

GENERAL INFO

What is Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest?

Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest is a free, three-day music festival held each August in historic downtown Fort Collins. The 2016 festival will take place Aug. 12, 13 and 14. The annual festival is produced in collaboration with the Downtown Fort Collins Business Association. In addition to music and entertainment offerings, the festival features more than 250 art, specialty and food booths. This free community music festival features a variety of genres and includes a family-centered Kids' Music Adventure.

The music is really free?

Yes! Admission to the festival and all performances are FREE! [Click here](#) to view the all-Colorado 2016 festival lineup.

Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest is free in order to reflect the core purpose of Bohemian Nights -- showcase new, emerging and established Colorado music; reveal Fort Collins as a music city; and share the gift of music

What are the festival hours?

Friday: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

How can I find out what's available to hear, see and do?

[Click here](#) to view the all-Colorado 2016 festival lineup. Stay in the know and carry festival info wherever you go by downloading the Bohemian Nights mobile app.

Don't know which bands to see? Ask Me About Local Music is staffed by members of the Fort Collins Musician's Association, and offers festival-goers customized music recommendations and sample music from all Colorado bands. Stop by the Central Merchandise tent (see map) to say hello and get music info!

Are there activities for families and kids?

Absolutely! There are two main sections specifically for kids:

Kids' Music Adventure is the interactive kids' portion of Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest. In the Library Park Courtyard, kids experience interaction with real instruments, live musical performances, the opportunity to make their own instruments and much more.

The second festival area specifically for kids is Kids' World, produced by the Downtown Fort Collins Business Association. This area (located at the SW corner of Library Park) includes a carnival, mechanical rides, games and more. Don't miss out on the fun at the Kids' World Stage (located at the intersection of Olive and Mathews St.); watch interactive acts ranging from kids puppeteers to various dance groups. Learn more at DowntownFortCollins.com

Will there be an audio broadcast of the festival on the radio or online?

Yes. Mountain Ave. stage performances will be broadcast live on KRFC-FM (88.9) Community Radio. You can also stream it live online at KRFCFM.org.

Headliner performances will not be available via radio broadcast or live stream.

Can I view the headliner performances at locations outside of the Mountain Avenue stage?

Yes. Saturday's headliner performance by The Fray will be simulcast live on large screens at three locations: Library Park Stage, Linden Street Stage and the northwest corner of Library Park next to the Carnegie building.

On Friday and Sunday, anyone wishing to see the headliner should plan to watch at the Mountain Avenue Stage, as no simulcasts will be offered.

FESTIVAL AMENITIES

Restrooms

Restrooms are located throughout the festival. Please consult the festival map for specific locations.

The festival map can be found on the Bohemian Nights mobile app, website and in the pocket music guide.

Free water stations

There are free water stations located across the festival. Bring your water bottle and fill up or drink straight from the fountains provided by the City of Fort Collins. Just look for the blue and yellow water banners waving above the stations.

ATMs

ATMs are centrally located at most major street intersections of the festival.

Lost and found

During the weekend of the festival, lost and found items will be taken to the info booth at the intersection of Mountain Ave. and Mathews St. After the festival weekend, lost and found items are given to Fort Collins Police Services. Fort Collins Police Services can be reached at (970) 221-6835.

Where can I purchase band and festival merchandise?

100% of band merchandise sales go directly to the artists; please help support local music by purchasing your favorite music or music souvenir at the stage during and immediately following their performance or at the central music merchandise tent. With every purchase of \$10 or more of Colorado band merchandise at the central merchandise tent, festival-goers will receive a FREE pair of Bohemian Nights sunglasses or earbuds while supplies last.

Wanna meet the band? Get your favorite CD signed, purchase merchandise and use the official Bohemian Nights selfie station to take your photo with the band! [Click here to view the CD signing schedule.](#)

Accessibility sections (ADA)

Given that this is an urban street festival, almost all areas at the six stages and throughout the festival are open and accessible to all. Stages at Mountain Avenue, Library Park, and Linden Street each have additional ADA-only sections.

BRING THIS, NOT THAT

What should I bring to the festival?

Don't forget your sunscreen, water bottle, sunglasses and a smile.

What should I leave at home?

Bad attitudes, outside alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, glass bottles, fireworks, dogs, selfie sticks, large backpacks and coolers. Personal items are subject to search throughout the festival.

Can I bring a lawn chair or blanket?

Please leave your lawn chairs at home. Blankets are allowed at the Library Park Stage only. For more information, please see safety and security FAQs.

Can I bring my own cooler?

No. Please leave coolers at home. Absolutely no outside alcohol is allowed and violators will be asked to leave.

Free water is available throughout the festival and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

Is alcohol available?

Yes! Beer, wine and margaritas are available for purchase for festival attendees aged 21 and over. Please consult the festival map for vendor locations throughout festival.

Absolutely no outside alcohol is allowed. Personal items are subject to search throughout the festival.

Can I smoke at the festival?

No. Smoking of any kind is prohibited in all areas of the festival and downtown Fort Collins.

Can I bring my dog or other pet?

We hope to ensure the comfort of all attending, which is why we STRONGLY DISCOURAGE people from bringing their pets to the festival. Large crowds and loud noises are common, and pets can often be overwhelmed by sound or be uncomfortably crowded, hot or dehydrated. Your pet may also make other people in the crowd very uncomfortable. Take care of your fellow beings by leaving your pet at home.

Can I take photographs of festival performances?

Photographs are allowed unless a performer specifically requests that no photos be taken. We do ask (and the headliners have requested) that you please limit flash photography during evening performances.

