



Third Annual Suwannee RIVERKEEPER® Songwriting Contest



August 22, 2020, Valdosta, Georgia

Prizes: \$300 First Prize.

\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin.

\$50 winner from outside. One plaque per musical genre.

And: youth winners under 18 years old.



M.C. Scott James of Talk 92.1 FM; **Headliner:** [Dirty Bird and the Flu](#)

Why: There should be more songs about the Suwannee River, or the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee, Little, New, Dead, or Gopher Rivers, Okapilco, Piscola, etc. Creeks, the Okefenokee Swamp, Grand Bay, or springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds. (But not the Santa Fe River; which has its own contest.)



The Contest: 7-10 PM, Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Headliners: play. **Finalists:** play. **Judges:** pick winners. **Prizes:** awarded. **Winners:** play again.

Silent Auction & kayak raffle. [Food truck](#), [cash bar](#).

Where: Turner Center Art Park, outside.

605 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia, 31601

Next to the Turner Center for the Arts.



Sponsors: named in program, stage banner, online, radio, TV, etc.

Judges: will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, waters, history, performance, clarity of message, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers. Issues are good; just no partisan politics or specific candidates for office. See [Rules](#).



Judges: Emmy Law of Nashville, TN, J.J. Rolle of Valdosta, GA, Cindy Bear of Jacksonville, FL

Tickets: [\\$10 per person in advance](#); \$12 at the door;

\$150 six-seat VIP table in front of the stage.

WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS): is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity. WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, Santa Fe, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.

WWALS as **Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®** is the WATERKEEPER® Alliance member for the Suwannee River Basin.



Photo: Scotti & Sara Jay, of Bird Chamberlain and David Rodock of Dirty Bird and the Flu playing "Alapaha Laphogs" at the 2019 Contest

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