



GEORGIA MUSIC ON MY MIND

Georgia’s musical talents have influenced generations of musicians and can be heard around the world. The music scene in Georgia is vibrant, growing and full of history. From musical legends to those still climbing the charts, you’ll find a community of artists and venues in Georgia like no other. With roots in jazz, swing, R&B, country, gospel, rock and roll, hip-hop and more, you will experience our impressive musical traditions and the third largest music recording industry in the nation.

Explore Atlanta, Macon, Albany, Augusta, Savannah and Athens and enjoy the sights and sounds of our vibrant and thriving music scene. Follow the footsteps of the hundreds of Georgia artists, songwriters and producers who have shaped American music. You will learn that Georgia’s music industry is among the largest and most diverse in the nation.

Atlanta’s Fox Theatre is one of the country’s best preserved performance venues and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Visit the **Tabernacle** once a Baptist Church and now operated by Live Nation, the world’s largest live music company. If the B-52’s song “Love Shack” were to ever find a permanent home, Atlanta’s **Hard Rock Cafe** would be the place. With its southern charm and renowned hospitality, this location truly gives meaning to the restaurant’s “Love All Serve All” motto. Situated in downtown Atlanta’s Cornerstone Building, Hard Rock Café Atlanta could be considered a cornerstone of southern rock. **‘Gladys Knight and Ron Winans’ Chicken & Waffles** offers the best in southern cuisine. Founded by the one and only American R&B/soul singer, actress and author, Gladys Maria Knight who was born in Atlanta.

Athens has a music vibe that is explosively energetic with hundreds of bands calling it home who play jazz, classical, blues, country, hip hop, rock, and every kind of alternative genre. It is the home of **R.E.M.**, **B-52’s**, Drivin’ and Cryin’, Widespread Panic and many more. Visit the Morton Theater, famous as a stop on the African-American vaudeville circuit. Tour Downtown – highlighting clubs and shops like the **40 Watt and Wuxtry Records** – the record store where two founding members of R.E.M worked – and the grass roots beginning of the “Athens Music Hall of Fame.” Enjoy live music and find out why The New York Times called Athens “**Live Music Central.**”

Macon is known as the “**Song & Soul of the South.**” Visit the Douglas Theater, where legends like Otis Redding, Cab Calloway and Little Richard performed then visit the **Georgia Music Hall of Fame**. See a star-studded array of entertainers from Little Richard, Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey and R.E.M., to “the Father of Commercial Country Music” John Carson. Be sure to tour **The Big House** – where the Allman Brothers Band lived and wrote many of their great songs back in the early ‘70’s.

Head to Albany, birthplace of Ray Charles, and visit the new **Ray Charles Plaza** where you can hear the legendary performer’s music and reflect at a one-of-a-kind sculpture. The **Freedom Singers** tell visitors about Albany’s place in the Civil Rights Movement.

Head to **Augusta** (also known as the Garden City) and take the **James Brown Tour** featuring 13 Godfather of Soul-related sites. Go for a walk along the beautiful Savannah River and enjoy lunch on the **Augusta’s River Walk**. Located in downtown Augusta, the thriving industrial area is rich history.

Head to **Savannah** and enjoy a tour highlighting the legendary **Johnny Mercer**. Visit the Bonaventure Cemetery to see the final resting place of Johnny Mercer and many other noted residents of Savannah. Relax and enjoy time on your own on Savannah’s legendary **River Street** and learn about the city’s importance in the **development of Jazz** and modern music. Savannah is home to one of the “best events around the world in 2009” according to the London Times, **Savannah Music Festival** kicks off in the spring.

Georgia’s music festivals offer visitors a chance to hear the many sounds of Georgia. The **Savannah Music Festival** is Georgia’s largest musical arts festival, brings a diversity of musical genres to Georgia’s oldest city. Head to the **Blind Willie McTell Blues Festival** in Thomson or spend Labor Day weekend in Atlanta at the **Montreux Jazz Festival** at Underground Atlanta.

MUSIC MADE IN GEORGIA:

- **Ray Charles**
Hit the Road Jack
- **Johnny Mercer**
Blues in the Night
- **B 52’s**
Love Shack
- **Trisha Yearwood**
How Do I Live
- **Little Richard**
Good Golly Miss Molly
- **Outkast**
The Way You Move
- **Otis Redding**
Dock of the Bay
- **Sugarland**
Stay
- **Curtis Mayfield**
People Get Ready
- **Usher**
My Boo
- **Kenny Rogers**
The Gambler
- **Gladys Knight**
I Heard it Through the Grapevine
- **Allman Brothers Band**
Ramblin’ Man