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“Drivin N Cryin” Leads Lineup of 14 Additional Decatur WatchFest ‘26 Musical Acts As City Expands Its Concert Series for World Cup Festival

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DECATUR, June 3, 2026 -- “Drivin N Cryin” tops a new list of talented musical acts announced today as [Decatur WatchFest ‘26](#) finalizes its concert schedule during FIFA World Cup 2026™. All 14 of these additional concerts are free, no ticket required and will be held on the Decatur Square.

These performances will complement the three ticket-required concerts with Big Boi (June 11), The War And Treaty (June 25), and Indigo Girls (July 19) as well as [additional acts previously announced](#) for a total of 34 days of music and matches. Details on the final concerts are noted below.

Drivin N Cryin is an American rock band whose roots-forward sound and uncompromising spirit have made them a vital force since forming in Atlanta in 1985. Blending Southern rock grit, folk storytelling, and hard-charging rock & roll, the band built a reputation early on as a must-see live act and a songwriter’s band with depth far beyond trends. Led by singer-songwriter Kevin Kinney and anchored by bassist Tim Nielsen and drummer Dave Johnson, Drivin N Cryin broke through nationally songs like “Fly Me Courageous,” “Honeysuckle Blue,” “Straight to Hell,” “Build a Fire,” and “Scarred But Smarter.”

The 14 newly announced artists and their performance dates include (descriptions below):

- June 12 - Kasper Rouser and the 911 Band
- June 18 - C.O.T. Band
- June 22 - Drivin N Cryin
- June 23 - Broasis
- June 24 - Andrew Holley Band
- June 26 – Gurufish
- June 29 – Khaliko
- July 3 - Macon Music Revue
- July 7 - DJ Cleo
- July 10 - Little Hopes
- July 11 – Purple Madness
- July 14 - These Crowded Streets
- July 15 - Decatur City Band
- July 18 - Pushback

Timing on all 34 concerts, 60+ matches, and additional information can be found on the [Decatur WatchFest 26 Schedule](#) page and on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#).

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Things to Know

- **No Tickets Required for these additional concerts**
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Location:** All concerts will be on the newly renovated Decatur Square
- **Getting There:** Organizers recommend taking MARTA (direct to the Decatur station) or rideshare services if possible. Decatur also has more than 10,000 parking spaces available daily. [Click here](#) to pre-purchase parking.

More About Decatur WatchFest's Local Acts

- **Andrew Holley Band** - Atlanta's own Andrew Holley is a Georgia-grown guitarist and songwriter whose music lives at the corner of those southern genres that hit you in the soul and compel your head to bob up and down.
- **BrOasis** - The quintessential Oasis tribute experience has been performing around the Southeast since 2014, playing the hit singles, album tracks and B-sides from the Gallagher brothers.
- **C.O.T. Band** - An Atlanta based latin band playing a mix of salsa, merengue, funk, bachata, Caribbean rhythms, jazz, rumba, trova cubana and Brazilian beats with their own twist.
- **DJ Cleo** - Atlanta based DJ Cleo has become one of the city's most prominent selectors. She is known for her energetic spirit, genre bending blends, and her love to keep the crowd moving is her motivation when she is behind the turntables.
- **Decatur City Band** - DCB sings a mix of timeless classics, pop favorites, and today's biggest hits, whether you're eight or 80.
- **Drivin N Cryin** - An American rock band whose roots-forward sound and uncompromising spirit have made them a vital force since forming in Atlanta in 1985. Blending Southern rock grit, folk storytelling, and hard-charging rock & roll, the band built a reputation early on as a must-see live act and a songwriter's band with depth far beyond trends.
- **GuruFish** - Known for their high-octane live show, fueled by their own blend of funk, rock and soul, GuruFish brings a jolt of electricity and unending groove to the party weaving funk and glam-rock into their own signature sound to deliver a gloriously good time for all.
- **KHALIKO** - An Atlanta-based alternative rock band that likes to make music. KHALIKO creates a sonic experience that transcends the modern expectation of Rock 'n Roll.
- **Kasper Rouser and the 911 Band** - One of Atlanta's premier live party and entertainment bands delivering a mix of music spanning Motown, pop, R&B, rock and dance hits ranging from Prince and Michael Jackson to Bruno Mars.
- **Little Hopes** - Bringing their own enchanted take on Americana/country-rock, every song from Little Hopes is a secret passage into their wildly charmed corner of the American South - a timeworn wonderland of honeysuckles and kudzu, porch swings and boxed wine, grandiose thunderstorms, and glittering night skies.
- **Macon Music Revue** - Capturing the grit and groove that put Macon, Georgia on the American music map, the five-piece, self-described "preservation band" digs deep into the catalogs of iconic heroes including James Brown, the Allman Brothers, Atlanta Rhythm Section, and R.E.M.
- **Purple Madness** - A five-piece tribute band hailing from Atlanta that takes great honor and utmost reverence as a The Prince Tribute Band.
- **Pushback** - A high-energy mix of rock, classic alternative, grunge, and modern hard-hitting favorites from the '80s, '90s, and 2000s. Blending covers with original material, the band brings an authentic live experience to audiences who want to sing loud, move fast, and rock.
- **These Crowded Streets** - Performs dedicated shows appealing to the larger genre of 90s alternative and 90s jam bands featuring artists such as Blues Traveler, Spin Doctors, Phish, Natalie Merchant, and the Black Crowes.

