



OCT 4-5, 2024



FabFestCharlotte.org

Welcome to FabFest-Charlotte's Beatles Festival!

We celebrated our first FabFest in 2019. It continues to grow each year as it draws fans from across the region to the Queen City. Tosco Music launched FabFest to help music lovers of all ages and cultures come together around the timeless songs and universal popularity of the music of the Beatles.

FabFest is an opportunity to connect and discover new artists and sing along, just like all our Tosco Music Parties. Thank you for being part of this year's festival and helping Tosco Music build community through music year-round.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and everyone involved, I wish you a wonderful FabFest weekend!



John Tosco
Executive Director

About Tosco Music

For more than 35 years, Tosco Music Parties have been bringing people together, and 25 years ago Tosco Music became a nonprofit organization. Our nonprofit programs celebrate diversity with a wide variety of performers and music styles, and support musicians of all ages, serving both youth and older adults across Charlotte.

At Tosco Music events, nationally recognized acts share the stage with undiscovered artists and audience members enthusiastically sing along. We celebrate the music-makers, including the music-maker in you!

While we've expanded to larger venues over the years, and added new outreach programs to our family-friendly open mic, music scholarships and senior singalongs, our core values remain the same - **it's all about music & community!**



FABFEST

Charlotte's Beatles Festival

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

TOSCO MUSIC BEATLES TRIBUTE

7:30pm Knight Theater

*Meet Performers in the Lobby
Silent Auction and Raffles*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

FABFEST DAYTIME

10:00am-5:00pm Parr Center at CPOC

*Gregg Bissonette - Ringo's Drummer
Live Music on 2 Stages*

Tribute Bands

Beatles Cover Song Contest

Beatles Open Mic

Speakers, Activities, Games

Beatles Art Contest & Art Sale

Beatles Yoga, Family Fun Room

Memorabilia, vendors, and more!



LIVE AND LET DIE: THE MUSIC OF PAUL MCCARTNEY featuring Tony Kishman

8:00pm Knight Theater

A veteran of the Broadway smash hit "Beatlemania", Tony is regarded by "Beatlemaniacs" as the world's best McCartney look-alike/sound-alike, and the critically-acclaimed show includes a cast of world class musicians!



COME TOGETHER STAGE

Speakers & Hosts

MEET RINGO'S DRUMMER: GREGG BISSONETTE

One of the top session drummers today, Gregg has had the "honor and thrill" of drumming in the All Starr Band with his drumming hero, Ringo Starr, since 2008 at concerts around the world!

See Gregg live for a special interview and drum clinic at 2:00pm.

He'll sign autographs afterwards!



FEATURED BANDS



BRUCE SPIZER

Bruce has written 16 critically acclaimed books on the Beatles and serves as a consultant for Universal Music Group, Capitol Records and Apple Corps Ltd. on Beatles projects. His most recent book, *The Beatles A Hard Day's Night & More*, was issued to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the Beatles debut film. He frequently speaks on local and national television and radio programs and as a featured guest at Beatles conventions and symposiums in the United States, Canada and England. beatlefan.net



GARY BURR

Gary is an author and an award-winning songwriter with fourteen #1 hits! He's been inducted into the Nashville Songwriter Hall of Fame and named Songwriter of the Year by ASCAP, Billboard and Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI). Gary's novel, titled "Reunion A Rock n' Roll Fairy Tale", was reviewed by Carole King who advised, "If you're feeling overwhelmed by life and the news, this book is a respite. And you'll swear you were at that concert." garyburr.com



KIT O'TOOLE

Kit O'Toole is a Chicago-based music journalist, historian, educator and author whose fascinating insights into the music industry from her career as a music journalist cause her to be frequently featured on podcasts and radio, NPR, BBC and many more. Kit's written books about the Beatles and the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. With her extensive knowledge of music and pop culture, Kit brings a unique perspective to her writing and podcasting. kitotoole.com



DANIEL COSTON

Charlotte-based photographer, writer, show promoter and music historian, Daniel has photography credits that include work with Johnny Cash, the Avett Brothers, the Beach Boys, the Monkees, Peter Asher, Chad & Jeremy, the Remains, and many, many more. His book, *There Was A Time: Rock & Roll In The 1960s In Charlotte, And North Carolina* was published by Fort Canoga Press in 2014. danielcoston.com



