

ON A COUNTRY ROLL

Florida Georgia Line cruises into Country USA with pedal to the floor

Florida Georgia Line has been one of the hottest acts in country music since "Cruise" topped the music charts. They've also shown great crossover appeal on pop radio.

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Country music duo Florida Georgia Line is on fire. The fresh-faced twenty-something combo of Brian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard has sold more than 14 million tracks worldwide with nearly have of those sales attributed to "Cruise," which is now the best-selling digital country single of all time, according to SoundScan. Still riding on the strength of other platinum hits such as "Stay," "Get Your Shine On," "Round Here" and the most recent, "This Is How We Roll," Florida Georgia Line has, almost overnight, become one of the hottest acts on the country music scene.

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IF YOU GO

WHO: Florida Georgia Line at Country USA
WHERE: Ford Festival Park, Oshkosh
WHEN: 11 p.m. Friday
ONLINE: countryusaoshkosh.com
TICKETS: For the first time in its 19-year history, Country USA has sold out of general admission tickets. The only tickets still available for the festival are reserved up-front gold and VIP up-front gold packages, which sell for \$275 and \$500, respectively, at the gate.

EVENT CITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Country USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Road, Oshkosh. Headliner is Gary Allan. www.CountryUSAOshkosh.com.
Ardy & Ed's June 2014 Cruise Night, 5 p.m. start, Ardy & Ed's Drive In, 2413 S. Main St., Oshkosh. www.ArdyandEds.com
Waterfest, 5 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave., Oshkosh. Performances by Tin Sandwich, Paul Sanchez & Minimum Rage, Copper Box, and Los Lonely Boys. \$12 before 7 p.m., \$15 after 7 p.m., 2 for 1 admission before 6 p.m., military veterans admitted free of charge. www.Waterfest.org.
Omro Thursday Night Market, 4 to 7 p.m., Scott Park, Omro. (920) 685-7005.

FRIDAY

Country USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Road, Oshkosh. Headliner is Florida Georgia Line. www.CountryUSAOshkosh.com.
Movie Night at the Leach: "Frozen," dusk, Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave., Oshkosh. Free.
Friday Fright Night: "Horror of Party Beach," 8 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St., Oshkosh. Free. www.TimeCommunityTheater.com
Oshkosh SpeedZone Raceway, 7 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Highway Y, Oshkosh. \$11 adults, \$7 students. www.OshkoshSpeedZone.net.
Improv Comedy Show, 9 p.m., The Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St., Oshkosh. \$10. www.TheBacklotComedyHouse.com
Stand Up Comedy Open Mic, 10:30 p.m., The Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St., Oshkosh. Free. www.TheBacklotComedyHouse.com

SATURDAY

Country USA, Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Road, Oshkosh. Headliner is Carrie Underwood. www.CountryUSAOshkosh.com.
Cellar Concert Series: Rucksack Revolution, 2 p.m., Vines & Rushes, 410 County Trunk E, Ripon. Free. www.VinesandRushes.com
Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 400 and 500 blocks of North Main Street, downtown Oshkosh. www.OshkoshSaturdayFarmersMarket.com
"Matisse as Printmaker," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. Opening of new exhibition. www.ThePaine.org.
Cellar Concert: Rucksack Revolution, 2 p.m., Vines & Rushes Winery, 310 County Trunk E, Ripon. www.vinesandrushes.com
Improv Comedy Show, 9 p.m., The Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St., Oshkosh. \$10. www.TheBacklotComedyHouse.com

SUNDAY

Central WI Auto Collectors 33rd Annual Benefit Car Show & Swap Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., South Park, West South Park Avenue and Georgia Street, Oshkosh. Free. (920) 424-9997.
Oshkosh Garden Club Garden Walk, 36 Broad St., Oshkosh. Growing Oshkosh urban farm and five additional locations. \$10. www.OshkoshGardenClub.org

WEDNESDAY

Live at Lunch, noon, Opera House Square, downtown Oshkosh. Free music by Joe Scheibinger and Janice Maire, box lunch available from Cranky Pat's. www.OshkoshChamber.com.
Oshkosh Sawdust Days, 4 p.m. start, Menominee Park, Oshkosh. Free. www.SawdustDays.com.

The "Event City Calendar" is provided to The Northwestern by the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau. For details on these and other events, visit the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau website at VisitOshkosh.com.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

ATTACK OF THE BLOODSUCKERS

When: Through Sept. 7
Where: Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.
What: Explore the science behind what's biting you in this skin-crawling exhibition. www.OshkoshMuseum.org

MATISSE AS PRINTMAKER

When: June 28 through Oct. 19
Where: Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.
What: Touring exhibition featuring more than 60 pieces of artwork from Henri Matisse. www.ThePaine.org

June events show why Oshkosh is Event City

If you still wonder why Oshkosh is called Wisconsin's Event City this week should bring things into perspective. It's the first full week of summer and we've got an event calendar so packed with fun and excitement it's impossible to mention everything in this column — but we're going to try.

Country USA is in full swing at the Ford Festival Grounds on the city's south side. In addition to

the tens of thousands of visitors enjoying the five-day music festival, we're also extending an Event City welcome to Gary Allan (today), Florida Georgia Line (Friday) and Carrie Underwood (Saturday).

If you didn't score tickets to the sold out country music festival, don't worry — we've got you covered with some great alternatives.

Los Lonely Boys head-



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line the Waterfest concert series on Thursday at the Leach Amphitheater. They'll be joined by

Tin Sandwich, Paul Sanchez & Minimum Rage and Copper Box. Gates open at 5 p.m. this week to accommodate the expanded music line up. Admission is \$12 before 7 p.m. and \$15 after. Those arriving early (before 6 p.m.) will enjoy 2-for-1 admissions.

Ardy & Ed's Drive-In is hosting their June Cruise Night starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday. It's a great opportunity to

check out some classic cars, quench your thirst with some homemade root beer and enjoy some oldies music.

Friday night is free movie night in Oshkosh. The Leach Amphitheater will host an outdoor screening of "Frozen" while the historic Time Community Theater is screening "Horror of Party Beach" as part of their

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