Ten weeks brimming with music, dance, opera, theater, and artists who transcend category....

FILL YOUR CALENDAR WITH UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCES!
Dear Festival Friends,

This is a season of discovery, of hope in the new, and reverence for the classics. In the Virginia Arts Festival 21st season, we will hear great artists who have defined virtuosity for decades, and discover phenomenal new performers and new works, blazing new trails of creativity and art. Through the eyes of these masters and innovators, we will hear and see anew such masterworks as Swan Lake, Berlioz Requiem, Purcell’s Dido and Aeneas, Bach’s St. John Passion; and we will discover new works, the products of not just inspiration but years of planning, work, and preparation, proudly revealed for the first time on Virginia stages.

Join us, as we share music whose only goal is glory, dance that makes the heart beat faster, and a host of performances by artists who leap beyond the bounds of genre, and the limits of expectation.

Robert W. Cross
Perry Artistic Director
WORLD PREMIERE!

URBAN BUSH WOMEN

Weaving contemporary dance, music, and text with a singular message, this astonishing performance will have you talking long after the curtain falls. Festival audiences will see the world premiere of *Hair and Other Stories*, a riveting look at how we see ourselves, and how the world sees us — through the lens of race, gender and class. Experience stories told with sharp wit, empathy and dance that is "tough, brave, and sensual" (Dance Magazine).

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 8 PM
ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS $35, $20

This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY

Led by one of the world’s great choreographers, this British troupe of fleet, graceful dancers brings music to vivid life. “A tonic to watch….[They] take to the air with heart-catching immediacy” (The New York Times).

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 8 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $35, $20 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)

DIDO AND AENEAS

By Henry Purcell
Mark Morris Dance Group and Music Ensemble
Choreography by Mark Morris
Conducted by Mark Morris
Featuring Stephanie Blythe, mezzo-soprano

Dance that paints the stage with incandescent images, music that captivates, and a scintillating tale of love, betrayal and revenge. One of the great masterworks of contemporary dance, Mark Morris’s *Dido and Aeneas* is “a tour de force of artistic storytelling” (Los Angeles Times). Featuring opera star Stephanie Blythe singing the roles of Dido and the Sorceress: “that astonishing voice — dark, vehement, burning…” (The New York Times).

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 8 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $52, $39, $25 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)

Sponsored by

LULA WASHINGTON DANCE THEATRE

Lula Washington’s choreography has been seen in films including *Avatar* and *The Little Mermaid*, but there’s no thrill like seeing this dance-maker’s work live! See dance distinguished by power, grace, and “theatricality that is captivating” (The New York Times).

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 8 PM
PEEBLES THEATRE, FERGUSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NEWPORT NEWS
TICKETS $35, $20 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)

This program is funded in part by the City of Newport News and the Newport News Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.
KATHLEEN BATTLE
Underground Railroad
with the Norfolk State University Choir
Dr. Carl Haywood, director
Grammy® Award-winning soprano Kathleen Battle takes the audience on a journey of hope in this concert that combines traditional spirituals like He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands and Go Down Moses with the writings of abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. Ms. Battle’s performance is backed by the mighty Norfolk State University Choir, which has performed twice at the White House.
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 5 PM
WILDER CENTER, NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY,
NORFOLK
TICKETS $75, $55, $35
Co-presented with Norfolk State University.
Sponsored by
CHANTICLEER
Performances in Newport News & Norfolk!
Their soaring vocals thrill in ancient madrigals that echo with history and passion, seduce with unforgettable renditions of standards from the Great American Songbook, and rev up crowds with hits like Queen’s Somebody to Love.
“Otherworldly harmonies… the adoring throng demanded an encore” (The New York Times).
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 7:30 PM
PREBLES THEATRE, FERGUSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NEWPORT NEWS
TICKETS $35 (plus $2.50 facility fee per ticket)
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 PM
CHRIST & ST. LUKE’S CHURCH, NORFOLK
TICKETS $35
5/3 Media Sponsor Local Voice
WORLD PREMIERE OPERA
KEPT: a ghost story
Kristin Kuster, composer
Megan Levad, librettist
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
Mary Birnbaum, stage director
A story that alternately chills and inflames the blood, told in vivid poetry, with a uniquely arranged, intensely theatrical score, this world premiere was born of the Festival’s John Duffy Institute for New Opera, which mentors composer/librettist teams and shepherds new works to the stage. Be the first to hear this exciting opera — the 19th-century romance of a wild young woman, the lighthouse keeper she marries, and the dark secrets they share. Opera star William Burden, known for the “emotional intensity” of his “elegant singing” (The New York Times), creates the role of this dark-souled lighthousekeeper whose jealousy propels him into madness.
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 3 PM
ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS $25
This production made possible through a generous gift from Connie & Marc Jacobson.
tenTHING Brass Ensemble
Acclaimed Norwegian trumpeter Tine Thing Helseth leads this unique all-female, ten-member ensemble of brass players in transcriptions of the classics that reveal new discoveries. “A joyful blast from start to finish” (The Independent).

