

THE FESTIVAL AT CENTRAL CITY PARK

Presented by Drew Exposition

FUN IN THE PARK:

The Festival at Central City Park is the heart and hub of the Cherry Blossom Capital of the World. The Festival at Central City Park features 10-days of magnificent midway rides, exciting exhibits, spectacular shows, incredible headliners and fantastic food. You're sure to make lifelong memories when you enjoy \$400,000 worth of free entertainment with a \$5 admission. Children under 10 are **FREE!**

Event Hours:

March 22-31 : 10:00 am-10:00 pm

Admission:

**Two convenient entrances:
Round Building at Central City Park**

Presented by Cricket Wireless

Willie Smokie Glover Road

\$5/person; Children 10 and under **FREE!**



COMFORT STATION:

Presented by Ingleside Baptist Church

The Comfort Station provides separate areas for diaper changing, a quiet space for young children, and for nursing mothers.

Location: Next to Round Building

CONCESSIONS & VENDORS

March 22-31

Central City Park

Come enjoy your favorite festival food such as corn dogs, gyros, cotton candy, funnel cakes, kettle corn and much more! Also onsite are caricature artists, henna tattooists and face painters.



ROUND BUILDING AT CENTRAL CITY PARK

Presented by Cricket Wireless

March 22-31

10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Central City Park

Yoshino Cherry Tree Sale

Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission returns to Central City Park's Round Building to sell the official Yoshino cherry trees. The cost of a tree is \$10.00. For more information, contact Pam Carswell at 478-330-7054.

Cherry Blossom Gift Shop

Visit our Gift Shop in the Round Building for all your Cherry Blossom Festival souvenirs. For more information and to shop the online store, visit cherryblossom.com/gift-shop.

Think Pink Art Contest Display

Winners' artwork from the Think Pink Art Contest for grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12, will be displayed in the Round Building at Central City Park. The theme for the contest this year is "Macon's Blooming Pink!" There are first, second, and third place awards for each grade level category as well as a "Best in Show" award.

WAYS TO SAVE!

Heroes Day: Monday, March 25

Presented by 21st Century Partnership, AARP, Georgia VECTR Center, the Museum of Aviation, and Planters First Bank. Media Partners: 13 WMAZ, Cumulus, Macon Magazine, The Telegraph, and Que Pasa

Heroes Day at the Festival at Central City Park will provide free admission to all active, retired, reserve, and veteran Military, Department Of Defense civilian employees, firefighters, first responders, and law enforcement with ID as well as their immediate family. They will also receive discounted, pay-one-price, unlimited midway rides for \$10 with ID.

Amusement Specials: EVERY DAY!

Friday, March 22: \$20 pay-one-price, unlimited midway rides, with \$5 gate admission; Children 10 and under receive free gate admission.

For both weekends, March 23-24 and March 30-31: \$25 pay-one-price, unlimited midway rides (*On Saturday, March 23 and 30, must be purchased by 3:00 pm), with \$5 gate admission; Children 10 and under receive free gate admission.

Monday-Friday, March 25-29: \$20 pay-one-price, unlimited midway rides, with \$5 gate admission; Children 10 and under receive free gate admission.

Monday 3/25: All Active, Retired, Reserve, and Veteran Military, Department Of Defense Civilian Employees and immediate family, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement receive discounted unlimited rides for \$10 with ID.

The pay-one-price unlimited midway rides specials may only be purchased at the midway.



Nightly Concert Series:

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: 41 NBC, Cumulus, The Telegraph

Nightly from March 21-31

Join us each night at the Coca-Cola Entertainment Stage

for our nightly headliner series. The line up will be shown in the following pages. For more information, visit <https://cherryblossom.com/central-city-park/central-city-park-nightly-concerts/>. Entertainment is included with \$5/person park admission. Children 10 and under **FREE!**

Parking:

On a first-come, first serve, limited basis, there are 2 free parking lots within Central City Park-- United Building parking lot and Luther Williams Field parking lot. We also provide 3 Free **Park & Walk** locations near Central City Park. Two parking lots are located along Walnut Street. One lot is also located along 7th Street. Please look for directional signage and pink flags noting our Free Park & Walk locations. We also offer overflow parking at an additional Free Park & Walk Location on New Street and Riverside Drive (843 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210).

