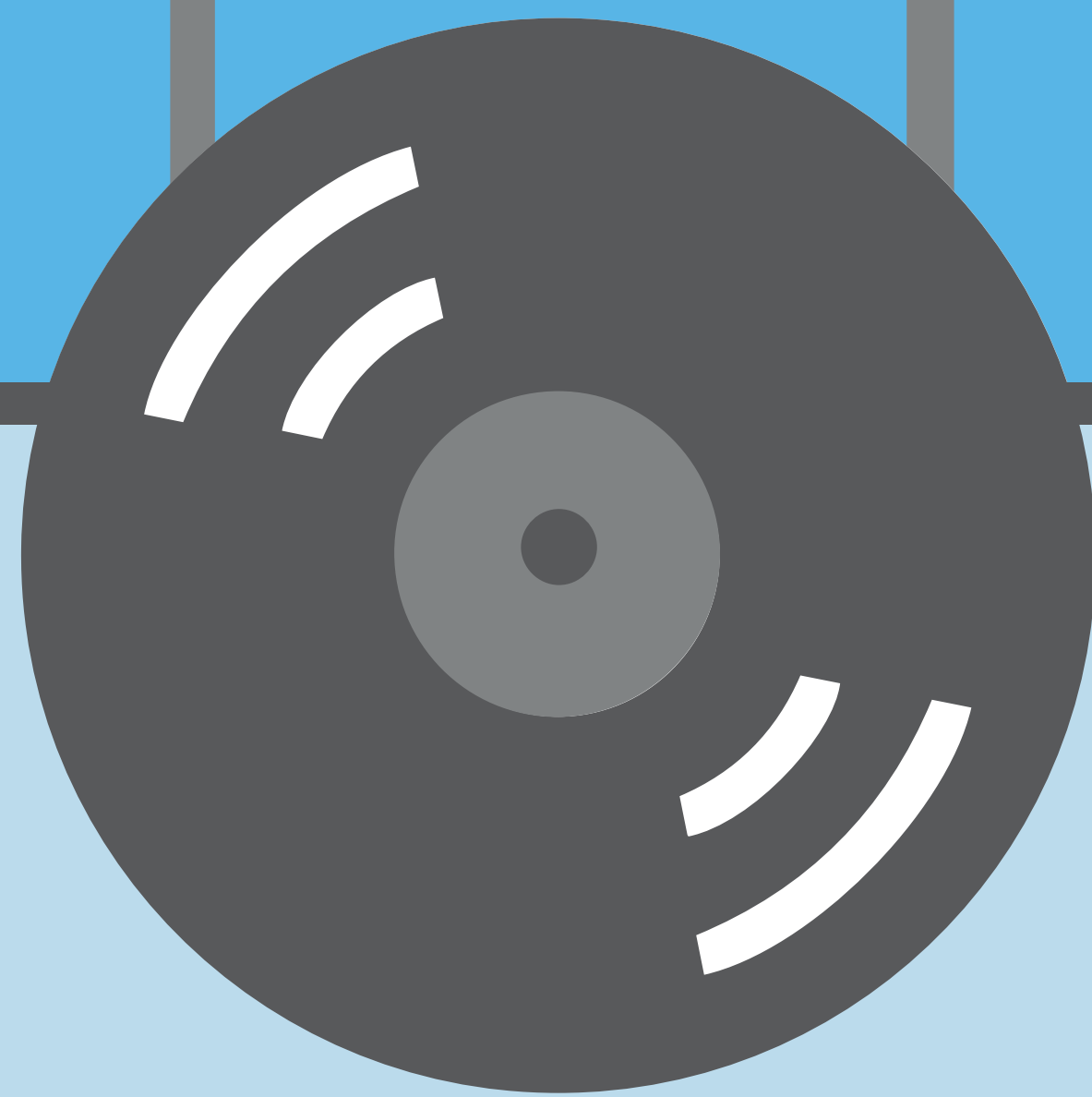


MUSIC CITIES

OF THE UNITED STATES



NEW ORLEANS

Down in the Big Easy, African rhythms melded with European horns to create Jazz! In a celebratory city where cultures combine, it's easy to imagine how musicians like Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino and Smokey Johnson were inspired. And it's not all history here; street performers and intimate jazz venues make music a part of the city's everyday life.



CHICAGO

Chicago has a long music history filled with blues performances, jazz clubs, house shows and so much more. Home to blues greats like Muddy Waters, Nat King Cole and Howlin' Wolf, the Windy City continues to host performances by musicians in every genre.



NEW YORK CITY

From salsa to musical theater, jazz to punk, New York City is a hotbed for a number of diverse musical genres. And it's no surprise: this bustling city is where creative minds have always come together. That's why opportunities for watching live performances, learning from world-renowned professionals and discovering music history are endless.

NASHVILLE

Music City, USA has been known for its country sounds since banjo-strumming mountain men and the Fisk Jubilee Singers impressed listeners in the 1800s. It would go on to be known for the Grand Ole Opry, honky tonks, and "the Nashville sound". Still known as "the songwriting capital of the world," Nashville is home to some of the biggest names in country and rock 'n roll.



MEMPHIS

In this Tennessee city, blues met country and they created a little thing called rock n' roll! Beale Street - officially declared "the Home of the Blues" by Congress in 1977 - was the spot where Johnny Cash, Otis Redding, Jerry Lee Lewis and, of course, Elvis Presley, developed their signature sounds.

