

# Mapping the Musical Communities of Tallahassee, Florida

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# Background



- Tallahassee has a beautiful, vibrant, and diverse musical community
- There is no central location to learn about musical performances and opportunities around Tallahassee
- This project plays to my strengths and my desire to give back to the community

# Research Question

- What does the musical geography of Tallahassee tell us about the city's history and how has the city's history impacted sonic boundaries?

# Methodology

- Who: musicians around Tallahassee
- Where: The Blue Tavern, Florida Folklife Festival, the Red Shed, Signature Lounge, Bradfordville Blues Club, FSU
- How: ethnographic studies, interviews, participating in musical traditions, archival research



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# Findings

- Tallahassee's music communities are very tightly knit groups of people that also hold generations of stories and histories
- Some forms of music travelled to Tallahassee while others originated here and combined, both groups of musicians help tell a complete story of Tallahassee

# Why Care?

- Music tells stories and shows dimensions of lived experience that gets lost
- This project will help preserve musical history in Tallahassee and provide a space for people who moved here to participate and attend musical events

# What's Next?

- This project has three phases
  - Phase 1: Appalachian Music and Dance and Irish music
  - Phase 2: All of phase one plus Freedom Drumming, possible Native American (Apalachee) music history, Western Classical
  - Phase 3: Jazz, Punk Rock, and Educational Institutions (FSU, FAMU, Marching Bands)



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