

Exploring KY Music History

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Influences into Kentucky Music

- Country Life and Farming
- City Life
- Industrial Jobs – Truck Driving, Riverboats, Coal Mining
- Times of War
- Religion/Church Hymnals
- Sports
- Storytelling and Family Traditions



Kentucky's Music Roots

Scottish & Irish Tradition

- Fiddle Jigs & Reels Tunes
- Folk Songs
- Stories
- Square Dancing and Clogging
- Ballads
- Shape-Note Singing

African Influence

- Banjo, Percussion
- Harmony & Acapella Singing
- Spiritual Singing
- Call & Response Patterns

Evolution of Recorded Sound

Timeline of Listening to Music

















1877	1901	1930	1963	1964	1982	1987	2005
Phonogram/Gramophone	Radio	LP Record	Casette Tape	8 Track Tape	Compact Disc	MP3	Streaming Audio

Along with the development of radio, music listeners wanted to be able to listen to their favorite song anytime they want at home. Record players are not just vintage CD players that older people and hipsters have in their living rooms. Record players were the first iPod; they were the first Walkman; they were the first device that allowed music fans to sit at home and listen to the music of their choice. Before that, people were just playing the radio. Imagine that for a moment: before vinyl records and record players, you couldn't listen to what YOU wanted to listen to. Today you can stream any song or radio station from around the world thanks to technology.

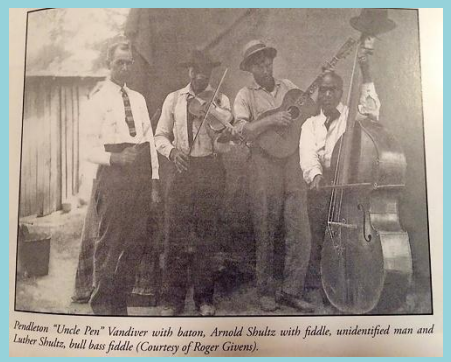
Kentucky Songs You Should Know

- My Old Kentucky Home – Stephen Foster
  - Click here for UK Pep Band Version
- Blue Moon of Kentucky – Bill Monroe
- Coal Miner's Daughter – Loretta Lynn
- Dumas Walker – Kentucky Headhunters
- Ghost of Floyd Collins – Black Stone Cherry
- I'm Going Back to Old Kentucky – Osborne Brothers
- Man of Constant Sorrow – Written by Dick Burnett/Beull Kazee
- Hindman – Sundy Best
- Paradise – John Prine
- You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive – Darrell Scott/Patty Loveless/Brad Paisley/Montgomery Gentry

Kentucky Songwriters

- Aaron Raitiere
- Adrien Belew
- Angaleena Presley
- Anne Wilson
- Ashley Gorley
- Athena Cage
- Chris Stapleton
- Colton Bowlin
- Dottie Rambo
- Emily Jamerson
- Gary Stewart
- Jack Harlow
- Jackie DeShannon
- Jean Ritchie
- Jerry Chesnut
- Jim James
- Josh Osborne
- Keith Whitley
- Kent Blazy
- Larnell Harris
- Lee Thomas Miller
- Mary Travers
- Nappy Roots
- Nicholas Jamerson
- Norro Wilson
- Patty Loveless
- Rebecca Lynn Howard
- Sturgill Simpson
- Tom T. Hall
- Tyler Childers



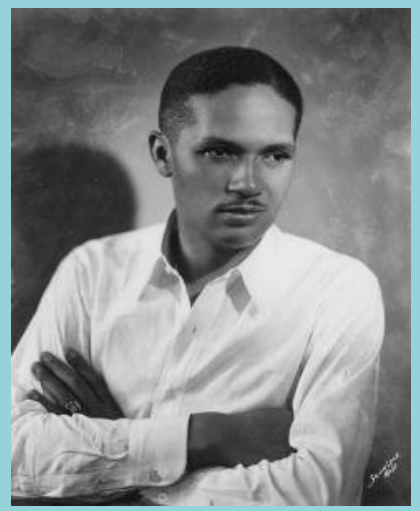


Pendleton "Uncle Pen" Vandiver with baton, Arnold Shultz with fiddle, unidentified man and Luther Shultz, bull bass fiddle (Courtesy of Roger Givens).