Handicap parking is located inside Central City Park. Please enter the Festival at Willie Smokie Glover Drive and turn into the United Building parking lot on your right. You will see signs noting handicap parking spaces inside this parking lot. Visit cherryblossom.com for parking locations. Parking is **FREE EVERY DAY!**

CENTRAL CITY PARK EXHIBITS & SHOWS

CATHERINE HICKLAND'S HYPNOTIC WORLD

Presented by Homewood Suites By Hilton

Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph.

March 22-31

Central City Park

Show Times: 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be truly free in your imagination? To be without a care, without doubt of your abilities, fear, and without a thought about what other people would think if you just... let go and cross over to the dream state in an instant? Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be truly...UNLIMITED? Welcome to Catherine Hickland's Hypnotic World. This show is fast-paced, hilarious, and family friendly.

FREE WITH PARK ADMISSION!



"ICE" SKATING IN THE PARK

Presented by ICB Construction Group

Media Partners: ABC 12 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph.

March 22-31

Times: Skate times are in increments of 30 minutes with a 15 minute break in between each skate period. Visit <https://cherryblossom.com/event/ice-skating/> for exact times.

"Ice" skating in March! Rent some skates and show off your best triple axel jump or just glide along the edge. This "ice" rink is open to all ages and levels, from children to adults and beginners to hockey players! Each group will receive 30 minutes on the "ice." Height restrictions do apply, and we will ask for a waiver to be signed before your skate session begins. **FREE WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



ARTIC OLYMPIC HIGH DIVE SHOW

Presented by Drew Exposition and Microtel Macon

Media Partners: ABC 12 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph

March 22-31

Central City Park

Daily Shows Times: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm

*****On Friday, March 22, the performance times will take place at 11 am, 2 pm and 4 pm.**

Welcome to the Arctic Olympic High Dive Show! An energetic trainer starts coaching several elite penguins for the upcoming Arctic Olympic Games. At first, everything is going well. But then the food runs out and the trainer must leave to replenish the food bucket with more treats. The Penguins (cleverly dressed humans) take this opportunity to have fun and frolic on the boards. When the trainer returns, he is invited to take part in this play session. After the fun is over the Penguins show off and perform their real Olympic dives. The penguins show off their abilities and perform the high dive from over 80 feet to introduce high diving as an Olympic event. **FREE WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

OPENING CEREMONY AT CENTRAL CITY PARK

Presented by Drew Exposition
Media Partners: ABC 12 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph
12-1:00 pm
Central City Park

International, state, and local dignitaries celebrate the 38th International Cherry Blossom Festival as they conduct the ribbon-cutting to open the 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival. Central City Park will open at 10:00 am and close at 10:00 pm.

FREE WITH PARK ADMISSION



THE PURPLE MADNESS: A TRIBUTE TO PRINCE

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage
Media Partners: ABC 12 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph
8:30-10:00 pm
Central City Park

The "Purple Madness" is the ultimate celebration of the most widely beloved entertainer and profoundly influential artist of all-time, Prince. Bobby Miller presents an electrifying performance that can be best described as high energy and a "must see" performance. The Prince Purple Madness Tribute Show has all but perfected every last nuance in recreating the sights and sounds of the artist Prince. It is with great honor and utmost reverence that The Prince Tribute Band was formed. For anyone who wasn't fortunate enough to have witnessed a live Prince show, the experience was undeniably one of the best live performances on the planet. It was with this idea in mind that Bobby Miller chose to re-create some of Prince's most memorable concert moments. The production team consists of Bobby Miller as the artist, backed by some of the most talented dancers and musicians that have toured the US and abroad. Collectively, the team consists of over 100 years of music experience. The group lovingly describes their show as a performance that is second to none. **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



SATURDAY, MARCH 23

***PINK PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Presented by Macon-Bibb County Fire Department
7:00-10:30 am
United Building at Central City Park
\$5 per person/ 5 and under-\$3 per person

Come enjoy delicious pink pancakes served up by the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department! All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 478-751-9180.