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FABFEST PERFORMERS

American Anthem & Friends

SoCal legends Cliff and Christy Calabro (Bret Michaels' Band) and Rich Young (Richard Swift Band), known as American Anthem, bring high-energy rock to FabFest for one night only, joined by local rising star Payton Rose Velligan (Tommy DeCarlo Band, Weird Al Yankovic) and family members Justice and Vanessa Calabro. [facebook.com/cliff.calabro](https://www.facebook.com/cliff.calabro)

The AV Trio

The AV Trio is a family band consisting of brothers Anthony and Alan, with their dad Alvaro "A.V." Vasquez who has performed in VA, SC and GA. Anthony began singing in public performances as a child and learned to play the guitar in 2020. The trio formed at the start of the pandemic and performed on Facebook Lives throughout the year. Both brothers sing and now play electric and acoustic guitar, bass and drums. Their other musical endeavors include a full band and a trio blues band. [instagram.com/theavtrio/](https://www.instagram.com/theavtrio/)

Gregg Bissonette

Gregg has had the "honor and thrill" of performing in the All Starr Band with his drumming hero, Ringo Starr, at concerts around the world since 2008. In 2005, he played with Ringo in a band for a Soungstage TV Show. One of the most versatile drummers in the business, he has played with David Lee Roth, James Taylor, Santana, Don Henley, Joe Satriani, Andrea Bocelli, ELO, Maynard Ferguson, Spinal Tap, Steve Lukather, The Reddcoats, and countless others. [facebook.com/greggbissonette](https://www.facebook.com/greggbissonette)

Coconut Groove Band

Charlotte friends who have performed for over 25 years across the Southeast, Rick McClanahan (guitar), Eric Marder (bass), Eric Wilhelm (drums) and David Harper (keyboard) specialize in a wide variety of classic rock. Known for their tight, robust vocals, and skillful musicianship playing some of the most complex songs, by Steely Dan, CSNY, the Beatles, and more, CGB performs most weekends locally. No show is ever the same - their performances leave audiences guessing which classics they'll hear from show to show! [cgb1.com](https://www.cgb1.com)

Reeve Coobs

Acoustic or electric, Reeve Coobs' artistry and unique and genuine approach to life and love are reflected in her craft. Coobs' has just released a career-spanning anthology aptly-titled "Everything So Far" (2023). In 2022 she launched a members-only Patreon Page called "The Sad Song Society". She is also a proud Momma to her sweet pup, Mr. Gus Gus. [reevemusic.com](https://www.reevemusic.com)

Harvey Cummings II

A native Charlottean and award-winning saxophonist, pianist, songwriter, and producer, Harvey Cumming's remarkable compositions have been featured on Cartoon Network's "The Boondocks." He's lent his musical prowess to many renowned brands (Dreamville, The NFL, Courvoisier, Dusse) and collaborated with Dababy, TLC, Anthony Hamilton, Fantasia and more! His dedication to his craft and community are evident in his many contributions to the local and national music landscape. [harveycummings.com](https://www.harveycummings.com)

The English Rain

A band of multi-instrumentalists from Nashville, Tennessee features platinum selling producer and Grammy winner Mark Lee Townsend (guitar/vocals), Kirk Eberhard (bass/vocals), Calvin Bottoms (keys/guitar/vocals) and Chris Cooke (drums/vocals). The English Rain expertly captures the classic sound and inspired excitement of the original Beatles recordings. From hits to deep cuts, they go to great lengths to ensure the original parts, sounds, and energy are faithfully recreated to transport listeners to The Fab Four's glory days. The band exists to remind you of the magic of a turntable, a piece of vinyl, and the greatest rock and roll in history! [theenglishrain.com](https://www.theenglishrain.com)

His & Hers

A Folk Americanagrass band from rural North Carolina fronted by husband and wife Caleb (guitar) and Sarah (mandolin) Davis. With influences across the southern American folk music landscape, they perform original music with attention to honesty and authenticity. They have released four albums including the studio effort "Come On In" and "Live at The Primavera Roadhouse, Volume 1", released in March, 2024 [hisandhersnc.com](https://www.hisandhersnc.com)

