

# 2023 Grand Tasting

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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

**DATE:** Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 7:00pm-10:00pm

**LOCATION:** The Bascom, Center for Visual Arts  
323 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741

**\*\*PLEASE ENTER AT FRANKLIN & OAK STREET. THE COVERED BRIDGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THERE IS NO GUEST PARKING AT THE BASCOM.**

## SUMMARY & SCHEDULE

Kick your elevated weekend off at the 2023 Grand Tasting, listening to live music from Memphis-based, GRAMMY®-nominated Southern Avenue. Enjoy exquisite small plates from the finest chefs situated right here in the Plateau, as well as neighboring cities and states, while sampling fine wines from around the world.

7:00pm: Doors Open

8:00pm - 8:30pm: DJ

8:30pm – 10:00pm: Southern Avenue

10:00pm: Event Ends

## MUSIC TALENT

DJ followed by Southern Avenue

## WEATHER

This event will take place at the beautiful Bascom: Center for the Visual Arts. The event will be outdoor but protected by heated tents.

## ATTIRE

Mountain Chic, Resort Casual, Comfortable Footwear. This event is held at The Bascom but the event space will be connected by heated tents. We will have a coat check at the entrance, but please dress for forecasted weather.

## PARKING

Unfortunately, **NO GUEST PARKING** at the Bascom for the event. We suggest walking to The Bascom from nearby public parking or carpooling. Please note the entry bridge to the Bascom is under construction and does not allow access. All entry will happen via Oak Street from

# HIGHLANDS FOOD & WINE

Franklin Road. Guests are permitted to be dropped off at The Bascom entrance on Oak Street but the driver must continue on and find parking in surrounding areas. If you are dropping off, please enter from Franklin Road and exit by continuing down Oak Street to create a one-way loop. Please do not park in lots where businesses are still open, or you will be towed. We encourage public parking along Oak, Main, and Spring Streets and then walking over to the event.

## **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, VIP Weekender, or VIP Weekender Plus to enter/re-enter. Beverages may not leave the tent.

## **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. We ask that you please drink responsibly! HFW bartenders and wine partners reserve the right to stop serving any person who they feel has consumed too much alcohol. Please have a designated driver for any of the events that you plan to drink alcohol. **Do not drink and drive!**

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

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

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO GET INTO THE EVENT?**

You need your ticket bar code from Ticketspice or a wristband. After receiving your event wristband, you must wear your wristband for the duration of the event. Weekender VIP and Weekender VIP+ ticketholders must wear Weekender wristbands for the duration of the festival. We suggest you bring a credit card for merchandise from the band and the Bascom gift shop and ceramics barn!

## **TICKETING/WRISTBAND FAQ**

### **Where can I pick up my tickets/wristbands?**

Help us cut down on the lines! This year all fans will have the opportunity to pick up wristbands in advance of the events starting Wednesday, November 8th. All ticket purchasers can pick up wristbands at the Festival Box Office (time and location listed below). If you cannot pick up wristbands early or you have already forwarded your QR code to other ticket holders in your party, you can still have tickets scanned and receive wristbands at the event gates.

### **Highlands Food & Wine Box Office**

424 Pine Street (former Bank of America building)

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**Operation Times:**

Wednesday, Nov 8th 3pm-6pm

Thursday, Nov 9th 10am – 5pm

Friday, Nov 10th 10am – 5pm

Saturday, Nov 11th 10am – 11am

Sunday, Nov 12th 10am – 11am