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Dear Festival Friend,

Join us as we mark our 25th anniversary with a spectacular season of performances!

Savor the lush color, gorgeous music and unparalleled grace of **American Ballet Theatre**, with the exuberant classic **Don Quixote**; rediscover a classic as we present a new, fully-staged production of the beloved musical **The Sound of Music**; and share our 25th Anniversary Celebration concert with the incomparable soprano **Renée Fleming** and Broadway and television star **Kristin Chenoweth**.

You'll have dozens more opportunities to celebrate! On the classical music side, our Connie and Marc Jacobson Director of Chamber Music, the Van Cliburn Gold Medal awarded pianist **Olga Kern** will perform and has planned a marvelous season of chamber music including a not-to-be-missed recital with one of the most awarded musicians of our time, Grammy® winner and Kennedy Center Honoree, cellist **Yo-Yo Ma** in performance with pianist **Kathryn Stott**.

Music fans of all kinds, take note: you can hear banjo player extraordinaire **Béla Fleck** return to his bluegrass roots; *Hamilton* star **Renée Elise Goldsberry** sing Broadway and pop favorites; and a host of Americana/roots rock artists including Grammy®-winning singer-songwriters **Rosanne Cash** and **Shawn Colvin**.

Love dance? See the **Nashville Ballet** perform its acclaimed new ballet **Lucy Negro Redux**, with the original score performed live by Grammy® Award winner **Rhiannon Giddens**; and catch the irresistible moves of the electrifying Cuban dance company **Malpaso Dance Company**.

There's no shortage of the spectacular! Our beloved **Virginia International Tattoo** returns to Scope Arena with its own 25th Anniversary celebration, in a moving display of music and might, artistry and patriotism.

And our **Williamsburg Live** outdoor music festival brings music under the stars to Colonial Williamsburg, with Grammy® winners **Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit**, country music legend **Martina McBride**, and pop singer and actress **Mandy Moore**.

Celebrate with us! And take a bow: we couldn't have done it without fans and friends like you, and the support of our donors, our staff and our wonderful volunteers.



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Virginia Symphony Orchestra

*Rob Fisher, conductor, Goode Family Artistic Advisor for
Musical Theater and American Songbook*

Renowned for her sumptuous voice and compelling stage presence, Renée Fleming has been awarded four Grammys®, and has sung for millions at the Super Bowl, the Olympics, the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, and the Obama Inauguration. Emmy® and Tony® Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth defined the role of Glinda the Good Witch in Broadway's *Wicked*, and her television and concert performances have won millions of fans. Together they join the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and acclaimed Broadway music director Rob Fisher.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 8 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$25, \$45, \$65, \$85, \$110

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YO-YO MA, cello KATHRYN STOTT, piano

When the pandemic shut down live performances across the globe, Yo-Yo Ma was one of the first artists to respond, performing on social media to reach across the isolation and fill hearts with hope. Now, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and 18-time Grammy® Award-winning cellist returns to the stage with his longtime collaborator and friend Kathryn Stott, internationally recognized as one of Britain's most versatile and imaginative pianists.

Together Ma and Stott will perform a dazzling range of music including selections from their 2020 recording *Songs of Comfort and Hope*.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2:30 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$25, \$45, \$65, \$85, \$100

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A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF WATER

*Virginia Symphony Orchestra
Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus
Eric Jacobsen, music director and conductor*

Join the Virginia Arts Festival and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra as we celebrate the mysterious beauty of the water! Sure to delight, this program pairs music and poetry. Music by Hailstork, Debussy, and Copland and a world premiere by Gabriel Kahane performed by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Local poets including Jerome Ellis and Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Dr. Luisa Igloria will read works written for this performance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 7:30 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$25, \$45, \$75, STUDENTS UNDER 25, \$10

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AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE *Don Quixote*

with Virginia Symphony Orchestra

American Ballet Theatre comes to Virginia Arts Festival with one of the most beloved full-length works in the ballet repertoire — *Don Quixote*. A sweeping tale of romance and chivalry, this classic is based on Miguel de Cervantes' beloved tale and audiences will experience the rare opportunity to hear Ludwig Minkus's score performed live, as the full Virginia Symphony Orchestra accompanies the ballet in the pit.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30 PM
CONNIE AND MARC JACOBSON OPENING NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2:30 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$25, \$45, \$60, \$75, \$90

