

North Shore Shelter Fest 2019 Musical Line-Up

The headliner for North Shore Shelter Fest is legendary rock-and-soul vocalist **Barrence Whitfield** <https://www.facebook.com/BigBoyWhitfield/> nationally recognized rock figure who calls the North Shore his home. Since bursting onto the Boston music scene in the 1980s, Whitfield earned a reputation as an energetic live performer—a “full-throttle soul screamer” in the spirit of Little Richard, Wilson Pickett and Solomon Burke. He has gained a national reputation as a first-class live performer and recording artist—and has been described as “a top-notch frontman with limitless energy and unmatched enthusiasm for his music and his audience.” His latest record, *Soul Flowers of Titan*, can be found here: <https://www.bloodshotrecords.com/album/soul-flowers-titan>

Widely lauded by numerous Boston and other New England news outlets as “tremendous national talent on the rise,” **Salem Wolves** deliver hardworking blue/white collar rock ‘n’ roll led by local native Gray Bouchard. The band weaves together a blend of indie rock, punk and guitar-driven sounds with focus, intensity and momentum. <https://www.facebook.com/salemwolves/> The quartet from Boston recently released a new record full of sheer intensity, fiery guitars and riveting words. *Shake* is a consolidation of their sound, a bold and spooky one: <https://bostonhassle.com/salem-wolves-shake/>

Local Beverly band **Exit 18** has been impressing audiences since they launched on the local music scene with a smart blend of music influences and a penchant for wowing audiences at venues large and small. Their well-honed musicianship, combined with the talents and charisma of lead vocalist Julia Perry make them a must-see before they launch onto the wider national performance scene. <https://www.facebook.com/exit18official/>

Dave Bailin & the Bailouts is a five- piece soul rock band out of nearby Salem that has been performing together since 2009. Front man David Bailin (guitar, vocals and harmonica) has been playing professionally as a soloist, duo, trio or full band since 1989, playing all over the North Shore. His unique style and taste in music draws from 1950’s R&B, blues, Bob Dylan, Stones, country, reggae, classic rock and Radiohead. He has always written his own music and likes to cover songs that fit his style. <https://www.facebook.com/davebailinandthebailouts/>

Hailing from nearby Boxford and Ipswich, **The Band Next Door** will deliver a fun set of rock and soul. Since 2010, the four-piece has played places like The Grog in Newburyport, The Topsfield Fair, Boxford Apple Festival, The Foundation Room at The House of Blues in Boston, Yankee Homecoming in Newburyport, and other events and musical venues across the region: <https://www.facebook.com/TBND978/>
The popular North Shore band **Sweet Escape** brings their mix of originals and covers that blend the essence of popular-music favorites with inspiration from some of America’s finest woman-fronted country rock and straight-ahead guitar-driven sounds: <https://www.sweetescapeband.com/>

The day’s performances will begin with a showcase of some of the region’s most talented younger performers: **The Ruby Slippers** a cappella group from the Academy at Penguin Hall, a private all-girls day school in nearby Wenham and the **Beverly High School Jazz Band**, led by band director Adam Costa. Note: A number of the day’s performers got their early musical start as students in this excellent local program.

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