***SPRING PLANT SALE**

Presented by Master Gardeners of Central Georgia and U.G.A. Extension Macon-Bibb and Houston County
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

SNAKE OIL: A THEATRICAL TRIBUTE TO ROCK'S BIGGEST STARS

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage
Media Partners: ABC 16, FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph
8:00-10:00 pm
Central City Park

It's the classic rock music you love ... and you can't get enough of it. Are these rock icons the real thing or is this Snake Oil? This is not a tribute band! Snake Oil's musical cast not only look like the rock stars they portray, but they use their own natural voices to perfectly impersonate the singing and speaking voices and stage mannerisms of these rock icons. Snake Oil's live theatrical shows are known for their impeccable authenticity to the original artists' recordings, with spectacular costumes, hilarious audience interaction and an array of incredible special effects. Snake Oil has an outstanding cast of world-class accomplished musical artists, talented singers, and technical support to ensure an authentic 80's arena-style rock show experience. **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



SUNDAY, MARCH 24

THE CONQUEST SHOW BAND

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage Supported by 41 NBC, Cumulus, and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 pm Central City Park

Conquest is a live music party machine. For over 10 years, the band has performed all over the state of Georgia to a variety of audiences. Conquest plays almost all types of music but specializes in R & B from the '60s to the present. The band does a number of high-energy skits, including an astonishing rendition of "Tina Turner." This show is a must see for all live music fans, no matter what the musical preference. Catch the Conquest Show Band and you will be "Conquered". **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



MONDAY, MARCH 25

HEROES DAY

Presented by 21st Century Partnership, Georgia VECTR, Museum of Aviation Foundation, Planters First Bank, and AARP

Park Hours: 10:00 am-10:00 pm Central City Park

FREE admission to all Active, Retired, Reserve, and Veteran Military Members, Department Of Defense Civilian Employees, Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders, and their immediate family, with ID. Pay-one-price discount with Military or DOD ID, for \$10 unlimited midway rides!



BLUES BROTHER SOUL BAND: A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 pm Central City Park

One of the hottest tribute bands this side of the Mississippi, the Blues Brothers Soul Band generates energy and excitement everywhere they perform. What you see and hear are master bluesmen at their craft. With songs by figures such as Ray Charles, Cab Calloway, John Lee Hooker, Aretha Franklin, James Brown (the "Godfather of Soul") and Booker T. & the MG's how could it fail to be anything other than a musical extravaganza?! There is enormous variety in the songs performed, from Soul to Blues and the Stax/Volt Rhythm & Blues. The sets are superb but not distracting, and the whole production is something that must be experienced by everyone! So grab your sunglasses and your pork-pie hat; get down with your blues and go see these good ol' boys for a truly mind-blowing evening. **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK**

ADMISSION!



TUESDAY, MARCH 26

SENIORS DAY AT CENTRAL CITY PARK

Presented by AARP

Park Hours: 10:00 am-10:00 pm

All guests 55 and older will receive \$1 off admission

Blossom Bingo Presented by AARP Blossom Bingo will take place from 4- 6pm under the tents near the concessions and Coca-Cola Entertainment Stage. Guests have the chance to win a variety of prizes each round.

