

Atlanta zooms in on AthFest events

Athens music festival featured on 'Good Day Atlanta' program

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Organizers of AthFest, Athens' downtown music festival, gave metro Atlanta a taste of the event's live concerts and children's entertainment Thursday morning via a live television broadcast.

Blue Sky Coffee on College Square hosted a live broadcast by Atlanta Fox affiliate WAGA-TV (channel 5) as part of the "Good Day Atlanta" program, featuring Athens band Dayroom as well as Bongo the canine jazz pianist.

More than 120 bands have been scheduled for the third annual AthFest, which runs through Sunday and includes art displays and children's events.

Dayroom — which AthFest organizers call an increasingly popular band with an average of 200 concerts per year and two albums voted as best local releases of the year by an Atlanta radio station — played acoustic renditions of three songs.

Not to be outdone by Dayroom's musicians, a floppy-eared and long-haired Bongo pawed his toy piano's ivories for a song.



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Arvin Scott, center, and his group, Drumming for Success, perform Thursday morning at Blue Sky Coffee on College Square in downtown Athens. The group was among the local musicians highlighted on "Good Day Atlanta," a morning show on WAGA-TV (channel 5, a Fox affiliate). AthFest, a music and arts festival, will be held through Sunday in downtown Athens.