

2025 Eastside Kings Foundation

We provided so much support in 2025, bringing awareness to Austin's thriving African American Blues, Jazz & Gospel Music Community.

In February 2025, Black History Month, the Foundation put on a show in one of the oldest back churches in Austin—Mission Possible. This program—entitled **Sunday Service**—will continue as an annual event every February.

March, saw the free concert in the park with some of the youngest Blues musician playing today. We documented the event and recorded two songs in the studio for a **Rosewood Soul** documentary to be released in fall of 2026.



*Sunday Service
Rosewood Soul
Eastside Kings Festival
Tours in Europe
Supporting Local Artist
Workshops*

The 13th Annual Eastside Kings Festival featured over 30 African American artists performing with local vendors and a classic car show. All this took place along the 12th street corridor in Historic East Austin. Each musician highlighted a selection of Austin's best backing artists. The festival brought awareness to East Austin and continues to help bring back a unique tradition of music while providing a glimpse into the thriving East Austin culture of the 40's-60's. Performances included knowledgeable presenters introducing the artists and speaking about the history of 12th street and its importance in Austin culture to this day.



On Saturday, the festival hosted a free **Workshop** at the George Washington Carver Museum, hosted by Living Blues Magazine. The event gave audiences a chance to meet the artists and ask questions pertaining to their artistic practice and personal histories.



November 2025, the **Eastside Kings Tour in Europe** saw 18 local artists, and others who played in the festival, perform at the Lucerne Blues Festival. The Foundation supported these important artists, providing the chance to be seen on the world stage. We helped book these artists into festivals in Europe and Japan, and also helped with interview placements in several Blues & music magazines around the world. All of this, combined with recordings and documentaries, brings more attention to our mission.



*To Preserve The Cultural Heritage Of
African American Blues, Jazz And
Gospel Music.*

Artist Support: With donations and sponsorships, we continue to support the music and those who make it. Eastside Kings Foundation was able to help pay for funerals, bills, instruments and much more. In 2025, the Foundation gave away over \$13,000 to local musicians.



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