Kaia Baby (Jake & Helena)

Jake Haldenvang and Helena Radeva come together to form an Alt Indie duo titled "Kiai Baby". With euphonious vocal harmonies and melodic guitar phrases that brilliantly complement each other, they bridge their distinctive Rock and R&B roots in a unique way that is uncharted and exciting territory for both musicians. With performances driven by intensity, soulfulness, and depth, these two are sure to captivate you. [instagram.com/jakehaldenvang](https://www.instagram.com/jakehaldenvang)

Live and Let Die featuring Tony Kishman

Tony is a singer, multi-instrumentalist, recording artist and the creator/band leader of "Live And Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney" that features world class musicians. Proudly endorsed by Hofner, Tony has performed his award winning show around the globe, bringing the music and magic of the Beatles and Paul McCartney to a new generation. He starred for 6 years in Broadway's smash hit musical, 'Beatlemania' and performs in the international symphonic production, 'Classical Mystery Tour'. Tony is lauded by 'Beatlemaniacs' for his uncanny visual and vocal resemblance to Sir Paul. [liveandletdieshow.com](https://www.liveandletdieshow.com)

Elizabeth Potter

Now 13, Elizabeth has been playing the piano and performing since age 7 and she won 1st place last year's Beatles Cover Song Contest! She brought the entire hall to a stop and the audience to its feet when she played keyboard and sang her mesmerizing cover solo. jenpotter76@gmail.com

Queen Charlotte Chorus

Chartered in 1965 and now with more than 40 singers of all ages and life stages, QCC is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide women's nonprofit singing organization committed to advancing barbershop harmony through education, performance and competition. [queencharlottechorus.com](https://www.queencharlottechorus.com)

The WannaBeatles Based out of Nashville, Tennessee, The WannaBeatles are Grammy finalists who use their multi-instrumentalist skills to re-create Beatles songs as well as hits by other artists from the 60's and 70's. Dennis Scott, Nathan Burbank, David Toledo, and their newest member Quinten Bianchi have created inventive music medleys and arrangements that deliver a totally fun and *different* kind of Beatles experience. The WannaBeatles like to say that they go "where no Beatles band has gone before." As they put it, "We tie ourselves into pretzels to reproduce songs that The Beatles themselves never performed live." thewannabeatles.com

Without the Numbers

This Charlotte-based band brings both their combined years of musical know-how and love of artists like Tom Petty, ELO, and of course The Beatles, to stages all across the Queen City. Without the Numbers is comprised of Jeff Moder (lead vocals/guitar,) Craig Hanks (lead guitar,) Eric Marder (bass/vocals,) Rob Bloise (keys/vocals,) and Patrick McFall (drums/vocals.) All the world's a stage and all you need is love. withoutthenumbersband.com

Wonderwall The Tribute This premier Beatles tribute band began its magical mystery tour in 2003. During International Beatle Week in Liverpool England, Wonderwall The Tribute backed Jackie Lomax (original Apple Records artist in 1968), and they've been headlining clubs, theaters, and Beatles festivals ever since. Evan Parrish (bass), Cameron Owen (guitar), plus original members, Stan Bullock (drums), and Chuck Martin (guitar, keyboards) have built a solid reputation as experts at what they do. [facebook.com.beatlesliveson](https://facebook.com/beatlesliveson)

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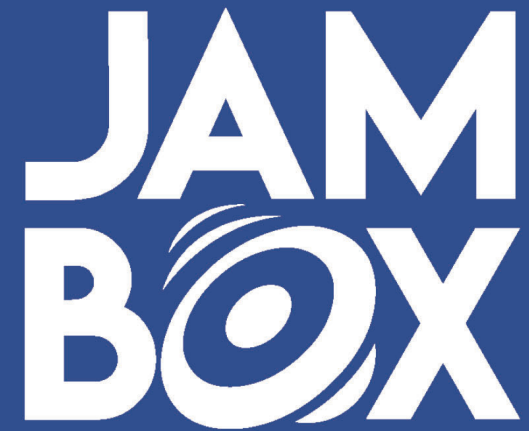
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FABFEST DAYTIME SCHEDULE

Enjoy 2 stages of live music & more!

