

# LOOK OUT CLEVELAND

THE OCCASIONAL CLEVELAND CONCERT TIPSHEET ~ MAY 17, 2020

COVID-19 SPECIAL EDITION

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. My thoughts are with those of you who are dealing with COVID-19 yourselves, or in your families; those of you in the medical profession and everyone else providing essential services at heightened risk to yourself and your families; and those of you struggling with the economic and psychological consequences of this pandemic.

I confess I don't have the heart to generate an updated list with a bunch of cancellations and postponements. I promise to get you an updated list of shows when venues are getting ready to reopen. But in the meantime, I wanted to reach out to the music lovers on this list to provide some information about how the local music scene is coping with the shutdown and preparing for their next phase, and more importantly, to let you know about ways you can help the musicians and venues that make live music possible under ordinary circumstances.

I know money is tight for many folks at the moment, and there are plenty of worthwhile opportunities to contribute to the fight against the pandemic and to support those affected by it. But if you are in a position to contribute, please consider these options. And please forward this to anyone who might be interested.

## THE NEO MUSIC RELIEF FUND

The NEO Music Relief Fund was established by a local non-profit called Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future to provide financial support to local musicians and music venue employees. The fund has already provided much-needed financial assistance to dozens of local musicians. To learn more and to donate, visit <https://clevelandrockssupport.org/>. You can also apply for support at that same URL. Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future was founded in 2012 by Cindy Barber, co-owner of the Beachland Ballroom & Tavern, to support and preserve Cleveland's popular music culture and enrich local social welfare and economic growth by stimulating music-centered initiatives. You can learn more about the organization at <https://clevelandrockssppf.org> and follow all their activities on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ClevelandRocksPastPresentAndFuture/>.

## LIVESTREAMED PERFORMANCES & ARTIST MERCH

Just like better known national acts, many of your favorite local performers are streaming live performances. Check out

their social media presences for specifics. Many of these performances will have a virtual tip jar so you can provide direct support. Local musician Michelle Gaw, lead singer of the band Mimi Arden, has gone one step farther by organizing Virtual Shows CLE, which puts on regular livestreaming events by Cleveland musicians. For more info see <https://www.facebook.com/virtualshowscle/>.

Many acts are also selling LPs, CDs, t-shirts and other merch on their websites and social media. Buying merch is another great way to support your favorite musicians.

## SUPPORTING YOUR FAVORITE VENUES

On the next page are links for many of the local venues that book live music. Most of these venues are losing money while closed, as they continue to pay rent and maintenance costs while bringing in little or no revenue. Nose around on their websites. Almost all of them offer gift certificates, t-shirts, hats and other merchandise. Some of them offer special items to raise money for their employees. Some of them have ways to make a cash donation to support the venue.

## NEXT STEPS

Cleveland venues are working together closely to stay afloat and adapt to the realities of the pandemic era. Many of our venues are active participants in a newly-formed industry coalition called the National Independent Venue Association (<https://www.cleveland.com/entertainment/2020/05/cleveland-music-venues-join-national-coalition-in-effort-to-survive-coronavirus-pandemic.html>), which is working to preserve the independent live music industry nationwide (<https://www.nivassoc.org>). NIVA has a campaign asking supporters to write their Senators and Representatives (<https://www.nivassoc.org/take-action>). Cleveland is also one of eight US cities chosen to pilot an international program called Reopen Every Venue Safely. REVS aims to promote best practices, work plans and protocols to ensure music venues are able to open as quickly and safely as possible. (<https://coolcleveland.com/2020/05/new-group-reopen-every-venue-safely-forms-in-8-cities-including-cleveland/>)

I'm looking forward to seeing you all when live music is back up and running in Northeast Ohio. In the meantime, thanks for any support you can provide to our musicians and venues. Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested.

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## TOP VENUES

BB	Beachland Ballroom	<a href="http://www.beachlandballroom.com">www.beachlandballroom.com</a>
BT	Beachland Tavern	<a href="http://www.beachlandballroom.com">www.beachlandballroom.com</a>
GS	Grog Shop	<a href="http://www.grogshop.gs">www.grogshop.gs</a>
HB	House of Blues	<a href="http://www.houseofblues.com/cleveland/concert-events">www.houseofblues.com/cleveland/concert-events</a>
HD	The Happy Dog	<a href="http://happydogcleveland.com">http://happydogcleveland.com</a>
KS	Kent Stage	<a href="http://www.thekentstage.com/listing/">www.thekentstage.com/listing/</a>
MB	The Music Box	<a href="http://www.musicboxcle.com">www.musicboxcle.com</a>

