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Scythian's Appaloosa Festival Returns To Front Royal, Virginia, Labor Day Weekend 2019

Lineup Includes Steep Canyon Rangers, Dustbowl Revival, Humming House, and more to be announced

March 22, 2019 - Washington, DC - **Appaloosa Roots Music Festival** will return to **Skyline Ranch Resort** in Front Royal, Virginia, on Labor Day weekend—**August 30-September 1, 2019**—adding an entire third day of music to the two-day format of previous years. The annual festival, named “Best DC Music Festival” by [Parklife DC](#) and nominated for 2018 “Best Family-Friendly Festival” at the [FestX Awards](#) in Las Vegas, has already announced its first round of performers—festival hosts **Scythian, Steep Canyon Rangers, Dustbowl Revival, Humming House, YARN, Marie Miller, Shane Hennessy, Fireside Collective, Upstate, The Gothard Sisters, and Ben-David Warner** will all take the stage. Fans should also be on the lookout for additional artists to be announced soon.

ENO Hammocks are back as a presenting sponsor this year, providing all types of relaxation between sets in one of Appaloosa's many campgrounds, where VIP camping options and separate family camping areas are once again available. Fans can purchase and reserve camping areas and RV spaces [here](#). For the second year in a row, the Virginia Tourism Corporation has named Appaloosa Roots Music Festival the winner of their annual Virginia Is For Music Lovers grant. This homegrown, family-forward camping festival has brought countless newcomers to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, including thoroughly-cultured world travel bloggers, World Nomads. Their recently-released recap of Appaloosa 2018 praises the connection the festival makes to the local community and the community's relationship to roots music. See Appaloosa through their eyes [here](#).

In addition to purveying a great music lineup, Appaloosa also functions as a fundraiser, with 10% of festival profits going to charities. One of the main beneficiaries is the **Appaloosa Blue Ridge Arts Foundation (ABRAF)**, a non-profit founded to reignite interest in roots music. ABRAF has plans to found a heritage school in Front Royal, VA, building upon the roots of the rich bluegrass musical heritage of the Shenandoah Valley. Past festival attendees will be familiar with the **music workshops** held by ABRAF at Appaloosa each year. Hosted by festival artists, the free workshops provide an intimate, informal, and inspiring gathering for fans both young and old, with the hopes of igniting a spark of interest to further explore the richness of roots music. Past workshops have included fiddle, banjo, dancing, and even Cajun cooking.

For tickets and more information, please visit <https://appaloosafestival.com/>.

More about Scythian:

Named after Ukrainian nomads, Scythian (sith-ee-yin) plays roots music from Celtic, Eastern European, and Appalachian traditions with thunderous energy, technical prowess, and storytelling songwriting, beckoning crowds into a barn-dance, rock concert experience. The DC-Based Scythian has had an unlikely career, starting off as street performers and working their way to headlining status on the US Irish Festival Circuit. Along the way, they have found an equally enthusiastic following in the bluegrass/Americana world. Celebrating 15 years as a band this year, Scythian has played over 2,000 shows, played for the US and Irish Presidents on St. Patrick's Day, and closed out World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia for 350,000+ people. Dubbed by the Washington Post as "one of DC's most energetic and eclectic bands", Scythian's wide range of musical repertoire and energetic shows have garnered a following of young and old, and has created a community steeped in roots music, giving life to their motto "Music Among Friends." Scythian has leaned on this strong support base to found its own award-winning roots-music festival, Appaloosa—located just one hour from Washington DC. Visit www.scythianmusic.com for more information on the band and their yearly trips to Ireland.

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