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Your guide to Atlanta's best soul music and culture events

May 3 Rhiannon Giddens & The Old-Time Revue

For more than a decade, singer/musician Rhiannon Giddens has been — both as a member of the award-winning Carolina Chocolate Drops and as a solo artist — working to reclaim the African-American roots of string music. But, truth be told, most folks probably heard her talents via the guitar solo she played on the intro to Beyonce's hit song, "Texas Hold 'Em." All that said, Giddens is a real GOAT, so be sure to check her out live. \$39.50 - \$79.50. 8 p.m. The Eastern. More info: www.easternatl.com.



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April 9 — High Bias Listening Sessions. Free. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Block and Drum. More info: controllerise.com.

April 9 (weekly) — Meet Me Here: Sean Falyon + Salah Ananse. Free. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Buteco (Grant Park). More info: www.butecoatlanta.com.

April 12 — Record Store Day. The national celebration that is Record Store Day returns, and purveyors of dope music across the metro-Atlanta area are getting in on the festivities. For starters, a special **Record Store Day** edition of **Kickin' Up Dust featuring Rich Medina and DJ Kemit** is going down at the Echo Room (more details about that in this issue's cover story). Then Moods Music in Little Five Points will host (as it usually does for this holiday) performances by vocalists and DJs, as well as offering up a ton of Record Store Day releases for sale (www.moodmusic.net).



April 12 — Experience Hendrix, with Buddy Guy, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Samantha Fish and more. \$55-\$240. 7:30 p.m. Fox Theatre. More info: www.foxtheatre.org.

April 12 — Mother May I: Daytime Dance Party. DJs **Laura Indorf, Mike Zarin and Ash Lauryn** present a brand-new, family-friendly day party — one that's designed to be fun for kids but features truly great and authentic soul, disco and house music (instead of, say, Kidz Bop). Free (3 and under)-\$22.70.12 p.m.-5 p.m. Westside Motor Lounge. More info: www.westsidemotorlounge.com.

April 12-13 — Howard Hewett. \$58-\$75. 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (April 12) 8 p.m. (April 13) City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

April 16-17 — Dave Hollister. \$50-\$85. 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

April 17 — Jon Batiste. \$39.50-\$246.50. 8 p.m. Fox Theatre. More info: www.foxtheatre.org.

April 17 — Kool Keith. One of hip-hop's original avant-garde voices — Kool Keith — returns to Atlanta to play what is probably the ideal venue for such an offbeat MC (i.e., the EARL). \$20. 8:30 p.m. The EARL. More info: badearl.com.

April 18 — The Sequence: Tribute to Angie Stone, featuring special guest artists. \$30-\$45. 8 p.m. City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

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RICH MEDINA

It's fitting that legendary DJ Rich Medina — one of the forces behind the acclaimed, Miami-based vinyl listening bar Dante's Hi-Fi — should play a set on April 12 at one of Atlanta's dopest listening bars, the Echo Room. And to make matters even more record-breaking, Medina will be tag-team spinning alongside ATL's own DJ Kemit (an Echo Room curator) for a special Record Store Day edition of the long-running, all-45-record party Kickin' Up Dust. The event will also feature a vinyl pop-up shop, allowing attendees to dig through the crates for classic records, as well as DJ Kemit exclusives. But before anyone goes crate-digging, let's briefly dig into Medina's multifaceted and music-centric world.

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Having put in four decades behind the decks, it should come as no surprise that Medina is the proud owner of more than 40,000 records in his personal collection.

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In addition to his role as a DJ, Medina is renowned for his work as a platinum-selling producer, poet, and Ivy League lecturer, as well as his work with artists like Jill Scott and J Dilla.



This won't be the first time Medina and Kemit have joined forces on the wheels of steel. Medina is quick to point out their ATL-based collaborative events over the years, including Spread Love's Felabration and Jump N Funk, among many others. "My relationship with DJ Kemit and his lovely wife, Aishah — the things we've done together — have culminated in a personal relationship ... that is virtually impossible to describe in such a short space."