## OTHER VENUES

AC	Akron Civic Theater	<a href="http://www.akroncivic.com">www.akroncivic.com</a>
AL	Allen Theater	<a href="http://www.playhousesquare.org/events">www.playhousesquare.org/events</a>
AM	Akron Musica	<a href="http://www.celebrityetc.com/musica/">www.celebrityetc.com/musica/</a>
AT	Agora Theater	<a href="http://www.agoracleveland.com">www.agoracleveland.com</a>
AU	The Auricle (Canton)	<a href="http://www.celebrityetc.com/auricle">www.celebrityetc.com/auricle</a>
BL	Blossom Music Center	<a href="http://www.livenation.com/venues/14481/blossom-music-center">www.livenation.com/venues/14481/blossom-music-center</a>
BR	Brothers Lounge	<a href="http://brotherslounge.com">http://brotherslounge.com</a>
CO	Coda	<a href="http://danteboccuzzi.com/coda/">http://danteboccuzzi.com/coda/</a>
CP	Cain Park	<a href="http://www.cainpark.com/index.aspx?page=668">www.cainpark.com/index.aspx?page=668</a>
CR	Cambridge Room (HOB)	<a href="http://www.hob.com/cleveland">www.hob.com/cleveland</a>
DD	Dionysus (Oberlin Union)	<a href="http://dionysusdisco.com">http://dionysusdisco.com</a>
EJ	E. J. Thomas Hall	<a href="http://www.ejthomashall.com">www.ejthomashall.com</a>
FC	Forest City Brewery	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pg/forestcitybrewery/events/">www.facebook.com/pg/forestcitybrewery/events/</a>
GT	Goodyear Theater	<a href="http://www.goodyeartheater.com">www.goodyeartheater.com</a>
JM	Jilly's Music Room	<a href="http://jillysmusicroom.com/events-calendar/">http://jillysmusicroom.com/events-calendar/</a>
JP	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	<a href="http://www.livenation.com/venues/14527/jacobs-pavilion-at-nautica">www.livenation.com/venues/14527/jacobs-pavilion-at-nautica</a>
L3	Lock 3 Live (Akron)	<a href="http://www.lock3live.com">www.lock3live.com</a>
LC	Lakewood Civic Auditorium	<a href="http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/content_page.aspx?schoolid=0&amp;cid=464">www.lakewoodcityschools.org/content_page.aspx?schoolid=0&amp;cid=464</a>
LP	Lorain Palace	<a href="http://www.lorainpalace.com">www.lorainpalace.com</a>
LU	Luxe Kitchen & Lounge	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/LuxeCLE/events/">www.facebook.com/LuxeCLE/events/</a>
MC	Masonic Cleveland	<a href="http://www.masoniccleveland.com">www.masoniccleveland.com</a>
MF	Millard Fillmore Pres Library	
ML	Mahall's 20 Lanes	<a href="http://mahalls20lanes.ticketfly.com">http://mahalls20lanes.ticketfly.com</a>
NC	Now That's Class	<a href="http://www.nowthatsclass.net">www.nowthatsclass.net</a>
NL	Nemeth's Lounge	<a href="http://nemethslounge.tripod.com/id6.html">http://nemethslounge.tripod.com/id6.html</a>
NP	MGM Northfield Park	<a href="http://mgmnorthfieldpark.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment.html">http://mgmnorthfieldpark.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment.html</a>
NT	Night Town	<a href="http://www.nighttowncleveland.com">www.nighttowncleveland.com</a>
OC	Odeon Concert Club	<a href="http://www.livenation.com/venues/27317/the-odeon-concert-club">www.livenation.com/venues/27317/the-odeon-concert-club</a>
OM	Ohio City Masonic Temple	
OT	Ohio Theatre	<a href="http://www.playhousesquare.org/events">www.playhousesquare.org/events</a>
PH	Public Hall	
PM	Packard Music Hall (Warren)	<a href="http://packardmusic hall.com">http://packardmusic hall.com</a>
PN	Phantasy Nightclub	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pg/phantnightclub/events/?ref=page_internal">www.facebook.com/pg/phantnightclub/events/?ref=page_internal</a>
PT	Palace Theatre	<a href="http://www.playhousesquare.org/events">www.playhousesquare.org/events</a>
RH	Rock Hall	<a href="http://www.rockhall.com">www.rockhall.com</a>
RM	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	<a href="http://www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/events">www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/events</a>
SK	Survival Kit Gallery	<a href="http://www.survivalkitgallery.org">www.survivalkitgallery.org</a>
SM	Stella's Music	<a href="http://www.stellasmusic.com">www.stellasmusic.com</a>
SP	The Spot (CWRU)	<a href="http://thespot.case.edu">http://thespot.case.edu</a>
ST	State Theater	<a href="http://www.playhousesquare.org/events">www.playhousesquare.org/events</a>
TA	The Tangier	<a href="http://www.thetangier.com/entertainment/">http://www.thetangier.com/entertainment/</a>
TC	Trinity Cathedral	<a href="http://www.ticketweb.com/venue/trinity-cathedral-cleveland-oh/411085">www.ticketweb.com/venue/trinity-cathedral-cleveland-oh/411085</a>
WB	Wilbert's	<a href="http://www.wilbertsmusic.com">www.wilbertsmusic.com</a>
WT	Winchester Music Tavern	<a href="http://www.thewinchestermusictavern.com">www.thewinchestermusictavern.com</a>
WC	Wolstein Center	<a href="http://www.wolsteincenter.com/upcoming-events.aspx">www.wolsteincenter.com/upcoming-events.aspx</a>
YL	Yorktown Lanes	<a href="http://yorktownlanes.com/calendar/">http://yorktownlanes.com/calendar/</a>