance to hear stories and songs from people with backgrounds both similar to and different from themselves and, through this folk tradition of sharing, grow closer together as citizens of the same city, state, and country.**

## **OUR HOME**

**We also hope to celebrate and contribute to the Avondale community by highlighting one of Birmingham's most under-utilized assets, Avondale Park's historic Amphitheater. The Avondale Amphitheater once hosted regular concerts, plays, and pageants, and for decades served as the bustling epicenter for community life in Avondale. Since its decline in the 1970s, and despite renovations in 2011, the Amphitheater today is rarely used as an entertainment venue. By staging an annual festival here, we hope to reawaken this amazing historical venue, re-centering Avondale as a premier district for entertainment in Birmingham.**

