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## Little Rock's Newest Concert Venue Announces Opening Acts #FallAtTheHall Concerts Span Genres from R&B to Blues Rock

LITTLE ROCK, AR (Aug. 17, 2021) – <u>The Hall</u>, Little Rock's newest concert and events venue, announced six of its opening acts as it debuts on historic W. Ninth St. Concerts begin Oct. 16 with Grammy-award winner Ledisi, followed by Muscadine Bloodline, Jelly Roll, Drake White, Granger Smith, Tab Benoit's Swampland Jam & Samantha Fish, and Yola. Full concert details, including how to purchase tickets, can be found at <u>LittleRockHall.com</u>.

"Little Rock deserves nothing less than top tier artists," Concert Director Layne Flournoy said. "The Hall's programming will encompass a diverse mix of all genres and styles of live entertainment. We will be producing concerts spanning from local artists to national and international touring artists. There are some amazing venues here in Little Rock already, and we hope to be an asset to that community."

The schedule includes:

- <u>10/16—Ledisi</u>; The singer, songwriter, music producer, author and actress won the 2021 Grammy Award for Best Traditional R&B Performance. She recently released *Ledisi Sings Nina*, a collection of seven of the most popular songs by legendary artist Nina Simone.
- <u>10/23—Muscadine Bloodline</u>; This Country duo is fresh off the release of their debut album, *Burn It at Both Ends*. Their songs reflect their love of home, family, friends, love lost and found, and struggles of the road life.
- <u>10/29—Jelly Roll</u>; Mixing themes from both Hip Hop and Country genres, this southern rapper has blended both into a unique sound and earned success across the nation.
- <u>11/20—Drake White</u>; An established country music star in his own right, Drake White has toured with the likes of Little Big Town and Zac Brown Band. With new songs "Hurts the Healing" and "Angel Side of You," Drake continues to grow his fan base while staying true to his southern soulful roots.



- <u>12/04—Granger Smith</u>; Also known by his alter-ego Earl Dibbles Jr., Granger has established himself as a bona-fide star and not just in the Texas red dirt scene. Including his last full-length release, *Country Things*, Granger has totaled 13 albums with six singles charting on country music airplay.
- <u>12/10 Tab Benoit's Swampland Jam & Samantha Fish</u>; One of the most impressive guitarists to emerge from the rich Bayous of Southern Louisiana in recent years, Tab Benoit combines his blues guitarist sounds with Samantha Fish of Kansas City, MO, whose sound mixes elements of blues rock with rock, funk, bluegrass and ballads.
- <u>3/22—Yola</u>; A singer and songwriter from Bristol, England, Yola's sound covers multiple genres. Her 2021 album, *Stand For Myself*, was produced by Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys.

The social media hashtag #FallAtTheHall will highlight the inaugural concert season in photos and other content across <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Construction to bring The Hall to life began in June, which will also function as a driver for renewed economic activity along the once vibrant West Ninth St. corridor.

As the center for Black business and culture in Little Rock, West Ninth St. earned the reputation "the mecca of entertainment in the South."<sup>1</sup> The Hall sits adjacent to Dreamland Ballroom inside what had been Taborian Hall, now Arkansas Flag and Banner. Dreamland, which also later went by the name Club Morocco hosted live performances by legendary acts such as Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Billie Holiday, Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, B.B. King, Sammie Davis, Jr. and others.<sup>2</sup>

## Musical Artists Photos: Access here.

## **About The Hall**

Little Rock Hall, known as The Hall, is Little Rock's newest concert and event venue coming to historic West Ninth Street in the fall of 2021. It will host a myriad of concerts across all musical genres as well as private events including weddings, galas and corporate functions. The Hall is excited to be a part of bringing back live music back to West Ninth Street and help provide a spotlight on its rich history. Find us online at <u>littlerockhall.com</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> @LittleRockHall.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/west-ninth-street-little-rock-14537/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/taborian-hall-6984/</u>