



Virginia Arts Festival presents

Marie Osmond - A Symphonic Christmas

THIS MONDAY, December 13, 7:30 PM

Chrysler Hall, Norfolk

Marie Osmond will make a special stop at Nauticus to tour the Battleship Wisconsin and meet ship veterans ahead of her performance

Iconic country and pop singer, television performer and talk show host, dancer, actor, author, entrepreneur and public speaker, Marie Osmond has made headlines and fans for nearly 50 years. Now she brings a spectacular holiday concert to Norfolk, in a lushly orchestrated, heartwarming show that includes her nephew, Broadway performer David Osmond, and “America’s Got Talent” finalist Daniel Emmet, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Brent Havens - December 13 at 7:30 pm, Chrysler Hall. **Tickets are available online at vafest.org and by phone at 757-282-2822.**

Virginia Arts Festival has partnered with Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin to host Marie Osmond on a special, private tour before her concert Monday evening. On December 26, 1990, Marie Osmond performed aboard the *Battleship Wisconsin* while at sea as part of Bob Hope’s Desert Shield USO troupe. 1,600 sailors and marines were aboard, and many still fondly recollect the concert as the United States prepared for war with Iraq. Now, 31 years later, Marie Osmond will make a return visit to the iconic vessel for a private tour of the ship and to meet some of those veterans who were at the concert in 1990 ahead of her Virginia Arts Festival performance that evening.

“As a former crewmember that saw Marie Osmond perform with the USO tour in 1990, it is really exciting to be able to meet with her while visiting the ship and also to see her perform again in Norfolk for the Virginia Arts Festival!” Battleship Operations Manager Keith Nitka said.

Osmond’s legacy continues aboard the *Wisconsin* – she is one of only a handful of guests to sign Turret One and her signature is still showcased today. Other signatures include General Norman Schwarzkopf, General Colin Powell, Steve Martin and Dan Rather.

Beloved by fans for five decades, Marie Osmond rocketed to fame in 1973 with her *Billboard*-topping version of the country standard “Paper Roses;” and went on to chart multiple gold and platinum-selling hits, winning the Country Music Award in 1987. Her career has encompassed roles on Broadway (*The King and I*), prime-time and daytime television (“Donny & Marie,” “The Talk”), and authoring three *New York Times* best-selling books (*Behind the Smile: My Journey Out*, *Might As Well Laugh About It Now*, and *The Key Is Love*). She has entertained millions around the world through television, radio, film, live concerts and musical theater performances. As a philanthropist, she co-founded Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, which has raised over \$7 billion for children to date. Her most recent album, *Music Is Medicine*, encompasses a lifetime of experience encompassing music, love loss, hope and joy, and reached the Top 10 on both the *Billboard* Country Charts and iTunes Country Charts.

For the Norfolk concert, Marie Osmond will be joined by her nephew, Broadway and concert performer **David Osmond**, who performed the title role in Broadway's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* and is leader of The Osmonds 2nd Generation. The son of Marie's brother Alan Osmond, David Osmond has multiple sclerosis and works to empower and inspire the MS community. The concert will also feature 2018 "America's Got Talent" (AGT) finalist **Daniel Emmet**, whom Marie Osmond calls "a once in a generation voice." A classical-pop crossover artist who brought the AGT judges to their feet in his duet with Plácido Domingo, he has released critically acclaimed recordings and headlined in Las Vegas since his television debut. Lending a spectacular musical backdrop to the concert will be the **Virginia Symphony Orchestra**, led by guest conductor **Brent Havens**, acclaimed for his performances with the London Royal Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Dallas Symphony and many others. Havens is a Virginia Arts Festival fan favorite whose stunning re-creations of great rock concerts have included the Music of Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones and more.

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About the Virginia Arts Festival

Since 1997, the Virginia Arts Festival has transformed the cultural scene in southeastern Virginia, presenting great performers from around the world to local audiences and making this historic, recreation-rich region a cultural destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world. The Festival has presented numerous U.S. and regional premieres, and regularly commissions new works of music, dance, and theater from some of today's most influential composers, choreographers and playwrights. The Festival's arts education programs reach tens of thousands of area schoolchildren each year through student matinees, in-school performances, artists' residencies, master classes and demonstrations.

About Nauticus

Nauticus Foundation is the nonprofit, 501©3 that supports the mission and activities of Nauticus. Nauticus' mission is to benefit the community through education, impactful experiences, and sharing access to maritime resources. For more information, visit www.nauticus.org.

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