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 7:30 PM
ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS $35, $20, STUDENTS UNDER 25, $10

ITZHAK PERLMAN, violin
The Great Violin Film Scores
Virginia Symphony Orchestra
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
The reigning virtuoso of the violin performs moving and beautiful music for film, including Schindler’s List, Casablanca, Scent of a Woman and more. “An unforgettable night embodying true Hollywood romanticism...Mr. Perlman played with vulnerability and love, sweeping concertgoers away to faraway places” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette).

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $125, $89, $59 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)

ST. JOHN PASSION - J. S. BACH
International Bach Academy of Stuttgart
An Easter weekend experience to share with family and friends! Experience Bach’s transcendent celebration of faith, performed by a superb orchestra and chorus of more than 60 performers, praised for their “emotional intensity, élan and virtuoso accuracy” (Opera News).

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 7 PM
PRE-CONCERT CONVERSATION 6 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $65, $45, $35, $20 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)

CLASSICAL MUSIC
BERLIOZ REQUIEM
JoAnn Falletta, conductor
Virginia Symphony Orchestra
Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus, Robert Shoup, Chorusmaster
The Choral Arts Society of Washington, Scott Tucker, Artistic Director
Robert McPherson, tenor
A once-in-a-lifetime event for music lovers! In this towering masterwork, the huge orchestra is augmented with additional players in every section, plus brass choirs in the four corners of the hall and a chorus of 160 singers, creating a luxuriously layered wall of sound that penetrates the very soul of the listener. Hear the Virginia Symphony Orchestra perform this great work for the first time.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 8 PM
CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK
TICKETS $110, $76, $59, $42, $25
Co-presented with Virginia Symphony Orchestra.
This production made possible through a generous gift from the Susan Goode Performance Fund. Supported in part by the Fannie, Milton & Leslie Friedman Family Performance Classical Music Fund of the Virginia Arts Festival Endowment.

Hear the Virginia Symphony Orchestra in their first perfomance of this great work.
LES VIOLONS DU ROY
Festival debut! This “sensuous, elegant” ensemble from Montreal performs music by Mozart, Stravinsky and Enescu. “A miracle of musical and dramatic inspiration” (The New York Times).
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 8 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS $35

OLGA KERN, piano
“Her electricity at the keyboard is palpable… as it flows through her fingers it takes on fresh voltage that is unmistakably hers” (The Washington Post). This dazzling pianist won the Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition—the first woman to take that prize in more than thirty years.
PROGRAM:
RACHMANINOFF 3 Etudes tableaux
RACHMANINOFF 8 Preludes
GERSHWIN Three Preludes
GERSHWIN Selections from Seven Virtuoso Etudes, (arr. Earl Wild)
RACHMANINOFF Sonata no.2, Op. 36
SCRIABIN 2 Etudes
BALAKIREV Islamey, Op. 18
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 7:30 PM
WELLS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS $49, $35
Supported in part by the Fannie, Milton, and Leslie Friedman Family Foundation Classical Music Fund of the Virginia Arts Festival Endowment.

SCOTT DETTRA, organ
“Glorious! A magnificent pipe organ, a beautiful historic setting, and an acclaimed artist whose performances have been called “dynamic and dazzing…pure euphoria” (The Washington Examiner).
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 4 PM
CHRIST & ST. LUKE’S CHURCH, NORFOLK
TICKETS $25
Co-presented with the Tidewater Chapter, American Guild of Organists.

