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Ellijay Songwriters Festival Returns for an Exciting Third Year

Festival organizers and supporters will welcome Nashville and Georgia-based songwriters, musicians, live music fans, and wine and craft beer lovers to the beautiful North Georgia Mountains from May 8-11, 2025

Ellijay, GA – March 6, 2025 —

Ellijay Songwriters Festival founder and Executive Producer Ray Green announced today that the Ellijay Songwriters Festival will return to Gilmer County, Georgia on May 8-11, 2025.

The festival will feature award-winning Nashville and Georgia songwriters and musicians who will perform their original songs in live shows at the Gilmer Arts Playhouse, 29 North, wineries including Engelheim Vineyards, Chateau Meichtry Family Vineyard and Winery, Grapes and Ladders Vineyards and Winery, plus Cartecay River Brewing Company, and the Butcher and Bottle restaurant.

"We are delighted to produce the Ellijay Songwriters Festival for a third consecutive year and once again bring a celebrated national recording artist to Ellijay for our fans to enjoy over four exciting days thanks to enthusiastic community and regional support, loyal sponsors, and songwriter excitement", said Green.

Musicians ranging from emerging songwriters to seasoned hitmakers will take festival stages and perform music in genres ranging from Country to Pop, Blues to Honky Tonk, and Americana to Rock n' Roll.

The Ellijay Songwriters Festival has become one of the premier songwriter events in the southeast United States and the largest spring event in Gilmer County, Georgia. Most shows will be free and everyone is welcome.

"The festival will bring together thousands of live music fans as we celebrate the art of songwriting. Attendees will have a chance to meet and hang out with the songwriters, listen to their songs, hear the stories behind the songs, and enjoy mountain life in Ellijay", added Green.

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"Part of our commitment to the Ellijay community is to provide an opportunity for local residents and visitors to discover and enjoy the variety of activities, adventures, businesses, agri-tourism, and natural resources that Gilmer County has to offer. We look forward to a great festival", said Bobby McNeill, owner of Chateau Meichtry Family Vineyard and Winery and festival host venue.

"Ellijay is a special, beautiful, hospitable city and the ideal place to host a music festival. We encourage everyone to make plans to join us for what promises to be a memorable weekend", said Mark West, owner of Appalachian Beverage and a founding festival sponsor.

"Ray Dog Productions has a proud history of philanthropy in the communities we serve and our festival songwriters, venues, sponsors and partners are delighted to announce that proceeds from the 2025 Ellijay Songwriters Festival will once again benefit both Gilmer Arts and Gilmer County Schools music programs that will help kids pursue their musical passion and dreams", Green added.

Out-of-town festival goers can make plans by visiting
<https://www.gilmerchamber.com/explore-the-ellijays/>

For festival information, a schedule of events, and to purchase tickets please visit
www.ellijaysongwritersfestival.com

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About Gilmer County, Georgia

Known as the Apple Capital and Mountain Bike Capital of Georgia, Gilmer County is home to three rivers, 9 apple orchards, 13 wineries, and Georgia's deepest lake.

Festivalgoers are invited to extend their adventure in Ellijay by booking a cozy cabin, hitting a trail, shopping downtown, and experiencing the area's phenomenal culinary range.

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