★ STRAWBERRY FIELD

- 10:00 Beatles Yoga (ends 11am)
 - 10:00 Face Painting (ends 1pm)
 - 10:00 CLT Chalk Art (ends 2pm)
 - 11:00 Door Prizes (every hour on the hour until 4pm!)
 - 11:15 Beatles Open Mic
 - 12:30 Singalong/Playalong with Mark Easley
 - 1:00 Beatles Open Mic
- 10am-5pm**
- Octopus' Garden Balloons
Games & Food Trucks

COME TOGETHER STAGE

- Hosted by John Tosco*
- 10:30 Meet the Authors
 - 11:00 Beatles Bingo & Trivia
 - 11:30 Art Contest Awards
 - 12:00 The WannaBeatles
 - 1:15 Wonderwall The Tribute
 - 2:00 Gregg Bissonette
Interview & Drum Workshop
 - 3:15 The English Rain
 - 4:15 Cover Song Contest
Winners announced before 5pm

★ MARKETPLACE

- 10am-5pm**
- Vendors
Memory Wall
Memorabilia & Vinyl
Books by FabFest Authors
FabFest T-shirts & Merchandise

PRESENTATION ROOM

- Hosted by Daniel Coston*
- 11:00 Gary Burr
 - 12:00 Kit O'Toole
 - 1:00 Bruce Spizer
 - 3:30 Beatle Brains

VIDEO ROOM

- Hosted by Independent Picture House*
- 10am-5pm**
- Australia Concert 1964
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Japan Concert 1966

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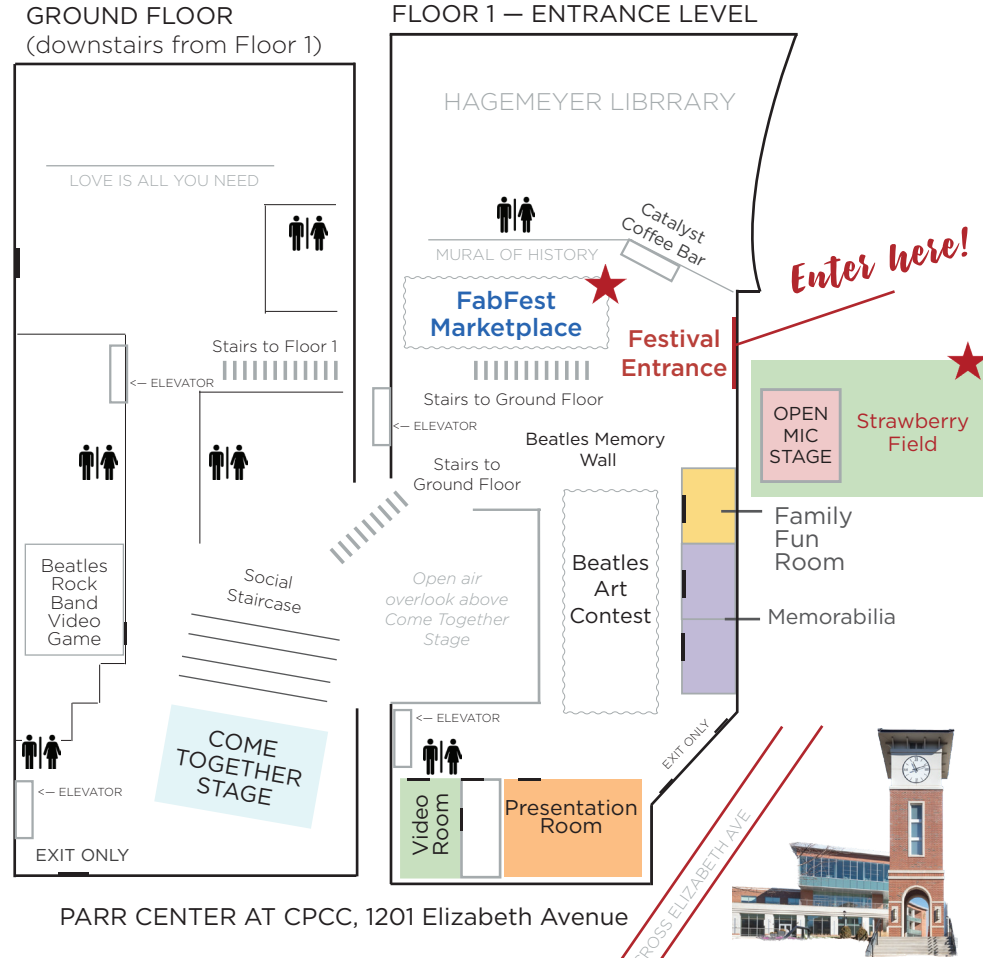
- Hosted by Amelia Mascioli & Lucy Chapman*
- 10am-5pm**
- Beatles Crafts & Coloring
Kids Beatles Jam Class
Beatles Dance Party

