



THE LOCALS VIBE WNC GUIDE

ASHEVILLE HOUSE + DANCE

Ninety days of sunset house, underground rooms, bass-heavy nights, ecstatic movement, and hometown dance-floor culture.

AUG 6 - NOV 4, 2026

ASHEVILLE + NEARBY

THREE NIGHTS TO CIRCLE

Sunset Sessions

SAT AUG 8 + SEP 5 | NEW
BELGIUM

Two In Plain Sight riverfront dates: a low-stakes, high-vibe entry point to Asheville house music.

828 Day-AVL

FRI AUG 28 | HI-WIRE RAD

A free local showcase led by The Art of House, with seven Asheville-area DJ acts and crews.

Mark Farina

FRI OCT 2 | THIRD ROOM

The veteran house and Mushroom Jazz selector lands at Asheville's purpose-built underground room.

SOUND KEY HOUSE ELECTRONIC BASS ECSTATIC OPEN FORMAT / POP / LATIN

START HERE

The hometown headliners

If you only make three plans, make them these. In Plain Sight and The Art of House define the local lane; Mark Farina supplies the touring-house landmark.

SUNSET SESSIONS WITH IN PLAIN SIGHT

SATURDAY, AUG 8 + SATURDAY, SEP 5 | 5PM TO SUNSET | NEW BELGIUM BREWING, 21 CRAVEN ST

In Plain Sight takes over the riverside lawn for two early-evening house sessions in the guide window. The collective has been a pillar of Asheville's house scene for more than a decade, equally at home in tiny warehouses and international clubs. Free, approachable, and ideal for bringing the house-curious friend.

828 DAY-AVL

FRIDAY, AUG 28 | DOORS NOON; MUSIC 2PM-11PM | HI-WIRE RAD BEER GARDEN | FREE

A full hometown bill: Time Lapse, The Art of House, SketchyDecks, In Plain Sight, Earthtone Soundsystem, Double Helix, and Corey 'Legend' Hodge. Expect a broad trip through local house, deep grooves, and dance-floor culture, plus community vendors and a festival-style hang in the River Arts District. We are proud to help sponsor this free community celebration.

MORE DANCE ON 8/28

Trancendance

AUG 28-30 | SACRED MOUNTAIN WATERS, MARSHALL

A weekend gathering built around ecstatic dance, yoga, sound healing, and community. It begins Friday and sits just outside Asheville proper.

Wax Future late-night

FRI AUG 28 | 10PM | THE ONE STOP | 21+

A live-electronic and livetronica option after the 828 Day music ends. Best for dancers who want to keep the night moving downtown.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Event times, age rules, and ticket availability can change. Tap any underlined event name before you head out.

The big first month

Asheville's late-summer calendar moves from citywide festival energy into a stacked 828 weekend. Weekly residencies live on page 6.

