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LIVE!

PICK UP THE TEMPO in your evening plans by tuning in to Collin County's live music scene. You don't have to travel far to enjoy a great night with friends, food and entertainment. An array of restaurants, bars, cafés, and lounges are hopping with live music, and there's something for everyone's taste—jazz, blues, country, classic rock, and more.

55° Wine Bar & Bistro

4709 W. Parker Rd., Plano
469.241.9551 • 55degreesplano.com

55° celebrated its 1-year anniversary last June. "A lot of customers have told me that Plano needed a place like this," said owner **Laura Lucia**.

"My whole formula is sponsoring local artists and having live entertainment every Friday and Saturday night."

Live music begins around 7:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. and varies from jazz to R&B.

The house band is Natural Bridge; other acts include David Gallegos, who plays acoustic Latin and flamenco-style music; The Dallas Latin Sound; and Neil Davies, who dons a tuxedo and plays Frank Sinatra.

Buckwilds Grill and Bar

9305 Preston Rd., Frisco • 214.387.3422
buckwildsgrillandbar.com

Buckwilds boasts 24 big screens and live entertainment every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night beginning at



Andrew Dutton



Rick Weidemann



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Jazz up your evenings with live entertainment at these local venues.

9 p.m. Either Open Mic Night or Battle of the Bands is on Thursdays, Rockstar Karaoke is on Fridays, and a live band, Ultimate Fighting Championship®, or a video DJ is on Saturdays.

"We have the best stage in Collin County," said **Craig Feronti**, owner of Buckwilds, "and a phenomenal sound system. It's the best live music venue in Frisco. We also have the best bar food and burgers in Frisco!"

Coast at The Shops at Legacy

7501 Lone Star Dr., Plano
972.265.4722

coastglobalseafood.com

The night moon orchestrates a symphony of colors in the fountain across from **Coast Global Seafood** at The Shops at Legacy. Inside, jazz musicians entertain guests from 8–11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The August lineup includes Brandon Rainbolt, Terry McCullough, Rodney Booth, and Bobby Reese.

Café Bohemia

2320 Los Rios Blvd., Ste. 105, Plano
469.688.3843 • cafebohemia.net

Café Bohemia offers live music Friday and Saturday nights. August welcomes musicians Dana Leigh, Robert Harding, Lee Thomasian, Ashlee & Hannah, Taylor Gary, Coleman & Hauser, and The Wimberleys. Becoming

increasingly popular is Café Bohemia's monthly jam sessions. Café owner **Evie Rossi** said, "I really feel like we are one of Plano's best-kept secrets!"

Bullwinkles Bistro & Pub

2001 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano
972.943.7707

bullwinklespub.webs.com

Bullwinkles offers live music five nights a week: acoustic on the patio on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., karaoke on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Kim Younkin on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and various bands who play classic rock, blues, or country on Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m.

The Sabrina & Gypsy Blues Band plays classic rock every two to three weeks.

"We were voted 'Best Live Music Venue' by the *Plano Star Courier* a



few months ago," said **O.B. Barsh**,

owner of Bullwinkles. "We cater to the older crowd. Eighty percent of my customers are regulars."

The Frisco Bar

4851 Legacy Dr. Ste. 504, Frisco
972.712.0808 • thefrisco.com

The Frisco Bar, Frisco's first neighborhood bar, offers live music most Thursday and Friday nights; a DJ on Saturdays at 9 p.m., and karaoke every Wednesday from 8 p.m.–12 a.m.

BIZ: BYTES

Curtain call

Live entertainment enriches our lives and provides lasting memories. What are your memories of special performances?

William Park, Executive and Artistic Director of PFAMILY ARTS:

Seeing *Les Miserables* from the third balcony in London just three months after it opened. And the best...performing as The Phantom in *The Phantom of the Opera* in New Orleans on New Year's Eve, and after the show asking my love for her hand in marriage upstairs in our own private dining room at Arnaud's on Bienville. pfamilyarts.org

Brenda Wright,

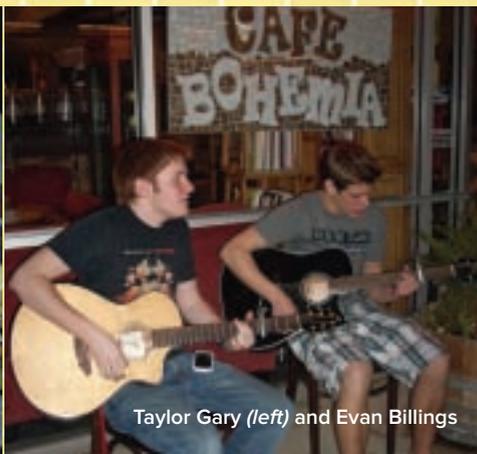
Wright Remodeling: We happened to be in Abilene, Texas, and Kenny Rogers was performing at the Coliseum. We got lucky and on short notice got front row seats to a great evening of his greatest hits! **469.579.4954**