MEMORABILIA GALLERY

- Hosted by Randy Barrier*
- 10-5pm View Private Collection**
- For display only -
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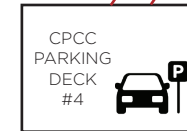
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Knight Theater

Sing Along "I SAW HER STANDING THERE"

"The Long and Winding Road" — *Elizabeth Potter*
"And Your Bird Can Sing" — *Wonderwall The Tribute*
"In My Life" — *Kiai Baby (Jake & Helena)*
"Drive My Car" — *Queen Charlotte Chorus*
"I Need You" — *Without The Numbers*
"Something" — *The AV Trio*

Sing Along "SHE LOVES YOU" w/Gregg Bissonette "HELP" w/Gregg Bissonette

"I Don't Want to Spoil the Party" — *Gary Burr*
"Here, There & Everywhere" — *The WannaBeatles*
"Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite" — *The English Rain*
"Get Back" — *Live and Let Die featuring Tony Kishman*

Sing Along "TWIST & SHOUT"

INTERMISSION — Refreshments and raffle tickets are available in the lobby

Sing Along "ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE"

"While My Guitar Gently Weeps" — *Earl Vernon*
"A Day in the Life" — *Coconut Groove Band*
"Till There Was You" — *Harvey Cummings II*
"Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" — *His & Hers*
"Blackbird" — *John Tosco & Faithful Ngwenah*
"With a Little Help From My Friends" — *American Anthem & Friends*
"Got To Get You Into My Life" — *Reeve Coobs*

Sing Along "HEY JUDE"

Please remain seated during each performance and only enter or exit between acts.
Program and artists are subject to change. No flash photography.
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I SAW HER STANDING THERE

(Lennon & McCartney)

Well, she was just 17
You know what I mean
And the way she looked was way beyond compare
So how could I dance with another (ooh)
When I saw her standin' there

Well she looked at me, and I, I could see
That before too long I'd fall in love with her
She wouldn't dance with another (ooh)
And I saw her standin' there

**Well, my heart went boom
When I crossed that room
And I held her hand in mine**

Oh, we danced through the night
And we held each other tight
And before too long I fell in love with her
Now I'll never dance with another (ooh)
Since I saw her standing there

**Well, my heart went boom
When I crossed that room
And I held her hand in mine**

Oh, we danced through the night
And we held each other tight
And before too long I fell in love with her
Now I'll never dance with another (ooh)
Since I saw her standing there

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SHE LOVES YOU

(Lennon & McCartney)

She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah
She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah
She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

You think you lost your love
Well I saw her yesterday
It's you she's thinking of
And she told me what to say
She says she loves you
And you know that can't be bad
Yes, she loves you and you know you should be glad

She said you hurt her so
She almost lost her mind
And now she says she knows
You're not the hurting kind
She says she loves you
And you know that can't be bad
Yes, she loves you
And you know you should be glad (ooh)

She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah
She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah
And with a love like that
You know you should be glad

You know it's up to you
I think it's only fair
Pride can hurt you too
Apologize to her
Because she loves you
And you know that can't be bad
Yes, she loves you
And you know you should be glad (ooh)

CHORUS

With a love like that
You know you should be glad
With a love like that
You know you should be glad
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

HELP

(Lennon & McCartney)

