

LEVITT NETWORK PANEL

HARMONIC HEALING: HOW LEVITT AMP COMMUNITIES REBUILD IN THE WAKE OF NATURAL DISASTERS





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LIVE MUSICAMP **BUILDING BRIDGES. INSPIRING COMMUNITY.**





Selma is one of the most historic cities in America. Within our 14.1 square miles, we are able to capture our nation's history from before our Muscogee family inhabited central Alabama to the continued struggle for equity in the 21st century.

The Storm

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, the historic city of Selma, Alabama experienced an EF-2 tornado.







We were able to provide hot meals, add gift cards to "Blessing Buckets," and support local business owners impacted by the storm by purchasing gifts for concert-goers largely thanks to the Levitt Emergency Relief Funds.





We had an amazing team of past and current residents who helped to plan, market, and produce 10 straight Saturdays of free live music from May through July... in the deep South... on the river... it was HOT!

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The City of Selma was on board from the beginning and helped to ensure the Levitt AMP Selma Music Series was a success.

- May 27th August 5th
- Averaged over 200 at each show.
- Became a highly anticipated event for families.
- Attracted visitors from other communities and states.







Similar to how we came together to support our neighbors immediately after the tornado, we received an outpouring of support from local businesses and individuals who wanted to help us spread JOY!





Levitt AMP Hāna

Harmonic Healing

By Becky Lind, Executive Director

"I ka wā ma mua, I ka wā ma hope" To move forward, we must accept the past. -Hawaiian proverb













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LEVITT AMP WHITESBURG VALERIE HORN



Photo by Malcolm Wilson, Humans of Central Appalachia

James Beard Leadership Award 2023

EKY SOAR Leadership Award 2023

Foundation for KY Healthy Community Champion

Cowan Community Action Group, Inc. Director Whitesburg Farmers Market Board Chair Community Agricultural Nutritional Enterprises, Inc. Board Chair

> Appalshop Board Member Community Farm Alliance Board Member

> > What's Next EKY Leadership Team

Letcher County Culture Hub Leadership Team

Appalachian Groundswell Community Engagement

LETCHER COUNTY WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

Whitesburg is located in Letcher County, which – according to FEMA –

is in the

97thpercentile for resilience,

94th-96th percentile for National Flood Risk,

91st-95th percentile for low life expectancy,

71st-94th percentile for low income, 88th-95th percentile for unemployment, and

94th-95th percentile for asthma among adults. Letcher County has also had 32 disaster declarations since 1967. Further, Letcher County and all neighboring counties are classified as disadvantaged according to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool and distressed according to the Appalachian Regional Commission's 2023 assessment.



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2022 LEVITT AMP WHITESBURG MUSIC SERIES



AND THEN.....

ONE THOUSAND YEAR FLOOD JULY 28, 2022



MUSIC IS LIKE PEACHES.....







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