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
The players of this renowned quartet are each stars in their own right, their resumes studded with orchestral and ensemble performances, competition victories, and accolades; together, they create a sound that has entranced some of the world’s most demanding critics. “They play together with a sense of ease that lets each piece of music unfold like a living organism,” wrote the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
PROGRAM:
HAYDN String Quartet in G major, Hob.III:75, Op.76, No.1
BARTOK String Quartet No.3 in C# major, BB93, Sz.85
BEETHOVEN String Quartet No.8 in E minor, Op.59, No.2
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 7:30 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS $35
Co-presented with Feldman Chamber Music Society.
Supported in part by the Fannie, Milton, and Leslie Friedman Family Foundation Classical Music Fund of the Virginia Arts Festival Endowment.

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET ANDRÉ-MICHEL SCHUB, piano
PROGRAM:
BEETHOVEN String Quartet in Bb major, Op.18, No.6
BRAHMS Piano Quintet in G minor, Op.34
SHOSTAKOVICH String Quartet No.3 in F major, Op.73
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 PM
ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH
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ANDRÉ-MICHEL SCHUB, piano
Artistic Director of the Festival’s Chamber Music Series, pianist André-Michel Schub has been described by The New York Times as “pianistically flawless.” A student of the great Rudolf Serkin, Schub was the 1981 grand prize winner of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition; he has performed with the world’s most prestigious orchestras and is an artist member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

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VAFEST.ORG VAFEST.ORG
This is chamber music as it was meant to be heard: the communion of artists in intimate, beautiful settings, among music lovers and friends. At the Festival’s Coffee Concerts, the performance is so close you hear every note, and witness the interactions of the artists with each other and with the music. After the performance, you can mingle with the performers, a lovely postscript to a perfect musical experience.

COFFEE I:
American String Quartet and André-Michel Schub
Hosted by Raymond Jones, WHRO-FM

COFFEE II:
Jinjoo Cho, violin
Eric Wong, violin
Fitz Gary, viola
Laura Leisring, bassoon
Michael Daniels, cello
Hosted by Chaz Stuart, WHRO-FM

All proceeds go to Music Feeds Us, a concert promoting hunger relief.

COFFEE III:
André-Michel Schub, piano
Debra Wendells Cross, flute
Sherie Lake Aguirre, oboe
Laura Leisring, bassoon
Michael Daniels, cello
Hosted by Wayla Chambo, WHRO-FM

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 10:30 AM
WILLIAMSBURG WINERY, JAMES CITY COUNTY
TICKETS $20

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 10:30 AM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS $20

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH
TICKETS $20

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM
ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY AND JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS $30

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 10:30 AM
MILLER STUDIO THEATRE, SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $20 (plus $1 facility fee per ticket)

JAZZ / R&B / WORLD / POP
**MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS**

This Grammy® Award-winning ensemble won fame for their performances with Linda Ronstadt. Discover the “deep and complex beauty of mariachi... lots of strings and trumpets, full-throated singing and lyrics about broken hearts that invite singalongs” (NPR).

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 7:30 PM**

JOHNSON THEATER, NORFOLK ACADEMY, NORFOLK

TICKETS $35

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**JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA with Wynton Marsalis**

Hear “the finest big band in the world today” (The Daily Telegraph), led by the legendary Wynton Marsalis, whose record-breaking Grammy® wins accompany such awards and accolades as the Pulitzer Prize for Music, the National Medal of Arts and many more.

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 8 PM**

CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK

$75, $55, $45, $35

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**ROB FISHER’S COFFEE CLUB ORCHESTRA**


**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 PM**

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

TICKETS $35

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**JOEY ALEXANDER TRIO**

This 13-year-old phenom has appeared on Today and 60 Minutes and won rave reviews in DownBeat and The New York Times. He began playing at the age of 5, picking out Thelonious Monk tunes on an electric keyboard, and by 11 he was playing major jazz festivals including Newport and Monterey. His second album garnered two Grammy® nominations, making him the youngest jazz artist ever nominated. Discover an extraordinary young artist with “an old soul” who plays “with a sleek and silky aplomb” (The Guardian).