Patricia Barajas,

Pebblecreek Montessori: The children of Pebblecreek Montessori staged a memorable performance of *The Wizard of Oz*. They were involved in every aspect of the planning—from set design and costumes to learning the choreography, dialog and music, "Emerald City" came to life that day in Plano, Texas! pebblecreekmontessori.org

Keli Fink, Collin College

Public Relations: Years ago, my husband and I were in the Collin College production of Moliere's *Imaginary Invalid*, and had a ball doing it. I remember that the hair stylist had to back-comb my hair for the fashion back during that time period (1700s) and it took hours to comb it out again. Didn't care for that much...or for the corset-like gown I had to wear. Made it difficult to breath sometimes! cccd.edu



Taylor Gary (left) and Evan Billings

Irish Rover Pub & Restaurant

8250 Gaylord Pkwy # 5, Frisco
214.618.6222 • irishroverpub.com
Since opening in 2002, **Irish Rover** has been serving Irish and English fare, including corned beef and cabbage, Shepherd's pie, and Scotch eggs. Live entertainment begins at 8 p.m. every Saturday night.

Lochrann's Irish Pub & Eatery

6195 Main St., Frisco
214.423.2600 • lochranns.com
Located across from Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, **Lochrann's** offers live music Fridays and Saturdays (and sometimes on Thursdays) beginning at 9 p.m. "It is always a great time at Lochrann's whether you're looking for a nice meal, one of the best happy hours (Mondays–Saturdays), or if you're looking to dance with one of your favorite bands," said **Dave McNabb**,

Kelly's Eastside

1422 Avenue K, Plano
972.424.9200 • kellyseastside.com
"Down home fun and down home cooking is what you'll find at **Kelly's Eastside**," said owner **Carin Kelly**. Kelly's offers live music year-round Wednesdays–Saturdays and karaoke on Tuesdays. The fun begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 12 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 2 a.m. on Thursdays–Saturdays. Andrew Dutton livens up the crowd every Thursday night.

Love & War in Texas

601 E. Plano Pkwy., Plano
972.422.6201 • loveandwarintexas.com
The "home of Texas food, Texas music, and Texas heritage," **Love & War in Texas** offers live music Wednesdays–Saturdays around 7:30–8 p.m. On Sundays, the cover band begins at 2:30 p.m.; the opening band begins

NYLO

8201 Preston Rd., Plano
972.624.6990 • nylohotels.com
Plano's ultramodern, loft-style hotel **NYLO** opens The Loft Restaurant & Lounge on Fridays from 6:30 p.m.–2 a.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Live music begins at 10 p.m.

Steve Fields Steak and Lobster Lounge

5013 W. Park Blvd., Plano
972.596.7100
stevefieldsrestaurant.com
At **Steve Fields Steak and Lobster Lounge**, enjoy a cold drink at the bar or on the bar attached to the piano. "The Lobster Lounge at Steve Fields is unique because it offers lively piano entertainment seven nights a week with professional performers from around the Metroplex," said restaurateur **Steve Fields**.

One of those musicians is Rick Weidemann, who plays songs by the Beatles, the Eagles, Chicago, Sting, James Taylor, and other classic-rock artists. Around 6 p.m., Rick plays the piano, saxophone and/or flute on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and he happily takes requests.

Vickery Park on 15th St.

1011 E 15th St., Plano
972.423.6205 • vickeryparkbar.com
Vickery Park on 15th St. offers live music every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday between 10 p.m.–2 a.m.

Zea Woodfire Grill

8100 Dallas Pkwy # 115, Plano
972.712.7077 • zeawoodfiregrill.com
Rotisserie chicken and roasted corn grits: **Zea Woodfire Grill's** flavorful Southern food pairs nicely with its "fiery" jazz bands that play every Friday and Saturday from 7–10 p.m.



Kim Younkin

owner of Lochrann's. "August is no exception. We are welcoming back some of our favorites such as John Boyd (lead singer of Vertigo USA, a U2 tribute band), Manny Trevin Band, and Back Porch Mary out of Austin, as well as some newcomers such as Professor D and Gunpoint." Other performers scheduled in August include Velvet Love Box, Brent Rozell and the Soulmates, and Beatles tribute band A Hard Night's Day.

at 4 p.m.; and the headliner begins at 5 p.m. Love & War welcomes country music artist Trent Willmon on Sunday, August 23 (\$15 cover for this concert).

Urban Crust/32° Bar

1006 E. 15th St., Plano
972.509.1400 • urbancrust.com
From DJs to rock bands, **Urban Crust/32° Bar** offers live entertainment (and 32° beer) on their rooftop patio at 9 p.m. every weekend.