

Knoxville Old Time Newsletter April 2025

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April 2025 Newsletter

Jam Calendar

Boyd's Jig and Reel
Every Tuesday at 6:30PM

For Weather or Holiday Cancellation Info, Call Boyd's At 865-247-7666

Laurel Theater

Thursday, April 10th at 7PM

Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on knoxvilleoldtime.org.

**7th Annual
Upper East Tennessee
Fiddlers Convention**

Flag Pond, Tennessee

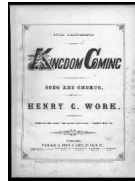
April 25 - 26th



Tune History

"Kingdom Coming/Year Of Jubilo"

Songwriter and abolitionist Henry Work wrote this song in 1866 for performance by blackface troupes. The lyrics of this incredibly popular song describe the impending freedom of a group of slaves after their master flees the plantation, but need to be considered in historical context. The catchy melody has worn quite well, and is an Old Time jam favorite.



Just In

There is a [very interesting article](#) in the [Program Line](#) entitled "Old-Time Music Permanently Revokes All Song Titles." Apparently, The National Council of Fiddlers has unanimously voted to end the practice of using words to name old-time fiddle tunes. From this point forward, musicians will identify fiddle tunes only by playing the first four bars, as tune titles have become meaningless. Click the link to read more. This far reaching decision takes effect on April 1st.

Old Time Happenings In April!

April 4th

[Junior Appalachian
Musicians Fundraiser](#)

Laurel Theater

April 5th

[Mike Bryant](#)

Fiddler Mike Bryant will make a rare appearance with Marcia Bryant, Joseph Decosimo, and Reed Stutz

Laurel Theater

April 11th

[Mama Said String Band](#)

Laurel Theater

April 12th

[Blue Ridge Gathering](#)

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April 17th

[Old Marshall Jail Ballad Swan](#)

Laurel Theater

April 19th

[Ed Snodderly](#)

Laurel Theater

April 26th

[Matt Heckler](#)

Laurel Theater

The listed events have an Old Time connection. Please consult venues for confirmation, lots more events & info.

[Laurel Theater](#)

[Boyd's Knoxville](#)

[Boyd's Jig & Reel](#)

More About Festivals & Events



The Laurel Theater Square Dance

April 24th at 7PM

Live music, skilled caller. No partner needed. Tickets at the door.

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