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 8 PM**

TCC ROPER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, NORFOLK

TICKETS $75, $35, $25

Co-presented with
**APRIL**

**THU. 20 7:30 PM**
YOSHINARI TERRY QUINTET
*Concert in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Galleries*,
**JULIETTE A. MILLER CENTRE, VIRGINIA BEACH**

**FRI. 21 8 PM**
LES VIOLENS DU ROY
with Wynton Marsalis & Todd Phillips
at Virginia Symphony Orchestra
**CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 22 8 PM**
URBAN BUSH WOMEN
*World Premiere*
**ATTITUDE THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 23 4 PM**
SCOTT D. LEE, organ
*Organ Recital*
**CHRIST & ST. LUKE’S CHURCH, NORFOLK**

**THU-SAT. 27-29 4:30 PM**
TATTOO HULLABALOO
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 26 5 PM**
KATHLEEN BATTLE
**ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**THU. 23 10:30 AM**
COFFEE CONCERT II:
**ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY & JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK**

**THU. 24 10:30 AM**
COFFEE CONCERT III: *Coffees of the Past, Present, and Future: Coffee and the American Revolution*
**ROBIN HIXON THEATER, CLAY & JAY BARR EDUCATION CENTER, NORFOLK**

**FRI. 25 8 PM**
CARLOS SALGADO
**THE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON**
**CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 26 8 PM**
ANNA HAYT, violin
**ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH**

**SUN. 27 10 AM**
DEBRA WENDELLS CROSS, flute
**SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH**

**MAY**

**THU. 2 7:30 PM**
MARACHEE LES CAMPELLS
**JOHNSON THEATER, NORFOLK ACADEMY, NORFOLK**

**FRI. 3 7:30 PM**
CHANCELLORS
Premiere: *Ferguson Center for the Arts, Fairview Park*
**Ferguson Center, VA**

**THU. 4 7:30 PM**
CHANCELLORS
Premiere: *Mason School of Music, Fairfax, VA*
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**FRI. 5 8 PM**
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA
**CHRISTIE HALL, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 6 8 PM**
RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY
**SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH**

**FRI. 5 5 PM**
AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 6 8 PM**
RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY
**ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 7 7 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**ATTUCKS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**THU. 10 7:30 PM**
AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 11 8 PM**
AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 12 10 AM**
HIGHLAND HEAVY ATHLETICS
**CHRYSLER HALL, NORFOLK**

**MAY**

**THU. 9 7:30 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH**

**FRI. 10 8 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 11 10 AM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 12 12 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**THU. 17 10:30 AM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**FRI. 18 8 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 19 8 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 20 10 AM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**MAY**

**THU. 24 7:30 PM**
LINDSEY UXBERRY, soprano
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**FRI. 25 8 PM**
ALBERTO FERLANI, tenor
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 26 8 PM**
JOHN PAILOPOULOS, conductor
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 27 7:30 PM**
ROB FISHER’S COFFEE CLUB ORCHESTRA
**SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH**

**MAY**

**FRI. 12 8 PM**
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL FRISBEE FEST
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 13 9 AM**
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL FRISBEE FEST
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**SUN. 14 10 AM**
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL FRISBEE FEST
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**MAY**

**THU. 25 10:30 AM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**FRI. 26 8 PM**
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL FRISBEE FEST
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 27 8 PM**
JOEY ALEXANDER TRIO
**TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK**

**FRI.-SAT. 26-27 8 PM**
REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 28 3 PM**
REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**FRI.-SUN. 23-25 7 PM**
JUNKIE KID
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**JUNE**

**FRI. 17 7:30 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**MAY**

**SAT. 20 4 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**MAY**

**SAT. 21 6 PM**
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**FRI.-SUN. 26-28 8 PM**
REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

**SAT. 27 8 PM**
JEREMY HASSLER, violin
**ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH**

**SUN. 28 3 PM**
REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**

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WORLD ARTS CELEBRATION
**WILLIS THEATRE, NORFOLK**
FEATURING AN INTERNATIONAL CAST OF 1,000+ PERFORMERS!