THU-SUN	6-9	AVL Sounds Fest ELECTRONIC Multiple Asheville venues A citywide, multi-genre festival with electronic and DJ sets across the weekend.
FRI	7	Barnacle Boi + Enjoii + Saint Pond BASS Third Room 9pm 21+ Wave, trap, and atmospheric bass at Asheville's underground electronic room.
FRI	7	Bangers & Mashups BASS VOWL Bar at DSSOLVR 9pm Neptune Spins, Plantmom9000, 2C, and DUSTR run through DnB, garage, dub, and dubstep.
FRI	7	Electro Lust ELECTRONIC Revival 11pm Late-night electronic party with a club-forward edge.
FRI	7	Rooftop Oasis: DJ Lil Meow Meow OPEN FORMAT Antidote 9pm-11pm 21+ Free A high-energy, genre-fluid rooftop set from one of Asheville's best-known local selectors.
FRI	7	Ancestor's Dream ECSTATIC Asheville Movement Collective 7pm A Friday-night free-form movement wave.
SAT	8	Sunset Sessions with In Plain Sight HOUSE New Belgium Brewing 5pm to sunset Free The Saturday Sunset Show: riverside house music at New Belgium with one of Asheville's defining local collectives.
SAT	8	DJ Traveling with Jericho HOUSE The Radical 6pm-8pm Local house veteran Jericho brings a sunset roof session.
SAT	8	Murkury + Rafeeki BASS Sly Grog Lounge A bass-heavy counterprogram to the sunset-house options.
SAT	8	Miami Nights Latin Dance LATIN / POP Hemingway's Cuba 8pm An open-air Latin dance night above downtown.
MON	10	Off the Record: DJ Lil Meow Meow OPEN FORMAT Antidote 6pm-9pm 21+ Free An early-week industry night with crowd-reading selections and dance-floor energy.
FRI	14	Future Joy + Drum Freq ELECTRONIC Third Room 9pm 21+ Electronic duo energy with live instrumentation and bass-forward production.
FRI	14	Sad Girls Club LATIN / POP Eulogy 8pm A cathartic heartbreak-pop dance party.
SAT	15	SoDown + WonkyWilla BASS The Orange Peel 8pm Horn-charged electronic bass and dubstep.
WED	19	Queer Fusion Dance OPEN FORMAT The Mule 7:45pm-11pm A welcoming partner-dance and fusion community night.
WED	19	Dance Therapy with Neptune Spins ELECTRONIC VOWL Bar at DSSOLVR 9pm-1am A local midweek DJ series designed for movement, release, and genre travel.
FRI	21	Emo Night Brooklyn OPEN FORMAT Eulogy A full-volume emo and pop-punk DJ dance party.
SAT	22	tiedye ky + motifv + DoVeE + Frankly Dope BASS Third Room 9pm A wide-spectrum bass and experimental-electronic bill.

The 828 weekend

A daytime-to-late-night run of local house, ecstatic dance, headphones, and sound-system culture closes the month.

SAT 22	Debi Tirar Mas Fiestas LATIN / POP Asheville Music Hall 9pm 21+ DJ Juang spins reggaeton, dembow, merengue, and Latin dance hits.
SAT 22	Welcome Home ECSTATIC Warren Wilson College 7pm DJ Bobcat and Bob Swoap lead an Asheville Movement Collective dance.
SUN 23	Brunch & Beats OPEN FORMAT Haiku 2pm-7pm Garden dancing, daytime drinks, and a rotating DJ.
FRI 28	828 Day-AVL HOUSE Hi-Wire RAD Beer Garden 2pm-11pm Free Seven local DJ acts and collectives, led by The Art of House.
FRI-SUN 28-30	Trancedance ECSTATIC Sacred Mountain Waters, Marshall Three days of ecstatic dance, yoga, sound healing, and community.
FRI 28	Wax Future LIVE ELECTRONIC The One Stop 10pm 21+ An after-828 live-electronic and livetronica option.
SAT 29	Silent Disco OPEN FORMAT New Belgium Brewing 6pm-9pm All ages DJ Spence and DJ Drew bring a multi-channel headphone party.
SAT 29	Time Lapse x Hi-Vi Sound System HOUSE VOWL Bar at DSSOLVR 9pm A strong late-night local house and sound-system pairing.
SUN 30	OCTOPI Wall Street ELECTRONIC Third Room 6pm A Surreal Sirkus afterparty with DJ-driven dance-floor energy.

BUILD YOUR 8/28 ROUTE

2PM-11PM	828 DAY-AVL	Free hometown showcase at Hi-Wire RAD; arrive early, stay for the full seven-act local bill.
ALL WEEKEND	TRANCEDANCE	Choose the retreat path in Marshall if ecstatic dance, yoga, and sound healing are the main draw.
10PM-LATE	WAX FUTURE	If you stay in town, head downtown for live electronic music at The One Stop after 828 Day.

