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# SANDING OVATIONS

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## Free food & drink for musicians at “Sanding Ovations” afternoon beach jam

Tune up, plug in, and play at the Sunday afternoon Florida Music Beach Jam, part of Sanding Ovations, Treasure Island's 1<sup>st</sup> Master Sand Sculpting Competition and Music Festival November 19-22, 2009. Hosted by Pete Gallagher of the Florida Folk Show on WMNF 88.5, the Sunday jam starts at noon on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and rocks until sunset, on the beach behind the Bilmar Beach Resort in Treasure Island. All musicians who play get free burgers, dogs and some frothy adult beverages, too.

Sanding Ovations is expected to draw thousands of spectators to watch a masterful exhibition of sand sculpting talent at the world-class level. While eight master sculptors work on their sand sculptures at Sanding Ovations, you'll hear a great soundtrack played live from some of the best musicians and performers in the Bay area.

Friday night beginning at 6pm, Cornfused plays some bluegrass, country, rock and even a little bit of beach music on the Landshark Lager Stage. Rock vet Greg Billings fronts his classic, hardworking bar band at 8pm.

Saturday's events at Sanding Ovations include the sand sculpting awards at 6pm and fireworks at 8pm. Music begins 4:30 Saturday with the rootsy and rural redneck soul of Experimental Pilot; Sarasota Slim, deep from the blues trenches, plays at 6:30; and there's a solid wall of live piano playing, feathered boas, laser lights and a whole lotta sunglasses as Rus Anderson takes the Landshark Lager Stage at 8:30 for his Elton John “Rocket Man Show.”

While sand sculptures line the beach, beachgoers can enjoy three days of food, drink, and arts and crafts vendors. Produced in cooperation with the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce, Sanding Ovations is free and open to the public. Parking on the beach at 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Gulf Boulevard is available for \$10. For more details, the event schedule, sand sculptor bios, and other Sanding Ovations info, go to

[www.mytreasureisland.org/sandingovations.htm](http://www.mytreasureisland.org/sandingovations.htm) or call TI Parks & Recreation at 727-547-4575 ext. 237. To play in the jam, contact Pete Gallagher at [pgallag2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pgallag2@tampabay.rr.com).