Sports & Entertainment

Gold Strike Casino Resort cranks up Halloween with costumes, MINIKISS, and Cash on October 24-25

TUNICA, Miss. (Oct. 13, 2026) — Gold Strike Casino Resort is cranking up Halloween with a rock 'n' roll celebration of live entertainment, over-the-top costumes and big chances to win! The celebration takes over the Live Oak Ballroom Oct. 24, headlined by a performance from world-famous KISS tribute MINIKISS and a costume contest, followed by more chances to win on Sunday. Admission to the Oct. 24 party is $24.99, and guests must be 21 or older.

The festivities take center stage in Live Oak Ballroom on Saturday, Oct. 24, with MINIKISS performing at 8 p.m. Known as "The Hottest Littlest Band in the World," MINIKISS delivers a high-energy tribute to one of rock's most iconic bands with electrifying performances, a larger-than-life stage presence and a show that has entertained audiences around the globe.

Guests can also get in on the action by showing off their own Halloween looks during Gold Strike's costume contest starting at 8 p.m. Six winners will each receive $250 in Status+ Rewards play, with prizes awarded for Best Couple, Best Male, Best Female, Most Creative, Most Original and Best Rock Star.

All contestants are surveyed prior to the start and informed if they need to remove any part of their costume that may disqualify them. Guests are reminded that all costume masks, along with hats or wigs that obscure the face, and fake weapons are prohibited. Face paint is permitted, but guests must remain recognizable, and hands must remain visible at all times. No nudity is allowed.

The casino destination is keeping the winning coming for football fans on Sunday, Oct. 25, during Gold Strike's College Football Frenzy Drawing. At 12:15 p.m., 10 winners will each receive $500 in Status+ Rewards play. Losing sportsbook tickets of $50 or more are eligible for entry, and winners do not have to be present to win.

Gold Strike Casino Resort, located in Tunica, Mississippi, is a premier entertainment destination offering world-class gaming, dining and live performances. Tickets may be purchased by calling 888-747-7711 or by visiting goldstrike.com.

About Gold Strike Casino Resort

Gold Strike Casino Resort is located on the Mississippi River, approximately 30 minutes from downtown Memphis. With more than 1,100 luxury guest rooms, a theater, high-limit gaming, award-winning dining and a sportsbook, it is the Mid-South's source of energy and excitement. To learn more, visit GoldStrike.com.

About Cherokee Nation Entertainment:

Cherokee Nation Entertainment is the gaming and hospitality company of the Cherokee Nation. With three decades of expertise in providing exceptional gaming experiences, the company owns and operates Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa and nine Cherokee Casinos in Oklahoma, including a racino, three resort hotels, three golf courses and other retail operations. CNE operates Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Miss., one of the most recognizable gaming destinations in the region. For more information, visit www.HardRockCasinoTulsa.com, www.CherokeeCasino.com and www.GoldStrike.com.

Tennessee's Ewing Minor becomes youngest Kayak Series AOY ...from sports page 3

ened the safety of anglers on Day 2.

"That one was weird," Minor said. "I left there feeling like the job wasn't done, even though it was."

The turning point of the season, though, was the Susquehanna River, a historic fishery that Minor had conquered before in 2024. He knew a Top 10 was certainly in the cards, given how much he enjoys the river, but he didn't think he could pull out another win.

"It is an always changing fishery, and it can be won anywhere," Minor said. "It is always a tight race. You don't blow that one out of the water. I've come close there a lot too. It's such a special place."

Entering the Newport Bassmaster Kayak Series National Championship at Lake Murray presented by Native Watercraft, Minor had a hunch the blueback herring largemouth would be doing exactly what he wanted them to be doing. In the first 30 minutes of practice, he was proven correct and he proceeded to land over 90 inches each day of the tournament to claim his first National Championship title.

North Carolina's Wyatt Hammond finished second with 982 points followed by Tennessee's Rus Snyders in third with 976 points, Ryan Matylewicz in fourth with 971 points and Jake Angulas in fifth with 967 points. Greg Polec (950), Drew Gregory (941), Jody Queen (937), Guillermo Gonzales (928) and Brian Lucas (917) rounded out the Top 10.