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DANCE SERIES

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NASHVILLE BALLET *Lucy Negro Redux*

Conceived & adapted as ballet by Paul Vasterling
Choreography & direction by Paul Vasterling
Music composed & performed by Rhiannon Giddens & Francesco Turrisi

Spoken word performed by Caroline Randall Williams
Based on the book by Caroline Randall Williams

"Absolutely transformative...A full-throated, full-bodied exploration of love and desire, exultation and loss..."
(*The New York Times*).

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 7:30 PM
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TICKETS \$25, \$40, \$55

We strongly encourage that anyone under the age of 18 be accompanied by a parent and/or guardian.

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MALPASO DANCE COMPANY FROM CUBA

The arts are exploding in Cuba, and among the stars of this revolution is this Havana-based dance company, which has become one of the hottest must-see phenomena on stages around the world. "Fluid, sexy athleticism...fun to watch." (*Miami New Times*).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH

TICKETS \$20, \$35 (PLUS \$2.00 FACILITY FEE PER TICKET)

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CHANTICLEER

Hailed as “the world’s reigning male chorus” (*The New Yorker*), this Grammy® Award-winning and internationally-renowned vocal ensemble is known as an “orchestra of voices” that can conjure ancient mysteries with Renaissance madrigals, charm with unforgettable renditions of standards from the Great American Songbook, and rev up crowds with rock anthems like Queen’s *Somebody to Love*. Don’t miss the chance to enjoy their “otherworldly harmonies” (*The New York Times*) in this Saturday night concert!

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 7:30 PM
CHRIST & ST. LUKE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35

THE TALLIS SCHOLARS



THE TALLIS SCHOLARS

Director Peter Phillips

“The rock stars of Renaissance vocal music” (*The New York Times*), the Tallis Scholars have done more than any other group to establish sacred vocal works of the Renaissance as one of the great treasure troves of Western classical music. Over four decades of performance and award-winning recordings that have made must-have lists including *Gramophone* Editor’s Choice, they have exposed audiences around the world to awe-inspiring Renaissance works. Hear the beautiful, lush sound of this acclaimed ensemble in the beautiful setting of Norfolk’s Christ & St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 7:30 PM
CHRIST & ST. LUKE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35

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AKROPOLIS REED QUINTET

Celebrating the inseparable link between classical and jazz music, the Akropolis Reed Quintet presents a program of jazz-inspired chamber music including George Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and Jeff Scott's *Homage to Paradise Valley*, an award-winning new masterwork chronicling the history of the historically Black neighborhoods in Akropolis' home city of Detroit.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 7:30 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR
EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35



DANISH STRING QUARTET

The musicians of this internationally acclaimed quartet have won accolades around the world for their imaginative programming (like a 9-hour marathon of the Beethoven quartets) and technical prowess. Discover "what makes the Danish String Quartet's playing so special: Elegance and brilliance... technical excellence and interpretive insight... a winning mix of studied concentration and willful freedom" (*The New York Times*).

PROGRAM:

SCHUMANN Quartet No. 3 in A major, Op. 41, No. 3
DANCE SUITE Works by Adams, Charpentier, & Blumenfeld
SCHUBERT Quartet in D minor, D. 810, "Death and the Maiden"

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR
EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35

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JERUSALEM QUARTET

"Passion, precision, warmth, a gold blend: these are the trademarks of this excellent Israeli string quartet." Such was impression of the Jerusalem Quartet at its debut in 1996. Since then, this phenomenal Israeli ensemble has only gotten better, traversing a musical journey of growth and maturation that has resulted in a wide repertoire and stunning depth of expression, a warm, full, human sound and an egalitarian balance between high and low voices.