Selfie sticks are prohibited.

Wanna get your photo taken with the band? Head over to the Music Merchandise tent to use the official festival selfie station with your friends. Don't forget to use #FoCoMusic in your post! [Click here to view the CD signing schedule.](#)

Can I record festival performances?

No. Unless given permission by artists, recording of performances is not allowed. Any recordings should be for personal use only and should not be used for any commercial purposes.

The headliners respectfully request that you do not record their performances.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Bag searches

All personal items are subject to search throughout the festival.

Medical services

First aid stations are located at the southwest corner of Mountain Avenue and Mathews Street, and at the northwest corner of Library Park. For critical medical emergencies please contact on-site personnel.

Weather

If severe weather occurs, including lightning, strong continuous wind, wind bursts or hail, we may need to delay or even cancel shows. In the event of severe weather, please seek appropriate shelter as directed by event safety and security staff. Announcements will be made from the stage regarding delays, cancellations or evacuation procedures. Weather updates will also be posted on the mobile app, Facebook and Twitter. Safety is the responsibility of all attendees. Please use your best judgment when planning on attending the show when inclement weather is expected.

About Mountain Ave. venue

Safety is everyone's business at Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest.

During the headliner shows, the Mountain Avenue Stage is divided into sections that encourage better crowd flow and also allow medical and safety personnel quicker access. Portable toilets, water and beer are available in each section.

Top 5 things you need to know about the Mountain Avenue Stage venue:

1. The main entrance at Mountain and Mathews is the only entrance to the Mountain Avenue stage. When you reach your section, please locate the closest exit.

2. The venue is general admission. If you leave the venue, you must re-enter from the main entrance. There is no guaranteed re-entry.
3. All personal items are subject to search. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: glass, weapons, and illegal and recreational drugs. Alcohol purchased outside of the festival is also prohibited AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF FOUND. Smoking of any kind is prohibited.
4. No strollers, chairs or coolers are allowed. Pets are not allowed (for their sake and for others').
5. At 5:30 p.m. portable toilets are available in each section. Water and select beers are available for purchase in each section. ALL sidewalks will close by 5:30 p.m.

Remember to please report any suspicious activity immediately to event security staff in black polo shirts or police. Please also be respectful of the event security staff, police and welcome ambassadors who are there to help make this free community event safe for everyone.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Where can I park my vehicle?

The Old Town Parking Structure located on the corner of Remington Street and Mountain Avenue and the Civic Center Parking Structure located on the corner of Mason Street and Laporte Avenue are open for event parking all day Friday (normal rates apply), Saturday (\$5) and Sunday (free). Additional parking can be found on public streets around the festival. As part of our greening efforts, we strongly encourage people to carpool, bike, or use public transportation.

Where can I park my bicycle?

Attendees are encouraged to use temporary bike parking available during the festival. There are two temporary bike parking locations: on Walnut Street near the intersection of Linden Street, and near the SE corner of Peterson Street and Olive Street. Bicycles left at temporary parking after the conclusion of the festival will be removed at the owner's expense.

Where can I park my skateboard?

There is a free skateboard parking structure available for use near Trimble Court Alley and Whitton Court Alley. Please utilize this structure, as skateboards are not allowed in the Mountain Avenue venue.

Is there a shuttle or bus service available?

Yes! The Downtown Transit Center is located two blocks from the festival.

The Max will be running on 10 minute intervals during the day and until midnight on Friday and Saturday, and 10 minute intervals from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. There will be additional buses running after the concerts, as well as additional staff and transit security at the DTC and other stations to assist with loading the crowds. Regular fares will apply.

Extended service does not include other TransFort routes. Visit www.ridetransfort.com or download the TransFort mobile app for information about schedules and fares.

What streets are closed during the festival?

Street closures/openings are staggered due to set up and neighborhood needs.

Click [here](#) to download a PDF detailing 2016 street closures by day.

GET INVOLVED!**How can I volunteer?**

To volunteer to help with the music portion of the 2016 festival, please visit Shiftboard.com/BohemianNights to sign up. For any questions regarding signing up or the general volunteer program, please email volunteer@bohemiannights.org or call (970) 227-1933.

To volunteer to help the Downtown Fort Collins Business Association during the festival, visit DowntownFortCollins.com, or call (970) 484-6500.

How can I apply to perform at the festival?

Music Performances:

Bohemian Nights now accepts artist/band submissions year-round! If you're interested in performing, click [here](#) to submit a request to be considered. Your information will be kept on file as part of our talent pool for consideration each year for all Bohemian Nights events (Concerts at the Armory, Thursday Night Live, and Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest). Have further questions? Email info@bohemiannights.org.

Non-Music Performances:

Please visit DowntownFortCollins.com between January and May 1 to apply.

How do you select the bands and artists who perform?

Bohemian Nights Talent Advisory Committee is comprised of a diverse group of community music professionals who meet each year to select musicians who will perform at Bohemian Nights events. The committee takes into consideration several criteria when making selections, including: originality, composition, genre, professionalism, self-marketing, etc. Have further questions, comments or concerns? Email info@bohemiannights.org.

Who do I contact about vending?

Food, art and business vendors may contact the Downtown Fort Collins Business Association at DowntownFortCollins.com or by calling (970) 484-6500 for information.

Who do I contact about sponsorship?

Please contact the Downtown Fort Collins Business Association by visiting DowntownFortCollins.com or by calling (970) 484-6500 for information regarding sponsorship opportunities at the festival.