B.A.S.S., which encompasses the Bassmaster tournament leagues, events and media platforms, is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport..

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NBA Draft, has appeared in 77 games (66 starts) in his first two seasons and has averaged 9.9 points, 8.7 rebounds, 1.0 assists and 1.4 blocks in 22.1 minutes. He was named to the 2024-25 NBA All-Rookie First Team and finished fifth in the 2024-25 NBA Rookie of the Year chase.

The 24-year-old Toronto native won all six major NCAA National Player of the Year honors as a junior and senior at Purdue, becoming the first player since Bill Walton in 1972 and 1973 to sweep all of the awards in consecutive seasons. He led the nation in total points and total rebounds as a senior while guiding the Boilermakers to the 2024 NCAA national championship game.

Sought-after jazz flutist and superstar Elena Pinderhughes releases single and album from sports-Ent. 5

and has performed on such stages as the White House, Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center.

Raised in the Bay Area's progressive cultural landscape, Elena Pinderhughes is a groundbreaking artist known for expanding jazz's emotional range. With music that feels both tender and sensual, mysterious and direct, and grounded in feminine creative vision without apology, she channels an unguarded, deeply personal voice that few in the genre have dared to show. Informed by shaping the music of her collaborators, she seamlessly weaves R&B and neo-soul to make a statement that is as grooving and danceable as it is rooted in the jazz tradition.

"The jazz that raised me is music for life: dancing, falling in love, Friday nights with friends," says Pinderhughes. "Touring the world and performing on some of the biggest stages showed me something I couldn't ignore: too often, jazz lives in spaces defined by preservation and distance, treated as something to admire rather than something to feel. I never believed that was its destiny. I wanted to make something that brought it back to where it started, back to feeling, back to everyday life. The truest way I knew how to do that was through

the instrument I've trusted my whole life to say what I can't quite say in words. Every breath through my flute carries more truth than language usually lets me get to. This album holds heartbreak, tenderness, confidence, uncertainty, joy, sensuality, grief, and the complicated experience of growing into yourself."

Tracklisting

1. before I knew your name
2. if i'm being honest
3. ring ring
4. 510
5. life goes on feat. Immanuel Wilkins
6. yours, still
7. over there
8. a rose in bloom
9. charm feat. Chief Adjuah
10. on the wind feat. Samora Pinderhughes
11. where the body keeps secrets
12. dancing through time

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Tour Dates:

November 2-3 – New York, NY – Blue Note
November 4 – Philadelphia, PA – The Loft @ City Winery Philadelphia
November 6 – Orlando, FL – Judson's
November 7 – Brattleboro, VT – Vermont Jazz Center

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November 3, 2026 is Midterm Election Day. Vote: One Citizen, One Vote!

Downtown Memphis Commission to host State of Downtown 2026 at Holloran Centre; Event is Free

MEMPHIS, TN -The State of Downtown 2026 Set for October 26

WHAT:

The Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) will host the State of Downtown 2026 on Monday, October 26, at 3:00 PM at the Halloran Centre.

"Our commitment is to continue attracting new businesses, supporting existing ones, encouraging investment, and creating a Downtown that's clean, vibrant, welcoming, and safe for everyone.

Downtown's future is something we all have a stake in. Join us to learn where we stand, what's ahead, and how we can work together to continue moving Downtown Memphis forward."

WHO:

Featured Speakers:

•Chandell Ryan, President & CEO, Downtown Memphis Commission
•Paul Young, Mayor of Memphis
•Mickell Lowery, Mayor of Shelby County

WHEN:

Monday, October 26, 2026
3:00 - 5:00 PM

WHERE:

Halloran Centre for Performing Arts & Education
225 S Main St.
Downtown Memphis

HOW:

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees can RSVP by visiting web at downtownmemphis.com .

Election Day is November 3. One Citizen! One Vote!