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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2026 INDUCTION CEREMONY

The wait is over — here's your first look at what's in store for this year's North Dakota Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Along with celebrating our six incredible inductees, we're excited to share who will be hosting the evening and the live music you can expect throughout the celebration.

2026 Induction Ceremony

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 2:00 PM
Bismarck State College — ATC Theater, Bismarck, ND
Open to the Public

Along with our amazing six inductees


Greg Nelson


Shadoe Stevens



The Tibor Brothers


Dr. Tom Porter


Johnny Holm


Michael D. Clute

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★ MEET YOUR MC ★

SHADOE STEVENS • 2026 INDUCTEE & MASTER OF CEREMONIES



This year, Shadoe Stevens takes on double duty at the induction ceremony. Not only is he being welcomed into the North Dakota Music Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2026, he's also stepping up to the mic as the evening's master of ceremonies.

Long before returning home to North Dakota for this honor, Shadoe was already a household voice across the country. He hosted American Top 40 for years, counting down the nation's biggest hits to over a billion listeners weekly across 110 countries — a career that later earned him a place in the Radio Hall of Fame.

Now he brings that same energy, warmth, and unmistakable voice to Bismarck, guiding guests through every tribute, performance, and milestone of the 2026 Induction Ceremony.

2026 Inductee | Master of Ceremonies

LIVE MUSIC AT THE CEREMONY

The performances bringing this year's celebration to life



THROUGHOUT THE CEREMONY

Michael Clute

You'll hear Michael Clute's music throughout the day.

OPENING TRIBUTE

Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus

Performing musical selections in honor of Dr. Tom Porter and Greg Nelson.



LIVE PERFORMANCE

Tibor Brothers and Family

Bringing their own signature sound to the induction stage.



CLOSING CONCERT

Johnny Holm Band

Closing out the night with a full concert to send everyone home on a high note.

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★ DON'T MISS YOUR SEAT ★

Only 400 Tickets Available

Secure your seat before they're gone.
Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Bismarck State College — ATC Theater

Silent Auction

Browse and bid on unique items throughout the evening, with proceeds supporting the Hall of Fame's mission.

Live Auction

Join the friendly competition as our live auction adds even more energy to the night.

While their careers and contributions are all distinctly different, each of this year's inductees shares a lifelong commitment to music and a legacy worthy of recognition. Join us as we celebrate the artists, the music, and the moments that make North Dakota's musical story one worth telling.

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★ VENUE SPOTLIGHT ★

THE LIVE EVENT VENUE AT BSC'S ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTER





Our 2026 Induction Ceremony is headed somewhere brand new this year — the state-of-the-art Live Event Venue inside Bismarck State College's new Advanced Technology Center, located at 1220 Schafer St. on the BSC campus.

The Advanced Technology Center is part of a $42.5 million, 89,486-square-foot polytechnic expansion, connected by skywalk to BSC's National Energy Center of Excellence. Inside, the auditorium-style Live Event Venue features flexible telescopic seating, one of the largest video screens in the state, and reinforced, cushioned flooring built to support full stage productions.

The space is still brand new to the stage — BSC Theatre's production of "Hello, Dolly!" was the very first show ever performed there, just this past October. This September, it will host something else entirely: the 2026 North Dakota Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

We've already gotten a taste of what this venue can do — the North Dakota Music Hall of Fame attended our first show there to see Jennifer Lynn and the Groove Revival take the stage. It was a fantastic show, featuring our own 2025 inductee Richard Torrance, who plays in the band.

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★ BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ★

CORREY PIERCE • BOARD MEMBER, ND MUSIC HALL OF FAME



This month, we're shining a light on board member Correy Pierce. Correy brings great insight to our group with his knowledge in making merch and providing sound for bands and musicians.

We are so lucky to have him on our team — thanks for all you do, Correy!

SEPTEMBER NOTABLE NATIONAL DAYS

- Sept. 13th — National Grandparents Day (The Tibor Brothers got their very first instruments from their grandfather!)
- Sept. 19th — National Dance Day
- Sept. 20th — National Wife Appreciation Day (The Tibor Brothers credit their wives for keeping the band together all these years)
- Sept. 25th — National One-Hit Wonder Day (Fun fact: inductee Lawrence Welk's only #1 hit was "Calcutta" in 1961!)

TUNING UP TRIVIA

This year's inductees, The Tibor Brothers, started their musical journey after an important family member gave them their very first instruments. Who was it?

a. Their grandfather

b. Their uncle

c. Their music teacher

Answer to last month's trivia: A. Bobby Vee

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★ NORTH DAKOTA SPOTLIGHT ★

Celebrating the artists carrying North Dakota's music forward



AUGUST 11–16

Jessie Veeder

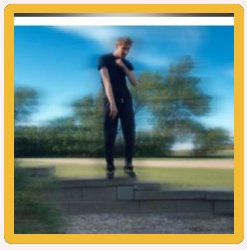
A singer-songwriter, writer, and fourth-generation rancher from near Watford City, Jessie released her first album at 16 and has been telling North Dakota's stories in song ever since. Her fifth album, "Yellow Roses," was named 2024 Best Western Country Album by the Academy of Western Artists. She's also a longtime newspaper columnist and founder of the Long X Arts Foundation.



AUGUST 20–25

Emmy Woods

Raised on a dirt road in rural North Dakota and now based in St. Paul, Emmy Woods blends country, folk, and blues into songs built on storytelling and a strong sense of place. She performs both as a solo artist and with her band, the Red Pine Ramblers.



AUGUST 27–31

Sway GTTB

Sway GTTB, the stage name of Braeden Carow, is an independent North Dakota rap artist making his mark with faith-based, self-released music. He's part of the next generation of North Dakota artists building an audience one track at a time.

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The SOUND of North Dakota

YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LIVE MUSIC IN THE 701 THIS MONTH

September 1 – 6

Wednesday, September 2
Kyle Colby | West Fargo, ND | Hooligans Bar & Grill

Thursday, September 3
Chloe Raye | Fargo, ND | Suite Shots
Ted & Kari | Minot, ND | Ebeneezer's (7:00 PM – 11:00 PM)
Elijah O'Sullivan | Medora, ND | Badlands Pizza

Friday, September 4
Ted & Kari | Surrey, ND | Big Dog Saloon
Elijah O'Sullivan | Medora, ND | Badlands Pizza

Saturday, September 5
Ted & Kari | Strawberry Lake, ND | Strawberry Kooler
Dakotah Faye | Bismarck, ND | Harvest Brazilian Grill
Elijah O'Sullivan | Medora, ND | Badlands Pizza

Sunday, September 6
Kohlrabi Soup Bluegrass Band | Wahpeton, ND | A Primitive Place Gathering
Elijah O'Sullivan | Medora, ND | Medora Wagon Wheel Stage

September 7 – 13

Monday, September 7
Rick Adams | Stump Lake Village, ND | Old Main Street (12:00 PM)

Tuesday, September 8
Rick Adams | Horace, ND | Big Erv's (Bike Night – 6:00 PM)

Thursday, September 10
Elijah O'Sullivan | Fargo, ND | 701 Eatery

Friday, September 11
Chloe Raye | Bismarck, ND | The Jousting Lemur

Saturday, September 12
Kohlrabi Soup Bluegrass Band | Colfax, ND | Red River Roots Bluegrass Festival
Elijah O'Sullivan | Mapleton, ND | Mapleton Days

Bands & Musicians:
Want to be on this list? Email your schedule to kayla@ndmusichall.com

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★ CLASS OF 2026 WORD FIND ★

Find all 13 words connected to this year's ceremony hidden below!

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