

“Kids at Porchfest 2025: Event for all ages”

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Carbon Harry band members David Glichowski (left), Davis Busse (middle) and Izzy Glichowski (right) perform at Porchfest on Sunday. Sandra Glichowski captures photos and videos of the band during the performance. Photo/Clara Lee

Historic Athens Porchfest 2025's [lineup](#) featured young artists, ranging from elementary to middle school, that appealed to audiences of all ages.

Carbon Harry, an Athens' middle school rock band, said its band attracted more than 100 patrons during its performance in the Boulevard neighborhood. The band showcased young talent by playing original songs such as “Sheep Dog Blues” and “I’m Not Real.”

University of Georgia student Uthra Balamurugan attended a Carbon Harry performance at Porchfest. Balamurugan said she told everyone she saw at Porchfest about Carbon Harry after her experience watching the band.

“But I was, like, texting my friend, I was like, there’s a band of kids,” Balamurugan said. “Y’all should get over here right now.”

Carbon Harry band member David Glichowski said the band played for one of its largest crowds to date at Porchfest. David said Porchfest offered a better experience than AthFest, a music and arts festival in Athens, because AthFest placed the band in a kids’ section.

Porchfest allows younger artists to show their talent to a larger age range by not dividing the festival between kid and adult artists. Some audience members purchased Carbon Harry merchandise and CDs after hearing the band’s performance.

Sandra Glichowski, mother of Carbon Harry band members David and Izzy Glichowski, smiled during Carbon Harry’s performance as she captured content from her iPhone for the band’s social media.

Porch owner Jeff Cymerman hosted the band on his porch. Cymerman said he’s never hosted a band as young as Carbon Harry throughout his experience as a porch host.

“I found it surprising they were so good, and they were so young,” Cymerman said.



T. Hardy Morris performs in the Boulevard neighborhood at Historic Athens Porchfest 2025 on Sunday. Around 115 people gathered at 2:35 p.m. to listen to the rock artist. Photo/Clara Lee

Young patrons can hear new types of music during Porchfest. Porchfest attendee Frannie McClester said her children enjoy walking throughout the featured seven historic neighborhoods and hearing new types of music, such as hip-hop and indie rock.

“I have no qualms taking my children to any house to hear any band,” McClester said.

McClester and her friends brought their children to listen to BlackNerdNinja at the Historic Athens building on Prince Avenue. The children chased one another while listening to BlackNerdNinja’s upbeat music.

Youth supported local businesses in the festival's neighborhoods. Treehouse Kid & Craft employee Michele Conte said Porchfest increased the toy and craft store's number of customers and sales. Treehouse Kid & Craft's Barber Street location [in the Newtown neighborhood](#) attracted new, young customers to the storefront.

Children plucked stuffed animals off of the shelves as a line began to form around the register. Youth licked ice cream cones from Treathouse, an ice cream and candy shop inside of Treehouse Kid & Craft, on benches outside. Parents sipped beer from Normaltown Brewing Company before walking through the Boulevard and Newtown neighborhoods to hear bands such as ozello and forceghost.

"Oh yeah, this is a busy Sunday, that's for sure," Conte said.

Why I Wrote The Story

Writing this event coverage story allowed me to meet locals and share the importance of community and current events through my story. I gained interviewing skills by having to interview multiple people in order to report from multiple perspectives on the event.