- CANADA
  - Canadian Forces Base Trenton Bag Pipes and Drums
- FRANCE
  - French Air Force Band
- NEW ZEALAND
  - Auckland City Pipe Band
- SINGAPORE
  - Singapore Armed Forces Band
- UNITED KINGDOM
  - Queen’s Colour Squadron, 63 Squadron
  - 1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes and Drums
  - Royal Marines
  - Royal Air Force Regiment
- UNITED STATES
  - Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus
  - U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Band
  - U.S. Marine Corps Band, Quantico
  - U.S. Marine Corps FAST Company
  - U.S. Marine Corps Band
  - U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band
  - The Reel Thing Irish Dance
  - Rhythm of Ireland Irish Dance
  - Old Dominion University Concert Choir
  - Old Dominion University Drumline
- AUSTRALIA
  - Pipes and Drums, 1st Battalion Scots Guards
  - Pipes and Drums, 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Dragoons
  - Pipes and Drums, 1st Battalion Pioneers
- SINGAPORE
  - Singapore Armed Forces Band

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK CENTENNIAL
This year also marks the 100th anniversary of an institution near and dear to the hearts of Norfolk, and vital to the operations of the U.S. military for a century: Naval Station Norfolk. Enjoy a special tribute to the world’s largest naval base, with performances, video and more!

CELEBRATING A PAIR OF 100TH ANNIVERSARIES!
The 2017 Virginia International Tattoo is a signature event in the nationwide World War I Centennial, marking the 100th anniversary of the United States’ entrance into the Great War. The arrival “Over There” of the American Expeditionary Force — nicknamed “Doughboys” — turned the tide for the Allies in this devastating war. Our special 2017 edition of the Tattoo also remembers the Centennial of the world’s largest naval base: Naval Station Norfolk — and its mounting in our community and world today.

Be prepared for spectacular performances by military bands, drill teams, and pipes and drums from six Ww1 era, unforgettable music of the Ww1 era by John Philip Sousa, Gustav Holst, Irving Berlin, and more.

SIGNATURE EVENT, UNITED STATES WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 7:30 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 PM
SCAPE ARENA, NORFOLK
TICKETS $20, $30, $40, $50
EXHIBIT TENTS, $20, $30

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2017
SCAPE ARENA, NORFOLK
TICKETS $20, $30, $40

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FREE PRE-SHOW EVENTS!
Sponsored by

TATTOO HULLABALOO
Join artists and audience on the Scope Plaza starting three hours before each Tattoo performance for musical performances and demonstrations, beer garden, food and fun!

APRIL 27-28, 4:30 PM (GRAYLINE BUS TO PP)
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APRIL 27, 11:30 AM (GRAYLINE BUS TO PP)
SCAPE PLAZA, NORFOLK

HIGHLAND HEAVY ATHLETICS
The Virginia International Tattoo is partnering with Brute Strength Gym for a Heavy Athletic Championship, Highland-style, with a caber toss, keg toss and more.

APRIL 29, 10 AM
GREEN SPACE, WELLS FARGO PLAZA, CORNER OF CHARLOTTE & BANK STREETS, NORFOLK
PANTS DOWN CIRCUS
This Australian company blends cirque-style acrobatics and quirky wit in a show that dares you not to laugh. Inspired by and performed to classic rock by Aerosmith, Queen, Metallica and Bon Jovi, this is “a winner of a show that zings from start to finish! Enough tricks up their sleeves to give any major circus company a run for their money” (Herald Sun).
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2 PM & 7 PM
TCC ROPER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, NORFOLK
TICKETS $39, $25, CHILDREN UNDER 12, $15
Co-presented with

THE TELLING PROJECT
In this powerful theater project, veterans and family members step forward, train and rehearse to tell their stories of service on stage. Since 2008, The Telling Project has produced over 40 original performances, put over 180 veterans and family members on stage and performed in 16 states across the nation. It has been featured by PBS, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and NPR. Hear local veterans’ stories live!
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 8 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 8 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2 PM
ZEIDERS AMERICAN DREAM THEATER, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $23, AVAILABLE AT AMERICANDREAMTHEATER.ORG
Co-presented with Zeiders American Dream Theater.

ASK ME ANOTHER
Be a part of the rambunctious live quiz show from NPR and WNYC that blends brainteasers, comedy and music into an hour of mind-bending fun. Host Ophira Eisenberg invites celebrity guests and audience to stretch their noggins and tickle their funny bones.
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 PM
SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $27 (plus $2 facility fee per ticket)
Co-presented with Virginia Stage Company.
This program funded in part by the citizens of Virginia Beach through a grant from the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission.

REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
William Shakespeare’s Long Lost First Play (abridged)
The hit of the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe! This no-holds-Bard show is witty, goofy fun for all ages, whether you’re a Shakespeare scholar or never cracked a couplet. “A romp of epic proportions...fast, outrageous fun!” (Edinburgh Guide)
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 8 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 8 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 3 PM
WELLS THEATRE, NORFOLK
TICKETS $40, $25
Co-presented with Virginia Stage Company.
THE ARTS UNLOCK LEARNING
The arts make learning leap to life, inspiring students and teachers alike.

For 20 years, Virginia Arts Festival has brought great artists from around the world to the communities of Hampton Roads, making this historic region a center for culture and the performing arts, and opening the eyes of area school children to worlds beyond their own.

Last year alone, Virginia Arts Festival reached more than 39,000 area students, offering special student matinees, in-school performances, and opportunities to interact with and learn from professional artists through masterclasses, workshops, and more.

Help us continue to offer these unparalleled opportunities for students to explore the beauty and the power of the arts.

HELP US INSPIRE AND ENGAGE AREA SCHOOL CHILDREN
You can make a lasting impact on a child’s life with your donation to the Virginia Arts Festival, as an individual or through your corporation. For more information, please visit vafest.org or call (757) 282-2807.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR FUNHOUSE FEST 2017
Bruce Hornsby and Virginia Arts Festival bring back last year’s Festival Williamsburg hit, Funhouse Fest! This year’s three-day festival is curated by Bruce Hornsby and will feature multiple headliners, along with craft beers, great wines, and lots of choices for foodies!

JUNE 23-25
THE LAWN OF THE ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG
Co-Presented with the City of Williamsburg and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Supported by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance and funded in part by the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, the City of Williamsburg and James City County.

FRINGE & FUNHOUSE FEST
MORE TO COME!

Virginia Beach Fringe Festival
The new Virginia Beach Fringe Festival is curated by Bruce Hornsby and will feature multiple headliners, along with craft beers, great wines, and lots of choices for foodies!

June 23-25
The Lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg
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Virginia Beach Fringe Festival
There’s comedy, jazz, even opera to discover in this year’s Norfolk Fringe. Watch for news on our website, vafest.org!

DOWNTOWN NORFOLK & NEON DISTRICT
MAY 25-28

Norfolk Fringe Festival
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MAY 25-28

FRINGE FESTIVAL NORFOLK RETURNS... AND VIRGINIA BEACH FRINGE DEBUTS!
FIRST FRIDAYS
Downtown Norfolk buzzes with restaurants, theaters, clubs and galleries — and it all comes together in a big party every month on the first Friday! Enjoy live entertainment, great food, beer and wine. First Fridays are a great way to enhance your Virginia Arts Festival experience.

April 7, preview the daredevil antics of Australia’s Pants Down Circus and then see the whole show live at the TCC Roper Theater on Saturday.

May 5, get your groove on with salsa band Bio Ritmo before strolling over to Chrysler Hall to hear the legendary Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center!

APRIL 7, 5 PM - 8:30 PM
TCC PLAZA, 300 BLOCK OF GRANBY STREET, NORFOLK
FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
(food and beverages sold separately)
Co-presented with Downtown Norfolk Council.

SECOND FRIDAYS

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL PANFEST
Steel Drum Virtuoso Leon “Foster” Thomas, Headliner
This annual musical celebration joins world-famous steel drum artists with aspiring pan players in the irresistible sound of the islands — in oceanfront concerts at the beach! Evenings, enjoy headliner Leon “Foster” Thomas, who “plays his steel pan like Gary Burton on vibes” (Examiner.com); and all day Saturday, watch as steel drum bands from across the U.S. compete. Pull up a beach chair, sample great food, and enjoy!

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 6-10 PM
- NATURE’S CHILD, LEON “FOSTER” THOMAS 8 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 9 AM - 10 PM
- PANFEST COMPETITION
- LEON “FOSTER” THOMAS 6:30 PM
24TH STREET PARK, VIRGINIA BEACH
FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
Co-presented with Beach Wrestlers.