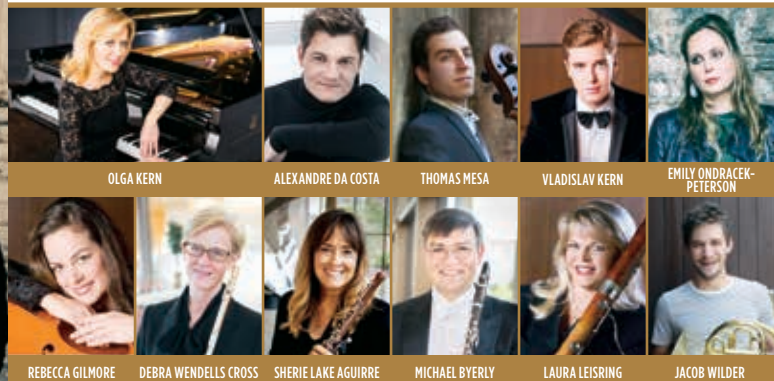
PROGRAM:

MENDELSSOHN Quartet No. 4 in E minor, Op. 44, No. 2
WEBER Langsamer Satz, 1905
TCHAIKOVSKY Quartet No. 1 in D major, Op. 11

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 7:30 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR
EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35

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PETERSON

REBECCA GILMORE

DEBRA WENDELLS CROSS

SHERIE LAKE AGUIRRE

MICHAEL BYERLY

LAURA LEISRING

JACOB WILDER

OLGA KERN, piano; **VLADISLAV KERN**, piano;
ALEXANDRE DA COSTA, violin; **THOMAS MESA**, cello

PROGRAM:

DEBUSSY Cello Sonata
BRAHMS Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 108
RAVEL *Mother Goose* Suite
BRAHMS Trio in E-flat major, Op. 4

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 7:30 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR
EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$35

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REBECCA GILMORE, cello;
DEBRA WENDELLS CROSS, flute;
SHERIE LAKE AGUIRRE, oboe; **MICHAEL BYERLY**, clarinet;
LAURA LEISRING, bassoon; **JACOB WILDER**, horn

PROGRAM:

POULENC Sextet
HÜE Fantaisie pour flûte et piano
RACHMANINOFF: Selections by Olga Kern
RACHMANINOFF *Trio élégiaque* No. 1 in G minor

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30 PM
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH
TICKETS \$35

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This program funded in part by the City of Portsmouth and the
Portsmouth Museum and Fine Arts Commission

This is chamber music as it was meant to be heard: the communion of gifted artists in an intimate, beautiful setting, among music lovers and friends. After the performance, patrons can mingle with the performers, a lovely postscript to a perfect performance experience.

COFFEE I: DANISH STRING QUARTET

PROGRAM:

PURCELL Chacony in G minor
BRITTEN Three Divertimenti
A selection of folk tunes (arranged by DSQ)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 10:30 AM
MILLER STUDIO THEATRE, SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS \$20 (PLUS \$2.00 FACILITY FEE PER TICKET)

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COFFEE II: JERUSALEM QUARTET

PROGRAM:

HAYDN Quartet in F minor, Op. 20, No. 5
BEETHOVEN Quartet No. 9 in C major, Op. 59, No. 3, "Razumovsky"

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH
TICKETS \$20

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COFFEE III: BRENDON ELLIOTT, violin; MAITHENA GIRAULT, violin; BEVERLY KANE BAKER, viola; STERLING ELLIOTT, cello; VLADISLAV KERN, piano

PROGRAM:

BEETHOVEN Violin Sonata No. 9 in A major, Op. 47, "Kreutzer"
HALVORSEN Passacaglia
LISZT: Selection by Vladislav Kern
DVOŘÁK String Quartet No. 12 in F major, Op. 96, "American"

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 10:30 AM
PEEBLES THEATRE, FERGUSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NEWPORT NEWS
TICKETS \$20 (PLUS \$2.50 FACILITY FEE PER TICKET)

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COFFEE IV: OLGA KERN, piano; ALEXANDRE DA COSTA, violin; THOMAS MESA, cello

PROGRAM:

DEBUSSY Cello Sonata
BRAHMS Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 108
BRAHMS Trio in E-flat major, Op. 40

