LHSM Summer Season Features Deep Ellum Showcase, Winery Performance, and Oktoberfest Return

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Lake Highlands School of Music (LHSM) is tuning up an ambitious calendar that will carry students from midsummer through the fall with appearances in some of Dallas?s most distinctive listening rooms and festivals. First up is the Summer Showcase at?Deep?Ellum?Art?Co on Sunday,?July?27,?2025, at?3?p.m. The multistage arts compound?part gallery, part indoor club, part open?air courtyard?surrounds every performance with murals, a 50?foot digital gallery wall, and a loyal neighborhood crowd that comes as much for the creativity as the music.

LHSM?s Performance Program continues to thrive under the direction of local drummer and educator Joe James, whose steady leadership, energy, and musical vision have helped shape the program into one of the most dynamic youth band experiences in North Texas. James brings years of professional performance experience and a strong focus on mentorship, teamwork, and real-world preparation, helping young musicians grow into confident performers both on and off stage.

Helping to anchor this season?s performances is former LHSM instructor and acclaimed Dallas soul-pop artist Kirk Thurmond, who returns to the program this summer to assist with band coaching, stage presence,

and live show preparation. James' and Thurmond's work with the students will culminate in a collaborative finale at the Deep Ellum Art Co showcase.

Just two weeks later, LHSM's top band will debut a new show at Waters Edge Winery & Bistro Dallas on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Located in the heart of Lake Highlands, the winery is known for its cozy, intimate setting, refined atmosphere, and globally inspired small-lot wines. The performance will feature the LHSM band delivering a full electric set tailored to suit the relaxed ambiance of the space. This special evening will offer a chance for musicians to connect with their audience in a more conversational setting while still showcasing their artistry and growth.

In September, LHSM returns to a fan favorite: Oktoberfest Dallas on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Flag Pole Hill. This lively outdoor celebration draws thousands for a day filled with German food, games, and an eclectic lineup of live music. LHSM students will take the stage with a setlist that blends crowd-pleasing covers and creative arrangements, giving young performers one of the largest and most spirited stage experiences of the year.

Meanwhile, LHSM is opening auditions for the Fall 2025 season of its popular Performance Program. Open to students ages 10?18, the program places musicians in skill-matched bands that meet weekly for guided rehearsals. Bands focus on mastering songs across genres?rock, pop, funk, and more?while learning essential performance skills like stage presence, listening, and improvisation. Each band works toward real public shows, studio sessions, and community events, building confidence, creativity, and teamwork in a supportive, goal-driven environment. Students gain experience playing in professional settings with peers who challenge and inspire them. Interested students and parents can schedule an audition by calling 469-248-0574 or emailing admin@lhschoolofmusic.com.

Founded in 2017 by guitarist and educator Zach Galindo, Lake Highlands School of Music has become a local hub for young musicians, serving more than 300 students with a team of over 20 professional instructors. The school?s mission?to provide structured, joyful, and performance-driven music education?continues to thrive through its private lessons, band programs, and community partnerships. For more information or to register, visit www.lakehighlandsmusic.com or stop by the studio at 6760 Abrams Rd #205, Dallas, TX 75231.

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