RUMOURS: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: ABC 16, FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 pm Central City Park

Rumours, (also known as RumoursATL) calls Atlanta, GA, home and has built a solid fan base there and throughout the eastern United States. While traveling across the United States and selling out venues the band continues to collect an even larger and devoted fan base on a national level. Selling out shows to standing room only crowds, fans have seen Rumours at venues including The Fillmore in Charlotte, NC, Daryl's House in Pawling, NY owned by music icon Daryl Hall, a weeklong residency at Epcot Center in Disney World, the 310 Room Austin City Limits and multiple Live Nation venues. Rumours have quickly become one of the most sought after and highly regarded tribute bands in the genre. **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK**

ADMISSION!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

*SKATING WITH YOUR MAYHEM HOCKEY PLAYERS AT CENTRAL CITY PARK

Presented by Macon Mayhem

4:00-8:00 pm

Central City Park

Come skate with your Mayhem hockey players at Central City Park! Your favorite players will be giving lessons, signing autographs and taking pictures. Don't forget to join the Mayhem on their final home game of the 2018-19 regular season on March 29 for Fan Appreciation Night. #weareMACtown



*SPARKS YOGA FLOW

Presented by Sparks Yoga

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Coca-Cola Entertainment Stage at Central City Park

Yoga flow with Sparks Yoga! Join the Sparks Yoga team as we flow into the Cherry Blossom Festival with breath and movement! Yoga means "union" in this instance a union between breath and movement but more importantly a union of our middle Georgia community! This is an all levels class that uses the entire body to work towards mindful movement. Join on on the mat with a towel and water as we flow together to create an amazing energy to get your Cherry Blossom Festival started off right!

*PURE BARRE POP-UP CLASS

Presented by Pure Barre

6:00-7:00 pm

Coca-Cola Entertainment Stage at Central City Park

We're so excited to announce that Pure Barre Macon will be hosting a free pop-up class at the pinkest party of the year! Experience the nation's leading barre workout at a free Pop Up class in the park! Pure Barre is the fastest, most effective, yet safest way to change your body. Each class is designed to lift your seat, tone your thighs, arms and abs, and burn fat. Participants should bring a yoga mat and water and must be 18 or older (or 16 with a legal guardian present). Learn more at purebarre.com/ga-macon or call 478-757-8561. **FREE!**



RANDALL BRAMBLETT BAND

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 PM

Central City Park

Multi-instrumentalist Randall Bramblett may be known for playing on stage with rock's legends like Bonnie Raitt, The Allman Brothers Band, Steve Winwood (16 years) and Widespread Panic. He is respected for his songwriting – he penned the title track for the Grammy nominated Blind Boys of Alabama's new album, adding to a long catalog of songs covered by Raitt, Gregg Allman, Bonnie Bramlett, Hot Tuna, Delbert McClinton and more. But it's Bramblett's own career as frontman where his artistry is in full display. He continues his storied career with continual reinvention and true conviction on his 11th album, *Juke Joint at the Edge of the World*. His band is a revelation live – tight, professional, but with the right amount of spontaneous soul that amazes audiences. With a commitment to the necessary evolution of music, Bramblett has kept his career as fresh as the day it began. Reason #528 he is Georgia's Musical Treasure. **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



THURSDAY, MARCH 28

COLLEGE THROWDOWN WITH AJ THE DJ

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 PM

Central City Park

Andre A. Jones, "AJ the DJ", is one of the most epic entertainers in Macon. AJ, owner of AJ the DJ Entertainment, knows how to get the party started and keep it going. Hosting College Throwdown, AJ will create the biggest dance party Central City Park has ever seen.



FRIDAY, MARCH 29

THE ULTIMATE TINA TURNER TRIBUTE FEATURING MICHELLE MARSHALL

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage
Media Partners: ABC 16, FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus, and The Telegraph
8:00-10:00 pm
Central City Park

Michelle Marshall is the Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute artist. Marshall has been wowing packed houses on the Las Vegas strip and throughout North America for the past 17 years. Marshall's amazing transformation and uncanny look as the Queen of Rock N' Roll has been seen in casinos, cruise ships, corporate events, films, television shows and commercials. The Las Vegas Sun hailed Marshall's act as "the best Tina Turner tribute in the world." **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**



SATURDAY, MARCH 30

***PINK PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Presented by Macon-Bibb County Fire Department **7:00-10:30 am** **United Building at Central City Park**
\$5 per person/ 5 and under-\$3 per person

