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Nikki Lane



Bennet Walker Wales

# the franklin music festival

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If you are a fan of live music or looking for an alternative to hanging out on your patio with friends, catch a show this spring at River Road Farm in Franklin. River Road Farm is run by Claire and David Benjack. Their boutique farm specializes in grass-fed beef and a new spring and fall concert series, *Music In The Country*.

David and his wife, Claire, raised their family in Ghent, however, several years ago, the couple decided to move to Claire's family farm in Franklin. After relocating to Franklin, David, a music lover, saw the potential to open up his farm as a venue for bands passing through the area. He wanted to provide an opportunity for families to come and enjoy some good music in a family-friendly environment. The performing arts were hit hard at the beginning of the pandemic, and with the Covid roller coaster still chugging along, performers and fans are finding more creative and safer ways to perform and enjoy live performances. *Music In The Country* continues to be Covid conscious; proof of vaccine and/or masks are required to attend. The Benjacks are committed to the health and safety of their guests and the musicians. Their commitment to the community does not stop there; all net proceeds from *Music In The Country*

benefits *CHKD's Lighting the Way for Mental and Behavioral Health initiative*. River Road Farm has all the space you need to set up your blanket or lawn chairs, relax, and listen to some great bands.

The Benjacks' farm offers long-range pastoral views that provide the perfect backdrop for the Americana, folk, and bluegrass bands who perform there. Last fall, *Music In The Country* concert series hosted The Brother's Comatose with Bennett Walker Wales, Nikki Lane with Runnin Shine, and Yarn with Derek Smith and the New Day. Bring your friends, chairs, and some drinks and take advantage of these country concerts. Look for their upcoming events on their website [riverroadfarmva.com](http://riverroadfarmva.com).



David and his wife, Clair