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 10:30 AM
HENNAGE AUDITORIUM, WILLIAMSBURG
TICKETS \$20

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COFFEE V: OLGA KERN, piano; EMILY ONDRACEK-PETERSON, violin; REBECCA GILMORE, cello

PROGRAM:

BEETHOVEN Violin Sonata No. 5, Op. 24, "Spring"
SCHUMANN *Fantasiestücke*, Op. 73
RACHMANINOFF: Selections by Olga Kern
RACHMANINOFF *Trio élégiaque* No. 1 in G minor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 10:30 AM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$20

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COFFEE VI: OLGA KERN, piano; EMILY ONDRACEK-PETERSON, violin; DEBRA WENDELLS CROSS, flute; SHERIE LAKE AGUIRRE, oboe; MICHAEL BYERLY, clarinet; LAURA LEISRING, bassoon; JACOB WILDER, horn

PROGRAM:

BEETHOVEN Violin Sonata No. 5, Op. 24, "Spring"
HÜE Fantaisie pour flûte et piano
RACHMANINOFF: Selections by Olga Kern
POULENC Sextet

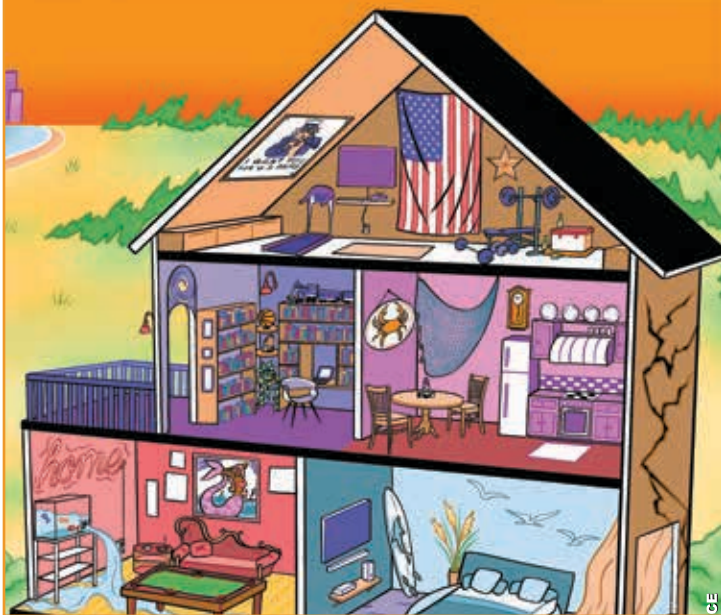
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 10:30 AM
HENNAGE AUDITORIUM, WILLIAMSBURG
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EXODUS: HOMECOMING



THE IN[HEIR]ITANCE PROJECT

This innovative arts organization creates space for communities around the U.S. to navigate challenging civic conversations through collaborative theater projects inspired by sacred text. The IHP team has been meeting with people of all ages, ethnicities, faiths, and backgrounds during multiple visits to Hampton Roads over the last year. They will be weaving all the stories together to create a play that is a reflection of our community, and quite literally one-of-a-kind. All box office proceeds will go to local artists and arts organizations, and tickets are "pay what you can" to enable all to share in this compelling work.

A post-performance talk-back with the artistic team will be held after each performance.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2:30 PM

ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK

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YAMANDU COSTA, guitar

Brazilian guitarist and composer Yamandu Costa is a master of the Brazilian seven-string guitar, and has devoted his life to the music of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay, showcasing diverse musical styles.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30 PM

**ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR
EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK**

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AMANDA MOLE, organ

An "elegant, lucid" player (*The American Organist*), this award-winning organist performs throughout the U.S. and has been heard on the nationally broadcast radio program *Pipedreams* as well as on her recordings with the Naxos label.

