

# Denton Arts & Jazz FESTIVAL

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# DENTON ARTS & JAZZ FESTIVAL

OCT 3-5, 2025

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SAT, OCT 4 | 10AM - 11PM

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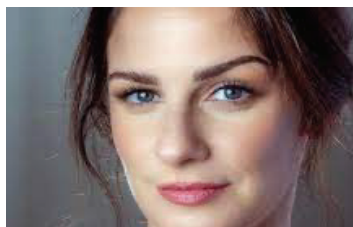
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FRIDAY 9PM  
LINDSEY WEBSTER



SAT 9PM  
DYLAN TRIPLETT



SUN 7PM  
BRAVE COMBO

## EXCITING NEWS!

Introducing **JAZZ HANDS** and **FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL** – our new 2 tier level of membership in our organization. Both levels contribute greatly towards a successful event – **We can't do it without you!**

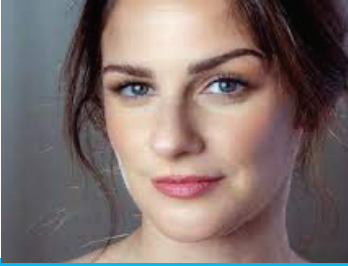
**JAZZ HANDS** is the all-volunteer level of membership. Simply sign-up for the shift you want, check-in to the booth itself and work your shift – its that easy – the Sign Up Genius system will send reminders of your shifts and you will receive a commemorative lanyard from your booth captain.

**FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL** is the more traditional membership program which supports the programming efforts of the organization.

Please see the back page of this newsletter for more information and QR codes for registration into either category of membership, or visit our website and click the "BECOME A MEMBER" link. If you have already joined please pass this information on to your friends

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# The Headliner Showcase



**FRIDAY 9PM**  
**LINDSEY WEBSTER**

**LINDSEY WEBSTER** is an American jazz, R&B, and pop singer. Her first single, "Fool Me Once", reached number one on the Smooth Jazz chart at Billboard magazine (2016), making her the first vocalist since Sade's 2010 "Soldier of Love" to have a #1 vocally-driven song in the primarily

instrumental format. Since then Webster has scored six Top 5 hits, including "Where Do You Want To Go" (#1), Back To Your Heart (#2), Open Up (#3), Next To Me (#3), & Love Inside.

Webster was born in Woodstock, New York, and as a child played the cello.

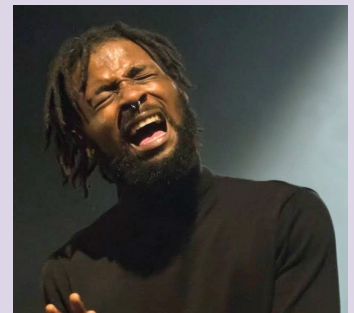
She became interested in singing and studied at the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. She released her first album independently in 2013. Webster will perform on the Main Stage on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 9:00 pm.

**DYLAN TRIPLETT** is a Blues and Soul prodigy from East Saint Louis. Raised in a musical family, he began performing at age 9 and has been performing professionally since late 2016 when he began singing with Ms. Carolyn Mason. With his soulful voice and raw emotion, he has captivated audiences across the country and around the globe. A 2023 Blues Award winner,

Dylan seamlessly combines classic blues elements with his unique style, creating a sound that's both timeless and contemporary. His electrifying performances, whether delivering heartfelt ballads or energizing the crowd with upbeat tunes, showcase his genuine talent undeniable charisma.

Dylan Triplett is a genuine talent in the field of modern

blues. He stands out from other artists in the genre thanks to his capacity to establish a meaningful and intimate connection with his listeners. Dylan Triplett exhibits his unquestionable talent and love for the blues with each word he sings. He will take the Main Stage at 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 4, 2025



**SAT 9PM**  
**DYLAN TRIPLETT**



**SUN 7PM**  
**BRAVE COMBO**

Trying to describe Brave Combo's music requires a pretty extensive vocabulary – at least when it comes to musical styles. For the past three decades, the Denton-TX-based

quintet has perfected a world music mix that includes salsa, meringue, rock, cumbia, conjunto, polka, zydeco, classical, cha cha, the blues, and more. They are America's Premier Dance band and a rollicking, rocking, rhythmic global journey — offering what one critic recently wrote, "Even if you come for the party, you'll leave with something of a musical education."

Brave Combo's catalog of recordings ranges from Japanese pop to Latin American dance tunes to orchestral classics to rock and roll at its finest. The band has recorded with the late Tiny Tim and was David Byrne's choice for his wed-

ding reception. From festivals and fairs across the globe, big and small rock clubs, colleges, roadhouses, dances, and cultural centers (including the annual Midsummer Night's Swing at Lincoln Center in New York City), Brave Combo has charmed countless listeners and won avid devotees. The band won two Grammy Awards and has been nominated for their work seven times.

Brave Combo's vivid music can be heard in the films David Byrne's True Stories, Clive Barker's Lord of Illusions, Late Bloomers, Fools Rush In, Envy, and The Academy Award-winning The Personal. They appeared at Oktoberfest in the beloved

American burg of Springfield on an episode of The Simpsons. In 2008, Brave Combo provided the musical score for PBS's first-ever animated series, As the Wrench Turns, which resulted in an "Annie" nomination from the International Animated Film Society. Their music has also been featured on ABC's hit series Ugly Betty and Fox Television's Bakersfield P.D. They have also contributed original music for ESPN and The Big Ten network.

Brave Combo has performed at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival every year since it began, and they will close the event on Sunday, October 5th at 7pm.

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Due to budget cuts, the Festival will take place in less area of the park this year.



## ALL HANDS ON DECK! BECOME A MEMBER!

### JAZZ HAND VOLUNTEER

Jazz Hands is the all-volunteer level of membership. Unlike before, there is no charge to "volunteer" - simply follow the link below to register for your preferred booth and times. The system will send you confirmation and reminders of the shifts you signed up for. If you need a map there is one on our website under the "Event Info/Logistics/Map of Festival Grounds" that lists all the DFF Booths and their numbers. Jazz Hands will report to the booth they registered for and pick up their commemorative lanyards from the booth captain. Scan this QR code to register:



### FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

**\$55 PER PERSON**

A more traditional Membership program which supports the programming efforts of the Foundation. For an annual membership fee of \$55, Friends of the Festival will receive complimentary food and beverage coupons, access to indoor restrooms during the event and a commemorative lanyard designating them as Friends of the Festival. These members will also be listed on the big screens in between each act on the Main Stage. While not mandatory, Friends of the Festival are encouraged to also sign up for booth shifts for the weekend of the event. Scan this QR Code to register:



Don't forget! You can now ride the A-Train to the Denton Arts & Jazz Festival on Friday and Saturday. The downtown Denton transit center is located just an easy 3 block walk to the event and you won't have to worry about parking!

**Check the DCTA website ([www.dcta.net](http://www.dcta.net)) for shuttle options.**