And when it comes to Atlanta, Medina knows what's up. His frequent visits to our fair city have given him insight into the A's sophisticated brand of music lovers. "Atlanta has some of the most soulful, musically educated crowds I've ever played for," said Medina. "Spinning alongside Kemit at Kickin' Up Dust? That's what I call a perfect night." ★



Event info: April 12 — Rich Medina + DJ Kemit at Kickin' Up Dust. \$20-\$30. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Echo Room. More info: echoroomatl.com.

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April 18-20 — Sweetwater 420 Fest. \$80 and up. Various times. Pullman Yards. More info: sweetwater420fest.com.

April 19 — FLO. \$58-\$250. 8 p.m. The Tabernacle. More info: www.tabernacleatl.com.

April 19 — WRFG Global Drumbeat Festival. Free (12-under), \$22.70 and up. 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Westside Motor Lounge. More info: www.westsidemotorlounge.com.

April 19 (two shows) — Loose Ends featuring Jane Eugene. \$50-\$70. 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

April 19 — Slow Drag. \$10 and up. 10 p.m. Atlantucky Brewing. More info: slowdrag.co.

April 20-21 — Peabo Bryson. 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. (April 20) 8 p.m. (April 21) City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

April 25 — Seun Kuti & Egypt 80. \$35-\$55. 8 p.m. City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta.

April 26 — R&B Invitation Tour, with Joe, Musiq Soulchild and Eric Benét. \$63.50 - \$254.50. 8 p.m. Fox Theatre. More info: www.foxtheatre.org.

April 27 — Elevated Rhythms. Free. 1 p.m.-7 p.m. 2757 East Point Street, East Point. More info: www.tamborparty.com.

April 27 — Magnolia White Rose & Boutonniere Affair, featuring Chrissette Michele and friends. \$150-\$200. 2:30 p.m. The Eastern. More info: www.easternatl.com.

April 28 — Controllerise Vibe Sessions.

Organizers of this weekly event use these words to describe it: "Vibes, records, beats, video games, board games, cards, coloring, food, cookies, drinks and a whole lot of love." And they ain't lyin.' Go do that. \$10 and up. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Monday Night Brewing. More info: controllerise.com.

May 2 — First Thing Friday with Sean Falyon and GoodBrotherlyzm. Free. 9:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m. Southern Feedstore. More info: www.sfseav.com.

May 2 — Spelling. \$22-\$25. 8:30 p.m. The EARL. More info: badearl.com.

May 2 — The War and Treaty. \$34 and up. 8 p.m. Buckhead Theatre. More info: www.thebuckheadtheatre.com.

May 4 — Melanie Fiona. \$26-\$89. 8 p.m. Buckhead Theatre. More info: www.thebuckheadtheatre.com.

May 5 — Got That On Vinyl.

Co-sponsored by Slo*Mo Media, Got That On Vinyl is the monthly kickback we like to call: "the most fun you can have on a school night." Created and conducted by Slo*Mo's own DJ Larmarrous, it's a cozy, 45-record-fueled affair for folks who like good soul, funk, hip-hop and beyond. Free. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Halfway Crooks Beer. More info: halfwaycrooks.beer.



May 9 — BADBADNOTGOOD with Baby Rose. \$55-\$141. 8 p.m. The Tabernacle. More info: www.tabernacleatl.com.

May 10 — The Temptations & The Four Tops: 40th Anniversary Tour. \$49.50-\$235. 8 p.m. Fox Theatre. More info: www.foxtheatre.org.

May 11 — Mother's Day Celebration, with Fred Hammond, James Fortune, Charles Jenkins and more. \$73.50-\$129.50. 4 p.m. Fox Theatre. More info: www.foxtheatre.org.

May 11 — Mother's Day Throwback R&B Concert, with Next, Sunshine Anderson, Tony Terry and Truth Hurts. \$59 and up. 6 p.m. Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre. More info: mablehouse.org/amphitheatre.

May 15 + May 17 — Emily King. This genre-bending vocalist comes with our highest recommendation. SERIOUSLY. With a catalog of songs soaked in a roux of soul, jazz, rock and much more, Emily King is one artist you have to catch live at least once in a lifetime. \$45-\$65. 8 p.m. City Winery. More info: citywinery.com/atlanta. ★

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