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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 4 PM

**CHRIST & ST. LUKE'S
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TICKETS \$25



NEW MORSE CODE

Hannah Collins, cello

Michael Compitello, percussion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 7:30 PM

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AN EVENING WITH

RENÉE ELISE GOLDSBERRY

This gifted actress and singer originated the role of Angelica Schuyler in the Broadway production of *Hamilton*, winning the Tony® Award and Drama Desk Award — followed by a Grammy® for the cast album and an Emmy® for the Disney+ live stage recording of this record-breaking hit musical. Now Renée Elise Goldsberry brings her golden voice to VAF, singing Broadway hits including songs from *The Lion King* and *Rent*, American pop standards, and soul classics. Renée is currently starring in Tina Fey's new hit television series *GIRLS5eva*.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
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**Tony® Award, Grammy® Award,
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 in *Hamilton*!**



AQUILA THEATRE *THE GREAT GATSBY*

Aquila Theatre is one of the foremost producers of classical theatre in the United States, touring to 50+ American cities every year with performances, workshops and educational programming. In their VAF debut, Aquila will bring a new look at F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, in an adaptation that draws from a more inclusive portrayal of characters and pays homage to some of the true innovators of the Jazz movement that is threaded through the story.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 7:30 PM
ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS \$20, \$35, STUDENTS UNDER 25, \$10

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New, fully-staged LIVE production!

The SOUND of MUSIC

Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**

Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE**

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

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Virginia Symphony Orchestra
Rob Fisher, conductor
Matt Kunkel, stage director
Beth Crandall, choreographer

One of the most beloved musicals of all time, *The Sound of Music* became a Broadway legend when it opened in 1959, capturing five Tony® Awards including Best Musical; the film version released in 1965 won five Academy Awards including Best Picture.

The musical classic leaps to life this spring, in a new fully-staged production by critically acclaimed director Matt Kunkel and conducted by Rob Fisher (Virginia Arts Festival Goode Family Artistic Advisor for Musical Theater and American Songbook), renowned on Broadway, television, and in recordings for his "nimble baton" that draws "attention to the intricacy and wit of the orchestrations" (*The New York Times*). Fisher's conducting on the Chicago Lyric Opera's 2014 production of *The Sound of Music* won rave reviews.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 8 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 8 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2 PM

HARRISON OPERA HOUSE, NORFOLK

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J. SCOTT JACKSON, Producer and Director



MARCH ON!



Join us as we Celebrate our 25th Anniversary in Signature Tattoo Style — with a triumphant return to Scope Arena, an all-new international cast, a musical tribute to “March King” John Philip Sousa and an emotional celebration of the resilience of the human spirit.

The 2022 Tattoo will feature Celtic piping, drumming and dance, resplendent international military bands, a star-spangled spectacle of U.S. military bands and a host of performers sure to thrill. Of course we will renew beloved Tattoo traditions including the rousing sing-along service songs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; the moving grand choir performances of the National Anthem and *Amazing Grace*; and the majesty of the Finale as hundreds of performers fill the vast arena with the sights, sounds and enduring strength that define esprit de corps.

Get your tickets Now!

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2:30 PM

SCOPE ARENA, NORFOLK

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VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL'S JOHN DUFFY INSTITUTE FOR NEW OPERA
TWO PREMIERES!

BRIAR PATCH (from *TALES FROM THE BRIAR PATCH*) and **COMPANIONSHIP**

Composer, "Briar Patch": Nkeiru Okoye

Librettist, "Briar Patch": Carman Moore

Composer and librettist, "Companionship": Rachel J. Peters

Music Director and Conductor: Alan Johnson

Stage Director, "Briar Patch": Anthony Stockard

Stage Director, "Companionship": Robert McGrath

These exciting new one-act operas were created through the Festival's John Duffy Institute for New Opera, which gives composers and librettists opportunities to create new works, mentored by opera professionals. The slyly joyful *Briar Patch* (from *Tales from the Briar Patch*), by composer Nkeiru Okoye and librettist Carman Moore, reboots the beloved folk tale while paying tribute to the African tradition of storytelling. The wry and witty *Companionship*, by composer/librettist Rachel J. Peters, sings the story of an aspiring baker who finally reaches the end of her obsessive quest to bake the perfect baguette when the 207,345th attempt suddenly comes to life. Discover world premieres by gifted creators!