PARTY IN THE PARK

Presented by Drew Exposition, Yuengling and YKK on the Coca-Cola Stage
Supported by Central Georgia Technical College, Infinity Network Solutions and Navicent Health
Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus and The Telegraph
6:30-10:00 pm
Central City Park

A Festival first! Party In the Park will be one for the books. With gate admission, you have access to watch and listen to not one, but two very talented, nationally-touring, radio-played country artists. Kicking off the night, Travis Denning, originally from Warner Robins, Georgia, will take the stage from 6:30-7:30 pm. Then Drake White will closeout the show as our headliner from 8:30-10:00 pm. **FREE WITH PARK ADMISSION!**

DRAKE WHITE: Named one of No Depression's 7 Male Artists to Breakout in 2018, Drake White is going to put together the PIECES. His PIECES EP is available now and features 5 new tracks, 2 of which he co-wrote. This follows his debut album SPARK which has earned praise both commercially and across his loyal fan following. The 2016 Taste of Country Fan Choice Awards Album of the Year is a 12-track labor of love that showcases his exemplary songwriting with a rock-infused, organic Country sound and signature foot-stomp. The sultry song "Makin' Me Look Good Again," hit the top spot on SiriusXM's The Highway with its deeply personal lyrics and pulsating groove. It also earned Drake the honor of International Song of the Year at the British CMA Awards. Fans from all genres voted Drake as CBS.com's GRAMMY "Artist of Tomorrow" as he continues to stun crowds with his incredible live show and soulful voice. Drake, along with his band The Big Fire, has previously toured with Superstars including Willie Nelson, Dierks Bentley, Little Big Town, Zac Brown Band, Eric Church, Toby Keith and more.



TRAVIS DENNING: A native of Warner Robins, Georgia, Mercury Nashville's Travis Denning vividly remembers the moment he realized he wanted to pursue music for a living. He was seven years old sitting in his Dad's truck and heard AC/DC for the first time. From then on, he was hooked and devoured all types of music from country, pop, rock and heavy metal. Travis started playing local bars at the age of 16 and built a Moore, Michael Ray and Chase Rice he caught the attention of Universal Music Group where he eventually signed a record deal in 2017. Travis just released his debut single "David Ashley Parker From Powder Springs," an upbeat coming-of-age song that paints a picture of a young man reminiscing on his carefree college memories. Travis was recently selected as a CMA Kixstart Artist Scholarship recipient and will receive unique opportunities to participate in CMA-related events as well as connect with industry professionals. The singer/songwriter has previously opened shows for Cole Swindell, Alan Jackson, Chase Rice as well as Justin Moore and is currently on the road with LANCO as part of the "Hallelujah Nights" tour. When Travis is not touring, he is in the studio working on his debut album.



***PARTY IN THE PARK AFTER PARTY**

Presented by Crazy Bull

10:00 pm

Crazy Bull located at 473 Second St., Macon, GA 31201

\$5 admissions

18+ only

The Crazy Bull will host the Party In the Park After Party. The lineup includes Trey Teem and Murphy Elmore. There will be drink specials for pink draft beer and \$2 Cherry Blossom shots. Keep the party going. For more information, visit <http://www.thecrazybullga.com>.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

A2Z: THE ULTIMATE PARTY BAND

Presented by Drew Exposition and Yuengling on the Coca-Cola Stage

Media Partners: ABC 16 FOX 24 WGXA, Cumulus and The Telegraph

8:00-10:00 pm

Central City Park

A2Z plays a very wide, diverse variety of music that consists of songs from artists like Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye, Bruno Mars, Kool and the Gang, Earth Wind and Fire, Allman Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Doobie Brothers, Guns and Roses, Aerosmith, Chris Stapleton, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney, and many, many more. The current members of A2Z are DC Willis (vocals, guitar, keyboard), Frances Billow (vocals, keyboard), Steve Holcomb (drums, vocals), Ricky Sorrells (guitar, keyboard, vocals), Jeff Smith (bass guitar, vocals), and Rusty Smith (keyboard, guitar, vocals)! **FREE CONCERT WITH PARK ADMISSION!**

