

WHERE IS THE MUSIC?

When is the last time you checked out, I mean really checked out, the music scene in Ogden? Are you a fan of jazz, blues, rock, alternative, country, classical, something else, all of the above? Well, you can find almost everything on any given weekend night, and many weekday nights as well, just by taking a stroll, or drive around town. In fact the city of Ogden is host to so many diverse musical groups, all with at least slightly different styles, that you could go from venue to venue on a Saturday night, spending a half-hour in each, and still not hear everything.

In Ogden in one week you can hear the Joe McQueen Quartet, and the Kap Brothers Band, and Red Shot Pony, and the Codi Jordan Band, and Brooke Mackintosh, and Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband, and... well, you get the picture. Don't forget to take a listen to the Banyan Collective's monthly Van Session in front of Union Station when you do the First Friday Stroll.

Do you want to hear music and not have to go to a club or bar? Well, look no further than your favorite restaurant. Ogden's great culinary scene is also where you can find great music performances, and they don't even cost you anything (although tips for the performers are appreciated).

Ever been to the Ogden Music Festival? Three days of all the blues, bluegrass, folk, and rockabilly your little pea pickin' heart desires (with apologies to Tennessee Ernie Ford). The first weekend of June at Fort Buenaventura is as far as you have to go to experience this.

Still not the way you want to listen? Okay, try Union Station on the second Wednesday of each month. Jazz at the Station is one of the outstanding contributions to the music scene, with a large variety of performers from month to month, and the concerts are free!

What's that, you're still looking for something else, well, Ogden has an excellent symphony orchestra, Chamber Orchestra Ogden, that presents concerts at Peery's Egyptian Theater. Tickets are cheap too! The Egyptian is the host venue for many other concerts throughout the year.

So you say I'm getting closer, but still not there yet. Something classical/popular/jazzy/fun in an intimate setting you say. Okay, Alleged hosts NextEnsemble's regular monthly concerts. They have a little something for everyone, in a relaxed adult setting, with or without a beverage.

Well, this article could go on forever, so I better stop here. You can see from this short article that there is a tremendous variety and amount of music in Ogden. This listing just scratches the surface of what there is available, and I didn't even get to talk about the music available at Weber State University.

Come on down, check things out, enjoy the music, and relax.

Michael Palumbo
Ogden City Arts Advisory Committee