ABOUT THE NAME: The collective is The Art of House. The event is styled 828 Day-AVL, a local celebration built around the region's 828 area code.

Underground rooms + community rituals

The month leans toward bass, future funk, queer nightlife, and the first of two guide-window Saturday Sessions.

WED 2	<u>Dance Therapy with Neptune Spins</u> ELECTRONIC VOWL Bar at DSSOLVR 9pm-1am The recurring midweek movement-first DJ session returns.
SAT 5	<u>Sunset Sessions with In Plain Sight</u> HOUSE New Belgium Brewing 5pm to sunset The house anchor of the guide: riverside, free, and unmistakably Asheville.
SAT 5	<u>Saturday Sessions: Fried Coffee + Sauter</u> HOUSE One World Brewing West 8pm-1am 21+ The Art of House's monthly home base, with residents and regional guests.
SAT 5	<u>Riot Ten + special guests</u> BASS Third Room 9pm 21+ High-impact dubstep and bass for the heavier end of the guide.
FRI 11	<u>Friday Night Wave</u> ECSTATIC Asheville Movement Collective 7pm A live-music movement wave in AMC's long-running community format.
SAT 12	<u>Alejo x 3NA: NERVES</u> ELECTRONIC Third Room 9pm 21+ An audiovisual electronic experience with immersive production.
SAT 19	<u>Flamingosis + Ask Carol</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC Third Room 8pm 21+ Future funk, sample-rich grooves, and live electronic textures.
FRI 25	<u>NotLo N Friends: Pride AfterParty</u> BASS Third Room 9pm 21+ NotLo, Auracle, Zentik, and Sky bring a Pride-night bass bill.
FRI 25	<u>Hex Appeal</u> OPEN FORMAT Sly Grog Lounge 10pm-4am A queer late-night party with drag and guest DJ Conxn from Nashville.
SAT 26	<u>Ott + Vinja + Push/Pull</u> ELECTRONIC Sly Grog Lounge All ages Psychedelic downtempo, ambient bass, and glitchy electronic sound.
SUN 27	<u>Brunch & Beats</u> OPEN FORMAT Haiku 2pm-7pm A daytime garden DJ session with low-pressure dance-floor energy.

SEPTEMBER'S HOUSE PICK

Saturday Sessions

FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY | ONE WORLD BREWING WEST

This is the reliable local-room answer when someone asks where Asheville's house heads actually gather. The Art of House residents anchor the night, with regional guests rotating through a warm, unfussy brewery dance floor.

POP-UP WATCH: Asheville nightlife announces quickly. Third Room, Sly Grog, Eulogy, The One Stop, and brewery rooftops frequently add late-month DJ events after this guide's press date.

House royalty, synth-pop + Halloween season

October has the guide's clearest touring-house date, plus strong live-electronic and dark-club options. Halloween-specific pop-ups were still being announced at press time.

THU 1	<u>The Midnight + Bonnie McKee</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC The Orange Peel 8pm 18+ Glossy synthwave and synth-pop built for a big sing-and-dance room.
FRI 2	<u>Mark Farina + special guests</u> HOUSE Third Room 9pm 21+ A must for house heads: deep grooves, deft selection, and Mushroom Jazz lineage.
FRI 2	<u>Sylvan Esso</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC The Orange Peel 8pm 18+ North Carolina electronic pop with a kinetic live show.
FRI 2	<u>Eliot Lipp</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC The One Stop 10pm 21+ Electro-funk, future synths, and breakbeat-informed production.
SAT 3	<u>Saturday Sessions: Jack Junkies</u> HOUSE One World Brewing West 8pm-1am 21+ The Art of House hosts a Jack Junkies takeover for the monthly house ritual.
SAT 3	<u>Sylvan Esso - night two</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC The Orange Peel 8pm 18+ A second night of electronic pop and body-moving live production.
FRI 9	<u>Dizgo: Flocktoberfest Afterparty</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC Asheville Music Hall 11:30pm 21+ Jamtronica, funk, and psychedelic dance energy after the main event.
TUE 13	<u>Cannons</u> LIVE ELECTRONIC The Orange Peel 8pm 18+ Dreamy synth-pop with a sleek, late-night pulse.
FRI 23	<u>Boogie T</u> BASS Sly Grog Lounge Dubstep, bass, and funk-inflected low end.
WED 28	<u>Boy Harsher</u> ELECTRONIC The Orange Peel 8pm 18+ Darkwave, EBM, and synth-driven club tension just before Halloween.
THU 29	<u>ASHEZ + jordnmoody</u> BASS Third Room 9pm 21+ Forward-looking bass music in the city's dedicated electronic room.