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Ticketed Decatur WatchFest '26 Concerts & Dates (previously announced)

In addition to the newly announced acts, the Decatur WatchFest '26 concert series includes three sold out ticketed events featuring [Big Boi](#) on June 11, with [The War And Treaty](#) on June 25, and Decatur's own [Indigo Girls](#) closing out the City's 34 days of World Cup festivities on Sunday, July 19, 2026. **Again, these three concerts do require tickets.**

- **June 11, 2026 - [Big Boi](#)** - Big Boi was born in Savannah but raised in Atlanta. He is one half of the hip-hop duo OutKast, a group that he and André 3000 founded in 1992. He is also a well-known music producer and now RV remodeler for his new show on Hulu, *Big RV Remix*. [Click here](#) for more about his career.
- **June 25, 2026 - [The War And Treaty](#)** - Founded in 2014 by the husband-and-wife duo Michael Trotter Jr. and Tanya Trotter, The War And Treaty has emerged as one of the most electrifying new acts in American music. They were nominated for the Best New Artist and Best American Roots Song at the 2024 GRAMMY Awards, and have also been nominated for Duo of the Year at the CMA Awards two years in a row and for Vocal Duo of the Year at the ACM Awards. More info is [here](#).
- **July 19, 2026 - [Indigo Girls](#)** - The Indigo Girls (Amy Ray and Emily Saliers) met in elementary school and began performing together in high school in Decatur. For more than 40 years, the Grammy Award-winning childhood friends have made 16 studio albums and sold more than 15 million records. Saliers and Ray are well known for their activism working on issues including racial justice, reproductive rights, immigration reform and LGBTQI+ advocacy. More on their career can be found [here](#).

Decatur WatchFest '26 musical acts are produced in partnership with Amplify My Community, which produces the annual Amplify Decatur Music Festival.

Decatur WatchFest '26 Overview

FIFA World Cup 2026™ runs from June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026, with eight matches taking place at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Easily accessible by MARTA connecting Decatur to downtown, Decatur will join greater Atlanta to celebrate the arrival of world class soccer to Atlanta.

Decatur WatchFest '26 will offer 34-days of free music, games, activities and food and beverages on and around the newly renovated Decatur Square as fans watch the world's top soccer matches.

- Every day of FIFA World Cup 26™ matches will be celebrated in Decatur during WatchFest '26
- 60+ matches will be shown on three big screens on the Decatur Square, and all the matches will be shown in Decatur's Official WatchFest soccer pubs and restaurants
- Pre/post match concerts will feature national and local acts

Economic Impact: FIFA World Cup 26 will have an economic impact of up to \$142 million for the City of Decatur, according to an [Economic Impact Report](#) released from the city. The research was conducted by Thomas Smith, Ph.D., professor of finance and economist with the Goizueta Business School.

Decatur is a Soccer Town

Soccer is huge in Decatur. From international viewing parties and pub crawls to Atlanta United and Decatur FC to the many recreational soccer leagues for adults and children, the four-square miles of Decatur are a soccer mecca. Decatur FC set a new WPSL attendance record twice in their inaugural season and was awarded franchise of the year (2024).

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Decatur WatchFest is a partnership of the City of Decatur, the Decatur Downtown Development Authority, and the Decatur Tourism Bureau.

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About The City of Decatur - <https://visitdecaturga.com/>

Decatur, a city in DeKalb County, Georgia, was founded in 1823 and named for Commodore Stephen Decatur. Decatur is the county seat of DeKalb County and is 4.7 square miles with a population of 25,000 people. The city, known for its homes, schools, places of worship, diversity, events and festivals, a thriving business community and award-winning restaurants, is located six miles east of Atlanta. Decatur prides itself on being a friendly city where everyone is welcome! For more information, visit www.decaturga.com.

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