

2024 Musical and Other Entertainment

MUSICAL GUEST - PHANTOM

Phantom has been performing so long that they perform covers of songs they covered 30, 40 or even 50 years ago.

Thirty-four years ago they reunited in 1990, Phantom continues to bring high-energy cover music that beckons fans to their feet—even though some of those fans may need the assistance of a cane these days according to singer Mike Rush.

Rush said, “You would think that by the time guys hit their 60s, they would be ready to give it up,” but Phantom just keeps going and going sort of like an energizer bunny. Rocking out with music from the 1960s forward, Phantom has long been a favorite among festival and concert goers in the area. Those gigs have also been the band’s favorites to perform. “Just to be in the area with a bunch of people celebrating at a festival ...it’s always a good time. It’s a community gathering, people having a good time, lots of food and festivities and families—just an air of excitement.”according to drummer Todd Reynolds.



Phantom takes the stage at the Will Walker Farmers Market and Community Pavilion at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 28th, 2024. This is part of the Town of Chilhowie’s “Concerts in the Park” concert series. Admission is free. Bring your own chair or sit in the bleachers provided.

CRUISE-IN

In 2017, a cruise-in was held on Main Street as a new event of the festival. It was so successful that it has been added as a permanent event. In 2022 the location changed from Main Street to the paved area behind the former New Peoples Bank.

The 2024 Apple Festival Cruise-In will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 3:00 pm until dark.

Music by a local not-for-profit DJ will provide a festive atmosphere for the Cruise-In. Dan Joe DJ Music for the Community will be on hand for the event beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dan Joe DJ Music was founded by Dan Kegley and Joe Rogers in 2018 when they saw an opportunity to benefit the community by DJing as an in kind donation for charitable groups fundraisers and playing private events in exchange for the hosts pledge to donate to a worthy cause of their choice. Private hosts often choose to make donations to the Smyth County Humane Society and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Sadly Joe Rogers passed away in January of last year. Joe was well known in the community having been a drummer and upright bass player for decades with several local groups.

Dan and his wife Sara are continuing what Dan and Joe began. They say that it is an honor and a privilege to support the Apple Festival that in turn contributes so much to the community, usually behind the scenes. So, come on out, admire some classic vehicles and the care their owners give them, and dance a step or two to classic rock, beach, country, or bluegrass. It is anyone’s guess what you may hear next.

SIMPLICITY DANCE TEAM

Simplicity Dance Team, from Chilhowie Virginia! The group originated ten years ago under the direction of Kimberly Lane. The group consists of dancers age 2-Adult from all over Southwest Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Simplicity performs throughout the east coast sharing their love and passion for Dance. Simplicity's most recent accomplishments include performing at the Charlotte Hornets NBA Game, Atlanta Hawks NBA Game and Carowinds Theme Park. They recently performed alongside Chapel Hart from America's Got Talent. The Simplicity Dance Team is so excited to be a part of Tunes and Tales this fall and winter!



The Simplicity Dance Team will perform at 12:30 on Saturday, September 28th following the parade on the outdoor stage at the Old High School. They have been performing annually at the festival for 10 years.

CHILHOWIE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

For many decades, the Chilhowie Middle and High School choirs, now under the dedicated direction of Nathan Jones, have proudly participated in the Chilhowie Apple Festival. We are especially honored to be a part of the festival's 70th anniversary, celebrating a long-standing tradition of togetherness and community spirit. Across many generations over the years, our singers have graced the festival stage, and each time, we relish the opportunity to fill the air with melodies that reflect our collective pride and joy for our community, its traditions, and celebration of the arts.

The 2024 performance is at 1:00 pm. on Friday, September 27th on the outdoor stage at the Old High School..



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GOSPEL MUSIC

The following groups will take turns performing between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29th 2024 at the Will Walker's Farmers Market and Community Pavilion.

JACOB REYNOLDS + HIS IMAGE + VALLEY GRASS + ALL4HIM

Bring your own chairs or sit in the bleachers provided. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music in the open air venue. If the spirit moves you join in and sing, clap, or tap your toes, "Music is the universal language of mankind." (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow). Let it speak to you and through you.

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