WHY MARK FARINA MATTERS

FRIDAY, OCT 2 | THIRD ROOM

Farina's decades-long career connects classic Chicago-rooted house, West Coast deep-house culture, and his genre-blurring Mushroom Jazz series. For a newcomer, it is a history lesson with a dance floor; for regulars, it is the 90-day calendar's touring centerpiece.

EARLY NOVEMBER: Third Room Open Decks and Beat Church are expected to continue on Tuesday, Nov 3. Their November lineups were not yet posted as of Aug 6; verify on the series calendars before going.

THE RELIABLE WEEKLY RHYTHM

Where to dance without waiting for a headliner

These recurring nights are the connective tissue of the scene. They are also the best places to discover the next local selector before the bigger booking arrives.

WEEKLY TUE	<u>Third Room Open Decks</u> ELECTRONIC Third Room 8pm Free 21+ A low-barrier laboratory for emerging and established electronic DJs.
WEEKLY TUE	<u>Beat Church</u> ECSTATIC Asheville JCC Social Hall 6:45pm-9:15pm A guided ecstatic-dance container with a rotating live DJ. Published guests include Magdalyn, Mystery Drug, Morphonic, Osiah, DOBARAE, Mookite, Marc Statz, and Momentology.
WEEKLY THU	<u>Thursday Night Funk</u> OPEN FORMAT Barley's Taproom DJ 7:30pm; band around 8pm DJ Lil Meow Meow opens a weekly funk party before the house band and rotating guests.
WEEKLY THU	<u>Haiku Bar Night</u> OPEN FORMAT Haiku DJ from 7pm A casual garden DJ hang; sound varies by guest.
WEEKLY FRI	<u>Rooftop Remedy</u> OPEN FORMAT Antidote 9pm-11pm 21+ No cover Rotating local DJs on the rooftop, weather and season permitting.
WEEKLY 4X	<u>The Roof + After/Glow</u> OPEN FORMAT The Radical Thu-Sun at sunset Four nights of rooftop DJs, with the Saturday After/Glow series leaning into golden-hour-to-night energy.
MONTH 1ST	<u>Saturday Sessions</u> HOUSE One World Brewing West First Saturday 8pm-1am 21+ The Art of House residents and guests hold down Asheville's most dependable monthly house room.
SELECT 2X	<u>Asheville Movement Collective</u> ECSTATIC AMC studio + partner venues Fri + Sun Friday-night and Sunday-morning free-form dances, often with live DJs or musicians.

QUICK CHOICE GUIDE

IF YOU WANT...	START WITH...
Proper house music	In Plain Sight, Saturday Sessions, 828 Day, Mark Farina
A heavier electronic night	Third Room, Sly Grog, SoDown, Riot Ten, NotLo
Movement without club pressure	Beat Church, Asheville Movement Collective, Trancendance
A casual sunset or rooftop	Sunset Sessions, The Radical, Antidote, Haiku
Pop, Latin, or sing-along energy	Debi Tirar Mas Fiestas, Emo Night, Silent Disco

Asheville's house + dance-floor anchors

This is not a popularity ranking. It is a short list of the most visible local selectors, collectives, and recurring-event builders represented in the guide window.

