FURNACE
CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Where Flavor Meets Fire.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2027

Sloss Furnaces / Birmingham, Alabama

THE FESTIVAL

Local flavor. Lasting connections.

The Furnace Chicken Festival returns to historic Sloss Furnaces for its third year of chicken, music, shopping, and family fun. Created by Ivory LeShore III and developed alongside his brother, William LeShore, the event brings guests, food vendors, and small businesses together around a shared love of food.

GROWING TOGETHER

700+
Attendees in 2025

1,000+
Attendees in 2026

COMMUNITY IMPACT

A portion of festival proceeds benefits Disability Rights & Resources (DRR).

AT A GLANCE

FESTIVAL HOURS

1-7 p.m. Central
VIP entry at noon

GENERAL ADMISSION

$10 presale / $15 regular

VIP ADMISSION

$35 presale / $40 regular

CHILDREN

Ages 12 and under enter free.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Chicken, food trucks, market vendors, music, and family fun.

MEDIA & INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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Festival Director / COO

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For interviews, approved festival photographs, and logo requests.

Two brothers. One shared vision.

Food brings people together. That is where this story begins.



The LeShore brothers overlooking Birmingham.

FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP

Ivory LeShore III

Founder & CEO

William LeShore

Festival Director / COO

WHERE IT STARTED

Before he founded the Furnace Chicken Festival, Ivory LeShore III experienced festivals as a vendor. Traveling with his cheesecake business, he saw how food could bring people together and help small businesses connect with new customers.

A Mobile, Alabama, native, Ivory wanted to create a festival of his own: a welcoming place where people from all walks of life could gather, enjoy good food, and have a good time.

BUILDING IT TOGETHER

Ivory asked his brother, William LeShore, whether he would join him in bringing that idea to life. William's answer was simple: “Absolutely.”

Today, Ivory serves as Founder and CEO, while William serves as Festival Director and COO. Together, they are building a Birmingham tradition rooted in food, family, and community.

As they prepare for year three, their purpose remains the same: bring people together around food and give them a reason to come back.

CONNECT WITH THE FESTIVAL

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