Key People To Know

- Bill Monroe
  - Father of Bluegrass Music
- Arnold Schultz
  - Taught Bill Monroe how to play
- Merle Travis
  - Thumbpicking Guitar Style
- Loretta Lynn
  - Queen of Country Music
- Everly Brothers
  - Pioneers of Country-Rock Blend
- Todd Duncan
  - Pioneer in Jazz/Broadway Music
- Exile
  - First country – pop band crossover
- John Lair
  - Renfro Valley Entertainment Center

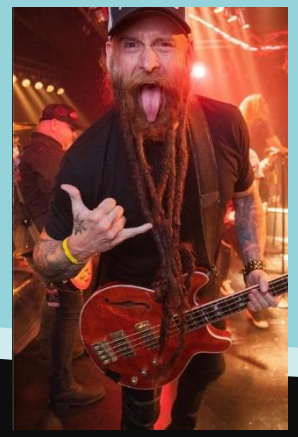




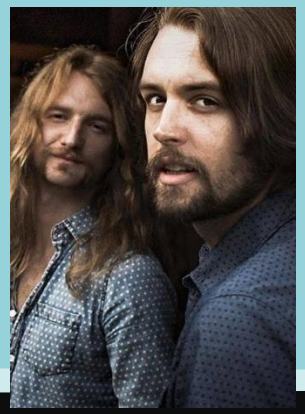












More Musicians from Kentucky

- Rosemary Clooney
- Dottie Rambo
- Backstreet Boys
- Keith Whitley
- The Judds
- Black Stone Cherry
- Chris Kael
- Sturgill Simpson
- Sundy Best

Legendary KY Music Places

- Appalshop
- Austin City Saloon
- Bobby Mackey's Honky Tonk
- Dumas Walkers
- Jenny Wiley Theater
- Kentucky Opry
- Lexington Opera House
- Lincoln Jamboree
- Louisville Palace Theater
- Lyric Theater
- Mountain Arts Center
- Paramount Arts Center
- Pioneer Playhouse
- Renfro Valley Entertainment Center
- Rosine Barn Jamboree



Legendary KY Music Festivals

- Bourbon & Beyond (Louisville)
- Celebration of Traditional Music Festival (Berea)
- Great American Brass Band (Danville)
- Kentucky Blues Music Festival (Mt. Vernon)
- Laurel Cove Music Festival (Pineville)
- Louder Than Life (Louisville)
- Masters Musicians Festival (Somerset)
- Osborne Brothers Hometown Festival (Hyden)
- Poppy Mountain Music Festival (Morehead)
- Railbird (Lexington)
- ROMP (Owensboro)
- Seedtime on the Cumberland (Whitesburg)
- WC Handy Blues & BBQ Festival (Henderson)



Field Trip Ideas

- KY Music Hall of Fame & Museum
- Appalshop
- Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman
- Butcher Holler (Homeplace of Loretta Lynn & Crystal Gayle)
- Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum
- Bill Monroe Museum in Rosine
- Bill Monroe Homeplace in Rosine
- CMH23 Country Music Highway & Museum
- Frazier Museum in Louisville
- Kentucky Museum at WKU
- Merle Travis Center in Powderly
- Muhlenburg County Music Museum in Central City
- Museum of the Mountain Dulcimer in Hindman
- Rosemary Clooney House



Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum

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- Meal Options



Bonus

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* Meals are extra per person *



Special Add-Ons

Live 45-Minute Performance

Meal (Lunch or Dinner)

What You Will Experience







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Resources

- Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Mt. Vernon, KY
- Berea College Special Collections and Archives
- Berea College Loyal Jones Appalachian Center
  - The Appalachian Artifacts Teaching Collection
- Kentucky Digital Library
- Kentucky History Center
- Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky University
- University of Kentucky Louie B Nunn Center for Oral History

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