In Plain Sight

HOUSE

Ezekiel, Lucas, and Nomad in the Dark are among Asheville's longest-running house ambassadors. Their productions have circulated through respected underground labels, and their local history reaches from warehouse rooms to bills with The Orb, Mark Farina, and other international names.

The Art of House

HOUSE

A regional collective with an Asheville chapter and a mission centered on house culture. Locally, it powers the monthly Saturday Sessions and helps anchor 828 Day. Residents include Jericho, Peri Meters, John Brinker, and Matthew Francis.

Jericho

HOUSE

A Philadelphia-born Asheville resident, longtime DJ, Jack Junkies member, and Art of House resident. His lane blends house, tech, soul, and funk; his local calling cards are Saturday Sessions and rooftop sets at The Radical.

Time Lapse / Felski

HOUSE

Felski's Time Lapse project has helped keep minimal and house music active in Asheville since 2022. The crew favors focused underground selections and appears on 828 Day plus a Hi-Vi Sound System collaboration at VOWL.

Earthtone Soundsystem

HOUSE

A longstanding Asheville name associated with deep house, indie dance, and nu-disco. Earthtone's history overlaps with the Asheville House Music Society and the city's earlier community-radio era.

Double Helix

HOUSE

Aidan Rolfe and Peri Meters perform as a hybrid live act built around fun, funky house music. Their duo format brings more performance energy than a standard back-to-back DJ set.

SketchyDecks

ELECTRONIC

The Asheville duo of Zen and Sarah Katana, connected to the Sonic Therapy orbit. Their sets move through electronic dance styles with a collaborative, community-first feel.

Neptune Spins

ELECTRONIC

A visible emerging local selector and host of Dance Therapy at VOWL. Expect genre movement rather than a single house-only lane, with garage, drum and bass, dub, and other club sounds in the mix.

DJ Lil Meow Meow

OPEN FORMAT

Annelise Kopp is an Asheville-raised DJ and music curator who has been behind the decks since 2015. Her crowd-first sets move through hip-hop, R&B, house, disco, soul, new wave, and electronic music; find her at Dance Floor Rapture, Antidote, and the weekly Thursday Night Funk opener.

The calendars worth bookmarking

This guide was researched from publicly posted event calendars on Aug 6, 2026. Independent and pop-up parties may be announced after publication, so use these links as the live layer.

LIVE CALENDAR	WHAT IT COVERS
Sunset Sessions / Humanitix	Official event page for the featured In Plain Sight sunset set.
828 Day-AVL	Organizer announcement and published local lineup.
Third Room	Electronic headliners, Open Decks, and late-breaking club dates.
The Art of House / One World	Saturday Sessions dates and guest announcements.
Asheville Music Hall + The One Stop	Dance parties, live electronic shows, and afterparties.
The Orange Peel	Large-room electronic pop, synth, and touring acts.
VOWL Bar at DSSOLVR	Dance Therapy and smaller local DJ nights.
Beat Church	Weekly ecstatic-dance DJs and ticket details.
Asheville Movement Collective	Friday, Sunday, and special-event movement waves.
The Radical	The Roof and After/Glow DJ schedules.
Antidote	Rooftop Remedy guest DJs and seasonal updates.
DJ Lil Meow Meow	Current parties, playlists, and booking announcements.
Haiku	Bar-night DJs and Brunch & Beats dates.

A LOCAL GUIDE BUILT FOR THE DANCE FLOOR

Curated by Robert Johnson and Emily Antone with The Locals Vibe WNC. We made this guide to help you find your people, follow the sound, and stay connected to Asheville's local beat.

A note on scope

90-DAY WINDOW | AUG 6-NOV 4, 2026

The calendar prioritizes house music, then broadens to dance-relevant electronic, bass, ecstatic, Latin, pop, and open-format events. It reflects publicly announced dates available at press time, not every private or last-minute pop-up.