

2018 Grand Tasting Details

DATE: Thursday, November 8th

TIME: 7:00pm-10:00pm

LOCATION: Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park,
411 Pine Street, Highlands, NC 28741

SUMMARY & SCHEDULE

Toast and taste your way through the weekend's exclusive kick-off event in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. Savor cuisine from eleven of the area's most celebrated restaurants and sip cocktails, beer and wines from around the world while enjoying live music by LYRIC.

6:30pm – Early Access Exclusively to Weekender ticket holders

7:00pm – Tent open to all ticket holders

8:00pm – LYRIC on stage

10:00pm – Event Ends

SPONSORS

Presented by Pat Allen Realty Group
Highland Hiker, Old Edwards Inn and Spa
Media Partners: The Laurel Magazine

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Canyon Kitchen
Cyprus International
Dinner with Duffy
Gourmet Food International
Kilwin's Highlands
Lakeside Restaurant

Madison's of Old Edwards Inn & Spa
New Mountain Catering
Ristorante Paoletti
The Ugly Dog Pub
Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro

BEVERAGE PARTNERS

AVIVA
Davis Family Vineyards
EcoValley
Grapevine Distributors
Highlands Wine Shoppe
Highway 12 Vineyard and Winery
Laurent - Perrier
Merry Edwards Winery
Mountain Fresh Grocery and Wine
Mutual Distributing

Satulah Brewing Co.
Schug Winery
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.
Thomas Fogarty Winery
Tito's Handmade Vodka
Torii Mor Winery
Tryon Distributing
Union Wine Co.
Wagner Family Wines

MUSIC TALENT

LYRIC

ATTIRE

Mountain Chic, Resort Casual

RULES/RESTRICTIONS

No one under the age of 21 will be permitted to enter. No outside food or drink will be permitted into event. No pets will be permitted, service animals allowed.

WEATHER

This event will take place in a heated, enclosed tent in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. This event is rain or shine.

PARKING

There is NO GUEST PARKING in the park. Please consider walking from hotels/lodging or carpooling to the park and parking in the numerous parking spots surrounding the area on 4th and 5th street.

RE-ENTRY

Your wristband allows you to come and go as you please to the event. You must have the wristband specific to Grand Tasting or Weekender to enter/re-enter. Beverages may not leave the tent.

TICKETING/WRISTBAND FAQ

Can tickets be purchased?

The Grand Tasting is sold out! Passes for other remaining events can be purchased online and can be picked up at the box office starting Nov. 8th at 9am.

Where can I pick up my tickets/wristbands?

The event wristbands can be picked up at the box office beginning Thursday November 8th at 9am. To pick up your wristband, you must bring a Photo ID and/or ticket confirmation receipt.

If your photo ID does not match the name on the ticket, you **MUST** have the emailed confirmation receipt.

The Box Office is located at **411 N. 4th Street Highlands.**

The box office hours are as follows:

Thursday | 9am – 5pm

Friday | 9am – 2pm, 4pm-6pm

Saturday | 9am – 2pm

Sunday | 9am – 12pm

What do I need to get into the event?

You must have a wristband specific to the event or the Weekender. Wristbands must be worn at all times.

What if I lose my wristband?

Do not lose your wristband – these are *not replaceable*. Individuals not wearing a wristband will not be allowed entry, no exceptions. The plastic security lock on the wristband is a one-way lock. Do not play with this lock to tighten the band too much. **No wristbands will be replaced.**

How do I put on my wristband?

1. Place wristband around wrist
2. Hold two loose ends of band tight
3. Move the sliding lock toward your wrist until there is a “two finger” space between the lock and your wrist.
4. Keep wristband on until the end of the event and do not play with the sliding lock to keep a comfortable fit.

***Treat your wristband like cash – lost, stolen, tampered with, and/or confiscated wristbands will not be replaced!**

What to Bring

Government Issued Photo ID
Wristband
Credit Card for Wine orders

What not to bring

Pets
Outside food or drink
Chairs
Illegal drugs
Children under the age of 21
Cigarettes – this is a non-smoking event