www.sweetwater420fest.com

MerleFest
4/23-26 // Wilkesboro, NC
Dwight Yoakam, The Avett Brothers, Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn, Hot Rize, North Mississippi Allstars, Del McCoury Band, Marshall Tucker Band, Trampled By Turtles, Sam Bush Band, Jim Lauderdale, more
www.merlefest.com

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival
4/24-26; 4/30-5/3 // New Orleans, LA
www.nolajazzfest.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: New Orleans legends Art Neville, Leo Nocentelli, George Porter Jr. and Zigaboo Modeliste will reunite at the request of Jazz Fest producer Quint Davis. The show marks the first time The Meters’ four co-founders will share the stage since 2012.

Beale Street Music Festival
5/1-3 // Memphis, TN
Lenny Kravitz, Ed Sheeran, The Avett Brothers, Wilco, Pixies, The Flaming Lips, John Fogerty, Ryan Adams, more
www.memphisinmay.org

Canadian Music Week
5/1-10 // Toronto, Ontario, Canada
www.canadianmusicweek.ca

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: San Francisco hard rockers Faith No More are back with their first album in 18 years and a full North American tour. The first two contrasting singles are “Motherfucker” and “Superhero.”

Big Guava Music Festival
5/8-9 // Tampa, FL
The Stokes, Pretty Lights, Pixies, Hozier, Passion Pit, Ryan Adams, TV on the Radio, Run The Jewels, James Blake, Jenny Lewis, more
www.bigguavafest.com

Levitation
5/8-10 // Austin, TX
13th Floor Elevators, The Flaming Lips, Tame Impala, The Jesus & Mary Chain, Spiritualized, Primal Scream, The Black Angels, Mac DeMarco, A Place to Bury Strangers, Fuzz, White Fence, more
www.austinsxsw.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Roky Erickson will return to the stage with local psych-rock pioneers 13th Floor Elevators for their first show since 1967. The band was recently featured in the Foo Fighters’ HBO series, Sonic Highways, in which Dave Grohl interviewed Erickson. (Don't worry if the name Levitation sounds new. This event was known as Austin Psych Fest until this year.)

Purple Hatter’s Ball
5/8-10 // Live Oak, FL
Lotus, Alex Grey & Allison Grey, Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires, Toubab Krewe, The Werks, Roosevelt Collier’s Suwannee Jam, more
www.purplehattersball.com

Shaky Knees Music Festival
5/8-10 // Atlanta, GA
The Strokes, The Avett Brothers, Wilco, Pixies, Ryan Adams, tame Impala, Noel Gallagher’s High Flying Birds, Interpol, Neutral Milk Hotel, TV on the Radio, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, ZZ Ward, Panda Bear, Real Estate, The Black Lips, more
www.shakykneesfestival.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: The Strokes will lead this Atlanta indie rock summit. After returning to the stage last year, many members of the band have expressed a desire to hit the road on a more permanent basis and record a follow-up to 2013’s Comedown Machine.

Rock in Rio USA
5/8-9; 5/15-16 // Las Vegas, NV
No Doubt, Metallica, Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars, Foster The People, John Legend, Gary Clark Jr., Bleachers, Coheed & Cambria, more
www.rockinriousa.com

Hangout Music Festival (R)
5/15-17 // Gulf Shores, AL
Foo Fighters, Sam Smith, Zac Brown Band, Beck, Skrillex, My Morning Jacket, Foster The People, Paramore, Spoon, Umphrey’s McGee, Major Lazer, TV on the Radio, Jenny Lewis, Future Islands, Vance Joy, Galactic with Macy Gray, more
www.hangoutmusicfestival.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: My Morning Jacket, who appeared at Hangout in 2011, return to the beach this May. The Louisville rockers will emerge from a year-long touring hiatus with a new album.

