



NEWSLETTER
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**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!!**

2026 NYE Bash Recap: A landmark Night at Bicentennial Mall

Nashville welcomed 2026 with one of its most memorable celebrations to date at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, drawing tens of thousands for a night that blended star power, local pride, and flawless execution.

- Headline performances from ***Lainey Wilson, Jason Aldean, and Bailey Zimmerman*** delivered a high-impact soundtrack to ring in the new year
- Special guest appearances from ***CeCe Winans*** and ***the Fisk Jubilee Singers*** elevated the energy throughout the night
- Strong production and crowd flow reinforced the event's reputation as a premier New Year's Eve destination

The 2026 NYE Bash cemented Nashville's status as a global music city, setting a confident and celebratory tone for the year ahead.

January Nightlife Energy

With the holiday crowds gone, January becomes a favorite for locals and true music fans.

- **Intimate live shows and songwriter rounds** take center stage across Midtown, East Nashville, and Music Row
- **Cocktail lounges and neighborhood bars** thrive with more relaxed, social vibe
- **Emerging artists and experimental sets** gain visibility in smaller rooms and late-night showcases

Events to attend in February

615 Indie Live: Celebrating Independent Music

February 7, 2026

Just around the corner, **615 Indie Live** shines a spotlight on the backbone of Nashville's creative ecosystem: its independent venues and artists.

- **Live performances by locally driven, independent artists**
- **Community-focused programming** centered on sustainability and creative freedom
- **Direct support for venues** that shape Nashville's sound beyond the mainstream

This event reinforces the value of local spaces and grassroots artistry, offering fans a chance to invest directly in the city's musical future.

Visit <https://www.mvan.org/615-indie-live> for a schedule and to purchase tickets

Black History Month Expo: Culture, Commerce, and Celebration

February 8-9, 2026, | Nashville Fairgrounds

Hosted by the **Nashville Black Market**, the **Black History Month Expo** returns as a powerful celebration of culture, entrepreneurship, and community.

- Black-owned businesses, artists, and creatives showcased across diverse industries
- Live entertainment, interactive experiences, and networking opportunities
- A dynamic environment blending daytime engagement with evening energy

Set at the Nashville Fairgrounds, the expo stands as a cornerstone event honoring Black History while investing in Black futures.

The Road Ahead

January may be quieter on the surface, but Nashville nightlife is building toward something bigger. With the success of the 2026 NYE Bash still echoing through the city and February bringing purpose-driven events like 615Indie Live and the Black History Month Expo, the year is already shaping up to be bold, inclusive, and music-forward.

Nashville enters 2026 exactly where it thrives- at the intersection of sound, culture, and community.

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