



NEWSLETTER
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The Season of History and Love in Music City

Nashville's story cannot be told without honoring the Black voices, visionaries, and communities that helped shape the city's cultural soul. From music and media to education, business, and civil rights, Black Nashvillians have been innovators and leaders whose influence reaches far beyond city limits.

A First in Nashville's Black Media History

Six years before *Soul Train* made its television debut, Nashville was already breaking barriers. In October 1964, WLAC-TV produced *Night Train*, a pioneering, Nashville-based R&B television show that predates many nationally celebrated programs.

Hosted by Noble Blackwell, *Night Train* was revolutionary for its time. The show featured an all-Black cast and spotlighted Black musicians and artists, offering a rare platform for Black creativity during the height of the civil rights era. Produced locally, it stood as a bold statement of representation, talent, and cultural pride in the South.

While *Night Train* never reached the national fame of later music shows, its legacy remains a powerful reminder that Nashville was quietly shaping Black music and media history well before the rest of the country caught on.

By sharing these histories, we honor the legacy of those who came before us and ensure their contributions remain visible, valued, and remembered as part of Nashville's rich and influential Black cultural heritage.

Nashville's Black history is not a side story – it is central to the city's identity and to the broader American struggle for freedom, culture, and equality.

7th Annual Black History Month Expo

This cornerstone community event honors Black history while building up black futures, bringing together history, entrepreneurship, creativity, and connection under one roof. The Expo showcases Black-owned businesses, artists, makers, educators, and community leaders, creating a vibrant space to learn, shop, network, and celebrate.

Event Details

- **Location: Nashville Fairgrounds**
- **Friday, February 28: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
- **Saturday, March 1: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

The Black History Month Expo is more than an event – it's a gathering rooted in pride, progress, and possibility.

Mark your calendar and join us as we honor the past, empower the present, and invest in the future of Nashville's Black community.

615 INDIE Live – February 7

Join us on February 7th for 615 Indie Live, a celebration of the city's independent music venues and the diverse local artists who bring them to life. This event showcases the sounds, stories, and creative energy that exists beyond mainstream, highlighting the spaces where innovation and community thrive.

Produced by the Music Venue Alliance Nashville (MVAN) in partnership with Visit Music City, 615 Indie Live brings together musicians, fans, and supporters for an unforgettable evening rooted in local talent and independent spirit.

Come experience Nashville through the voices of its artists, support the venues that nurture creativity, and celebrate the vibrant, homegrown music culture that makes this city one of a kind.

Visit <https://www.mvan.org/615-indie-live> to purchase tickets and get a list of participating venues and artists.

Valentine's Day in Nashville – February 14

Valentine's Day plans look different for everyone, whether you're leaning into romance, celebrating friendships, or gathering your favorite people. Here are a few of the events happening in the city for Valentine's weekend.

- February 1-15: Cupid's Hideaway @ Jelly Rolls Goodnight Nashville
- February 1-14: Girl Dinner @ V Modern Italian
- February 6 @ Noon: Pasta Making Class @ Yolan
- February 7-14: The Sweet Spot @ JW Marriott Nashville
- February 13: Giggles with the Girlies @ lou/na
- February 13-14: Love Ya to the Rooftop Galentine's Dinner @ Top Note
- February 14: The Valentine's Social @ Pinewood Social
- February 14: Valentine's Day Dinner @ Deacon's New South
- February 14: Exes & O's @ Harken Hall

Other Notable Events happening this month

February 4 – March 1: Athletes United Pro Basketball @ the Municipal Auditorium

February 2026 – Dine Nashville

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The Office of Nightlife was created to act as a liaison between residents, business owners, employees, visitors, and Metro-Nashville government. We focus on issues of noise, cleanliness, public safety, and quality of life.