Rock on the Range
5/16-17 // Columbus, OH
Slipknot, Judas Priest, Linkin Park, Godsmack, Marilyn Manson, Breaking Benjamin, Rise Against, Slash feat., Myles Kennedy & The Conspirators, Papa Roach, more
www.rockontherange.org

Shaky Boots Music Festival
5/16-17 // Atlanta, GA
Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Rascal Flatts, The Band Perry, Dwight Yoakam, Jason Isbell, Old Crow

Medicine Show, The Devil Makes Three, Kip Moore, more
www.shaky-boots.com

DelFest (R)
5/21-24 // Cumberland, MD
The Del McCoury Band, Old Crow Medicine Show, David Grisman, Jason Isbell, Trampled By Turtles, Railroad Earth, Greensky Bluegrass, The Travelin’ McCourys, Leftover Salmon, Lake Street Dive, Hot Rize, Shovels & Rope, more
www.delfest.org

The Ville Music Festival
5/21-24 // North Lawrence, OH
Joe Russo’s Almost Dead, Papadosio, Lettuce, The Chris Robinson Brotherhood, EOTO, Trigger Happy, ekoostik hookah, ALO, Carbon Leaf, Cabinet, more
www.messiefestival.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: The Ville grew out of the biannual festivals area heroes ekoostik hookah threw for many years. Of note, Joe Russo’s Almost Dead will make their first appearance in Ohio as part of an extended festival run.

Lightning in a Bottle
5/21-25 // Bradley, CA
Flume, SBTRKT, RL Grime, Thomas Jack, Tycho, GRiZ, Panda Bear, William Close & The Earth Harp Collective, Random Rab, more
www.lightninginabottle.com

Boston Calling
5/22-24 // Boston, MA
Beck, Tame Impala, My Morning Jacket, Sharon Van Etten, Pixies, Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, St. Vincent, Vance Joy, Run The Jewels, The Lone Bellow, more
www.bostoncalling.com

California Roots Music & Arts Festival
5/22-24 // Monterey, CA
SOJA, The Roots, Stu*Stoopid, John Butler Trio, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Cypress Hill, Steel Pulse, Dirty Heads, G. Love & Special Sauce, John Brown’s Body, Mike Love, more
www.californiarootsfestival.com

CounterPoint Music & Arts Festival
5/22-24 // Kingston Downs, GA
Widespread Panic, Zedd, The Roots, Umphrey’s McGee, Dillon Francis, Zeds Dead, Joe Russo’s Almost Dead, Rebelution, Lettuce, Galactic, Papadosio, Emancipator Ensemble, more
www.countertopfestival.com

Dark Star Jubilee
5/22-24 // Thornville, OH
Dark Star Orchestra, Los Lobos, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Peter Rowan’s Twang an’ Groove, Railroad Earth, Keller Williams & The Keels, Steep Canyon Rangers, Melvin

Seals & JGB, Jeff Austin Band, Moonalice, Kung Fu, more
www.darkstarjubilee.com

Summer Camp Music Festival (R)
5/22-24 // Chillicoth, IL
Umphrey’s McGee, moe., Steve Miller Band, Widespread Panic, STS9, Big Gigantic, John Butler Trio, The Infamous Stringdusters, Joe Russo’s Almost Dead, Keller Williams & Grateful Grass, more
www.summercampfestival.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Steve Miller Band will make their Summer Camp debut as this year’s guest headliner. Festival co-hosts Umphrey’s McGee covered one of Miller’s songs, “The Joker,” with Biz Markie at Brooklyn Bowl in 2011, while moe. have performed “Take the Money and Run” 15 times.

Punk Rock Bowling & Music Festival
5/22-25 // Las Vegas, NV
Dropkick Murphys, Rancid, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Refused, Jello Biafra & Guantanamo School of Medicine, Anti-Flag, Bad Manners, Counterparts, more
www.punkrockbowling.com

Sasquatch!
5/22-25 // George, WA
www.sasquatchmusic.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Of Monsters and Men will return to the stage after extensive radio silence following the success of their 2012 debut. My Head Is An Animal. The band is reportedly working on their sophomore LP and will tour extensively this year.

Movement Electric Music Festival
5/23-25 // Detroit, MI
Disclosure, GRiZ, Luke Hess, Midland, Annie Hall, Ben Sims, Danny Brown, DJ Snoopadelic, more
www.movement.us

Primavera Sound
5/27-30 // Barcelona, Spain
The Black Keys, The Replacements, Ride, alt-J, The Strokes, Interpol, Sleater-Kinney, Damien Rice, James Blake, Panda Bear, Patti Smith & Band, Julian Casablancas & The Voidz, Mac DeMarco, Swans, American Football, more
www.primeverasound.com

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Minneapolis punk rockers The Replacements will co-headline Primavera (as they say, “by unpopular demand”) as part of their first tour in 24 years. The festival will also host reunion performances by Ride and Sleater-Kinney.

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