Flagstaff Folk Festival 2026 Workshop Schedule

Name of Workshop	Day	Time	Location	Description
Rhythm Workshop with Bryan Cooperrider	Saturday	11:30 AM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	As founder of Sambatuque, Brazillian percussion ensemble, Bryan is a master of rthymic expression. In this workshop Bryan will lead us through various exercises to understand and feel the importance and joy of solid rhythm using just our bodies to basic folk song selections. Super fun for all ages and musical interests!
Funny Song Circle with Tom Tuerff	Saturday	12:00 PM	Songwriter's Circle	Songwriters: in this fun session we invite you to come and perform your most humorous songs, then discuss how you got the idea for them.
Steel Pan Basics with Sarah King	Saturday	12:30 PM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	We will teach participants the basics of playing a steel pan instrument, layout of pans, how to hold mallets, how to play one simple song
Personal and Individual Himalayan singing bowl practice with Śunya/Jan Michael	Saturday	1:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	Meditative and therapeutic applications for oneself and another, utilizing larger Himalayan bowls. Involves mantra, gentle breathwork, and on body contact. Bowls provided for the event.
Songwriting Paths to Inspiration with Raveis Kole	Saturday	2:00 PM	Songwriter's Circle	Do you know how to word smush, create thought webs and catch ideas? Join husband/wife duo, Raveis Kole, and explore tools for idea recognition, song foundations and inspiration to create authentic songs with your own unique voice.
Celtic Tunes & Percussion with Rod Robinson	Saturday	2:30 PM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	Learn the basics of Celtic tunes and percussive rhythms.
Creative Guitar Playing with Ryan Biter	Saturday	3:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	Ryan Biter presents a workshop on Tone and Creativity for acoustic instruments. We will discuss how to approach your instrument intentionally to get the best tonal production, how to eliminate tension in our playing while developing authority in our left and right hand technique. We will also swap some tips for playing with better groove, dynamics, and phrasing. All levels and playing styles are welcome!
Improvising on the Guitar: How to Improv by yourself on guitar with Jacob Johnson	Saturday	4:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	Bring your Guitars and learn how to improvise from Dr. Jacob Johnson. Dr. J has a doctorate in Guitar Performance, has taught and performed guitar professionally for over a decade, and owns Mt. Elden Guitar Studio in downtown Flagstaff. Dr. J is a specialist in solo guitar improvisation and regularly performs fully improvised concerts, and will share the formula on how to improvise and write solo guitar music. Everyone who has at least a basic understanding of the guitar is encouraged to come.
Storytelling with JT Moring & Mary Joe Preti	Saturday	5:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	JT Moring and Mary Jo Preti, members of the Storytellers of San Diego, offer proven engaging interactive demonstrations, tips, and exercises for turning your life experiences into stories that are fun to tell, and fun to hear.
Broke Down Picking - How to make it happen as you age with The Broke Down Boys	Sunday	10:30 AM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	This interactive workshop teaches you how to form a band, adjust expectations as you age, and improve individual or group practice. Learn by breaking down parts of a song, while enjoying Q&A throughout and open sharing of musical journeys.
Songwriters Circle hosted by Jacqueline Thompson of Folk, Etc.	Sunday	10:30 AM	Songwriter's Circle	Jacqueline Thompson (*Sleep Stampede, Champagne Brunch*) hosts a Songwriters Circle. Writers take turns sharing original songs in a positive and supportive environment. Jacky is co-producer and host of Folk, Etc. a monthly music series showcasing local and regional singer-songwriters. More at folketc.com
Bluegrass Jamming 101 sponsored by Roots and Boots Music Camp	Sunday	11:30 AM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	Ty Jackson and Zach Ostgaard of Mountain Time Ramblers Reunion Band will host a bluegrass jam for all interested and for all bluegrass instruments. Zach and Ty will lead the group through some bluegrass standards featuring singing styles, harmonies, and simple leads. A basic understanding of your instrument is suggested but beginners are also welcome.

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Arranging Celtic music on Harp and Guitar with Begged & Borrowed	Sunday	12:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	The harp is central in Irish traditional music, and in this workshop we will demonstrate ways to arrange some classic O'Carolan airs, traditional jigs, and reels for harp, guitar, and bouzouki.
Bluegrass Mandolin Techniques with Dog House Drive	Sunday	12:30 PM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	This workshop will explore and teach basic fundamentals of mandolin playing including chopping, tremelos, lead building and backup.
Two-part and Three-part Singing and Harmony Workshop with Whoa Nelly!	Sunday	1:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	Do you struggle with harmony singing or "staying in your lane" when singing harmony with others? Join us for a short workshop with Whoa Nelly! who will demonstrate 3 part harmony stacks for tenor, baritone and melody in the Bluegrass tradition. This method can be used in any kind of singing. We will also discuss duet singing, phrasing and singing dynamics.
Make Your Own River Can Flute with Aaron White	Sunday	1:30 PM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	In this 2-hour workshop you will make your own River Cane Flute with Aaron White, Northern Ute/Diné singer-songwriter and flutist. In this 2-hour program you will make a flute using modern tools while also learning basic flute techniques and the cultural and historical significance of the River Cane Flute.
How to play guitar in the style of John Prine with Bill Vernieu	Sunday	2:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	The songs of John Prine are cherished by so many and his guitar style is also unique to the sound of his material. Join favorite local musician Bill Vernieu in exploring this style, while also participating in sharing your favorite John Prine songs with the group.
Songwriting with Nathan McEuen	Sunday	3:00 PM	CCA Workshop Room	Fresh from collaborating with Grammy Award winning artists Mason Williams (Classical Gas, Smothers Brothers) and Chris Caswell (Daft Punk, Muppets, Paul Williams) on his most recent album 'My One And Only' (Mesa Bluemoon - Virgin/Universal Records), to having over 200 songs written and reviewed (featured on dozens of albums, spanning a decades long career) Nathan McEuen will be sharing his process, insight and what he's learned from the masters (with a Q&A) about what it takes to craft a song and to have a career in songwriting. Nathan will be hosting a workshop at 3pm, right after his 2pm show in the main theater!
Teen Songwriters Circle Hosted by Sophia Perkins	Sunday	3:00 PM	Songwriter's Circle	Join Sophia Perkins a (nearly) 17-year old, Flagstaff-based singer-songwriter and guitarist) in a Songwriters Circle for teens. Take turns sharing your original songs with a group of your peers in a positive and supportive environment.
Two Guitars are Better Than One with The Odd Birds	Sunday	3:30 PM	Roots n' Boots Music Camp Workshop Tent	This workshop covers adding dynamics to your two-guitar band through capos, tunings, and arrangement