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 4 PM

ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK

TICKETS \$25, STUDENTS UNDER 25, \$10

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ALLISON RUSSELL

Until the 2021 release of her signature album *Outside Child*, many fans may have known this gifted singer-songwriter mostly for her part in *Songs of Our Native Daughters*, the groundbreaking musical project in which she partnered with Grammy® Award winner Rhiannon Giddens and Amythyst Kiah. Now Allison Russell is forging her own path with music that reveals sorrow and joy, defeat and joyfully claimed autonomy. Don't miss this moving, uplifting concert!

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 7:30 PM

PERRY PAVILION, NORFOLK

TICKETS \$25, \$35, VIP \$45

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ROSANNE CASH

Rosanne Cash has released 15 albums of extraordinary songs that have earned 4 Grammy® Awards and nominations for 11 more and been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters' Hall of Fame. In this intimate concert, Cash will perform songs from her newest album *She Remembers Everything*, along with other fan favorites.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30 PM
PERRY PAVILION, NORFOLK
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Dubbed "America's fiercest songwriter" by CNN, James McMurtry writes songs about lovers and losers and those just trying to get by, "characters so real that you're sure they're going to climb out of the speakers and look you in the eyes" (*Voice of America*). When *The New York Times Magazine* selected "25 Songs That Tell Us Where Music is Going," McMurtry's *Copper Canteen* made the list.

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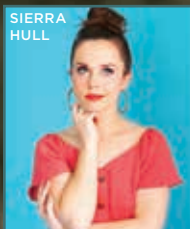
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GARY THOMAS

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The curator of Virginia Arts Festival's beloved Attucks Jazz Club shows, Toomey returns to the Festival with an evening sure to delight jazz fans. John Toomey on piano, Jimmy Masters on bass, and T. Howard Curtis III on drums will be joined by tenor saxophonist Gary Thomas, who has performed throughout the world as both a leader and sideman.

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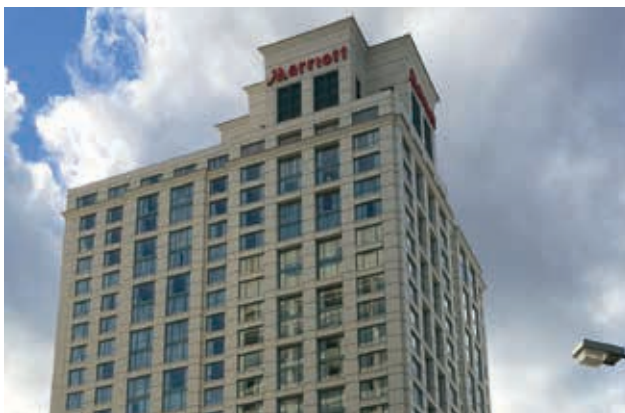
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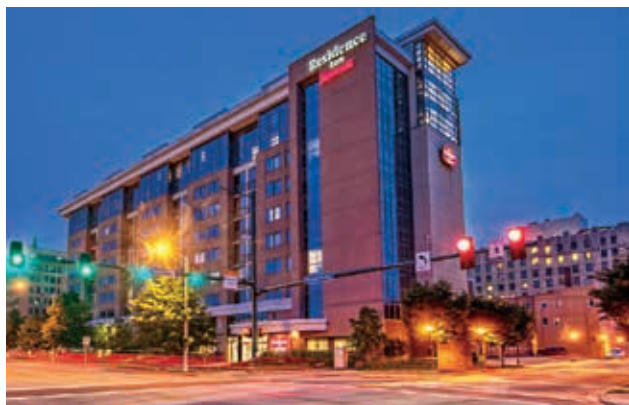
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APRIL

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MAY

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THU. 9	7:30 PM	OLGA KERN, piano; EMILY ONDRACEK-PETERSON, violin; REBECCA GILMORE, cello DEBRA WENDELLS CROSS, flute; SHERIE LAKE AGUIRRE, oboe; MICHAEL BYERLY, clarinet; LAURA LEISRING, bassoon; JACOB WILDER, horn PORTSMOUTH	P. 17
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