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## City to keep Kentuck Festival for next 15 years

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The nationally renowned Kentuck Festival, which moved to Tuscaloosa's Snow Hinton Park in 2024, leaving Northport's Kentuck Park for the first time in its 50-plus year history, will remain in the Druid City for at least 15 years.

The Tuscaloosa City Council voted unanimously for a 15-year-duration memorandum of agreement, and permissive use agreement, with the Kentuck Museum Association at its Sept. 9 meeting.

This year's 54th Annual Kentuck Festival of the Arts will be Oct. 11-12. Tickets are on sale through [www.kentuck.org](http://www.kentuck.org).

In late 2023, Kentuck and the city of Tuscaloosa worked out a one-year contract, it was later determined that the festival and Snow Hinton Park, a 40-acre green space, would be the most conducive fit. The 53rd Kentuck Festival was held there Oct. 19-20, 2024.

Post-show accounting collated more than 16,000 visitors, pleased by the central, highly visible location — on McFarland Boulevard and Hargrove Road, adjacent to University Mall — its flat-path accessibility, ease of parking, and other perceived pluses.

"Afterwards, we started talking about how can we make this run a little more smoothly, rather than have to renegotiate every year what is a rather long memorandum of agreement," said Exa Skinner, executive director of the Kentuck center.

Following complicated back-and-forth tussles over contract details with the Northport City Council in autumn 2023, Kentuck began looking elsewhere, receiving interest from numerous communities around the South, before entering into the one-year plan with Tuscaloosa.

"Kentuck is an elite organization that is delivering a creative culture for Tuscaloosa," said Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox, after the vote. "The city is honored to be their partner, and looks forward to growing the Kentuck arts festival to even greater heights in the years ahead.

"We could not be more excited about what we can accomplish together."

Kentuck's offices and artists' studios remain in downtown Northport. Until 2024, the festival had been held in Kentuck Park for more than 50

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# ONE IN A MILLION

## UA's Million Dollar Band provides gameday spirit

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The 400 members of the Million Dollar Band carry on one of the University of Alabama's longest and proudest traditions. • The UA marching band has served as an essential part of Crimson Tide football since 1912, providing entertainment at pep rallies, halftime shows and during games at Bryant-Denny Stadium. • Under the direction of Ken Ozzello, who has served as the Million Dollar Band director since 2002, band members have been working since early August on everything from marching basics to the techniques they will use this football season.

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The Million Dollar Band presented its halftime and pregame shows to fans in a free preview Aug. 23 at Butler Field. The band's halftime show will feature a Western theme for the 2025 season.

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