Help, I need somebody
Help, not just anybody
Help, you know I need someone, help

When I was younger, so much younger than today
I never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone, I'm not so self assured
Now I find I've changed my mind
I've opened up the doors

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
And I do appreciate you being round
Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won't you please, please help me

And now my life has changed in oh so many ways
My independence seems to vanish in the haze
But every now and then I feel so insecure
I know that I just need you like I've never done before

CHORUS

When I was younger, so much younger than today
I never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone, I'm not so self assured
Now I find I've changed my mind
I've opened up the doors

CHORUS

Help me, help me, ooh

"I think people who truly can live a life in music are telling the world, 'You can have my love, you can have my smiles. Forget the bad parts, you don't need them. Just take the music, the goodness, because it's the very best, and it's the part I give most willingly.'"

- George Harrison

TWIST & SHOUT

(B. Russell & P. Medley)

Well shake it up, baby, now

Twist and shout

Come on, come on, come on, come on, baby, now

Come on and work it on out

Well work it on out

You know you look so good

You know you got me goin' now

Just like I knew you would

CHORUS

You know you twist, little girl

You know you twist so fine

Come on and twist a little closer now

And let me know that you're mine

CHORUS

You know you twist, little girl

You know you twist so fine

Come on and twist a little closer now

And let me know that you're mine

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Well shake it, shake it, shake it, baby, now

Beatles Art Contest - Art for Sale!



Support Tosco Music and the wide variety of artists who participated at FabFest this year to celebrate the Beatles with their original artwork.

Artwork from this year's Beatles Art Contest is available to buy at FabFest Daytime Oct. 5 at CPCC's Parr Center and online through Oct 31. View gallery: bit.ly/beatlesart2024

Intermission

Meet FabFest performers and support the music-makers! Get a FabFest t-shirt, hat or other merchandise. Visit the Tosco Music table to make a donation or sign up to volunteer.

*All proceeds support our nonprofit mission and programs.
Thanks for your support!*

Tonight's Raffles

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 15 for \$50

Drawings are held before the closing singalong.

Must be present to win.

Raffle A A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
The Carole King & James Taylor Story
Booth Playhouse, 11/11
Tosco Music Holiday Party, Knight Theater, 12/16

Raffle B A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
Landslide - Middle C Jazz, 10/18
CSO: The Music of Queen - Belk Theater,
Your choice of 11/1 or 11/2

Raffle C A pair of tickets to each of these shows:
Little Feat - Knight Theater, 10/29
Sixpence None the Richer
Neighborhood Theatre, 11/22

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ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

(Lennon & McCartney)

Love, Love, Love
Love, Love, Love
Love, Love, Love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say but you can learn
How to play the game
It's easy

Nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do but you can learn how
To be you in time
It's easy

**All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need**

Love, Love, Love

CHORUS

Nothing you can know that isn't known
Nothing you can see that isn't shown
Nowhere you can be that isn't
Where you're meant to be
It's easy

CHORUS

All you need is love (All together, now!)
All you need is love (Everybody!)
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need

HEY JUDE

(Lennon & McCartney)

Hey Jude, don't make it bad
Take a sad song and make it better
Remember to let her into your heart
Then you can start to make it better

Hey Jude, don't be afraid
You were made to go out and get her
The minute you let her under your skin
Then you begin to make it better

**And any time you feel the pain, hey Jude, refrain
Don't carry the world upon your shoulders
For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool
By making his world a little colder**

Hey Jude, don't let me down
You have found her, now go and get her
Remember, to let her into your heart
Then you can start to make it better

**So let it out and let it in, hey Jude, begin
You're waiting for someone to perform with
And don't you know that it's just you, hey Jude, you'll do
The movement you need is on your shoulder**

Hey Jude, don't make it bad
Take a sad song and make it better
Remember to let her under your skin
Then you begin to make it better
Better better better better better, oh!

Nah nah nah nah nah nah, nah nah nah, hey Jude

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Big Love Yoga Barn

Plan Ahead

TOSCO MUSIC OPEN MIC

The Evening Muse
1st Tuesdays
Nov 5 & Dec 3

TOSCO MUSIC HOLIDAY PARTY

Knight Theater
Monday
December 16

TOSCO MUSIC PARTY

Knight Theater
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