THIRD FRIDAYS

WORLD ARTS CELEBRATION
Set your course for adventure! A great day of free family fun featuring music from around the world, international food, an artisan village, and hands-on activities showcasing cultures from around the world.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 4-8 PM
FOUNTAIN PARK, CITY CENTER AT OYSTER POINT, NEWPORT NEWS
FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
This program is funded in part by the City of Newport News and the Newport News Arts Commission.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2-6 PM
TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK
TICKETS SATURDAY TASTERS (21+) $30 IN ADVANCE; SUNDAY TASTERS (21+) $25 IN ADVANCE; NON-TASTERS (13+) $20
NO DISCOUNTS. VALID ONLY FOR SPECIFIED DATE. PRICES GO UP $5 ON MAY 1. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TICKETS HIGHER AT THE DOOR.
Co-presented with Norfolk Festevents.

VIRGINIA BEER FESTIVAL
Nominated one of the best beer festivals by USA Today, this waterfront celebration of the art of beer features 60+ breweries and more than 100 beers for sampling.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2-6 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2-6 PM
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PLAY ME, I’M YOURS
Touring internationally since 2008, this interactive art installation by British artist Luke Jerram has reached over 10 million people worldwide, installs more than 1,500 street pianos in over 50 cities across the globe, installing more than 1,500 street pianos in over 50 cities across the globe, bearing the simple instruction ‘Play me, I’m yours.’ Watch for pop-up pianos across Norfolk this May!

MAY 25 – JUNE 3
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
In partnership with Chrysler Museums.

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT
with U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command Band
Honor and remember those who served in this beloved annual tradition. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax.

MONDAY, MAY 29
GATES OPEN AT 5 PM
CONCERT 7:30 PM
CITY CENTER AT OYSTER POINT, NEWPORT NEWS
FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
This program is funded in part by the City of Newport News and the Newport News Arts Commission.
THE ORGAN SWELL 2017
18th SEASON
Deborah Carr, artistic director

These recitals feature outstanding organists from the region performing with Virginia Symphony Orchestra musicians. This series offers a rare opportunity to hear these excellent organists in a wide range of music for organ and other instruments.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, NOON
DEBORAH CARR, ORGANIST
MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SUFFOLK

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 3 PM
COLLIN RICHARDSON, ORGANIST
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HAMPTON

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4 PM
HOLLY B. SUNDERLAND, ORGANIST
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK

MONDAY, MAY 15, NOON
HOLLY B. SUNDERLAND, ORGANIST
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 8 PM
JACK LEVICK, ORGANIST
BRUTON PARISH CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 7:30 PM
BRAD NORRIS, ORGANIST
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORFOLK

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 4 PM
PEGGY KELLEY RHEINBERG, ORGANIST
ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHESAPEAKE

MONDAY, MAY 22, NOON
NICHOLAS STELTZER, ORGANIST
MONUMENTAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 4 PM
MARTIN SUNDERLAND, ORGANIST
EASTER SHORE CHAPEL, VIRGINIA BEACH

SUGGESTED ADMISSION DONATION IS $10 AT THE DOOR. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT DEBORAH CARR AT (757) 406-4970.

VIRGINIA WIND SYMPHONY
The Virginia Wind Symphony, under the direction of Musical Director Dennis Zeisler, will present a concert featuring the present and former leaders of the United States Marine Band, United States Navy Band, the United States Army Band and the United States Air Force Band. The concert, “The Eagles Have Landed” will be at 3:00 PM at Salem High School and is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 3 PM
SALEM HIGH SCHOOL, VIRGINIA BEACH
FREE; NO TICKETS REQUIRED
INFORMATION AT VIRGINIAWINDSYMPHONY.ORG

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Muse: Mickalene Thomas Photographs and Tête-à-Tête
This acclaimed museum features painting, sculpture, photography, glass, video and other visual media from internationally acclaimed artists as well as artists of national and regional relevance. In this exhibition, Mickalene Thomas explores the photographic image as a touchstone for her practice, reflecting a personal community of inspiration. The exhibition also includes Tête-à-Tête, an installation curated by Thomas that includes work from photographers who have inspired her.

MAY 12-AUGUST 13, 2017
VIRGINIA BEACH
TICKETS $7.70 ADULTS, $5.50 CHILDREN; FREE FOR MOCA MEMBERS
INFORMATION AT VIRGINIAMOCA.ORG

NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL
Norfolk is home to the only NATO Command outside Europe and the Norfolk NATO Festival celebrates its presence in the city. Bring family and friends to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the 28 Member Countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — including the moving Flag Raising Ceremony, the colorful 64th Annual Parade of Nations and more, all free and open to the public.

APRIL 28-29
DOWNTOWN NORFOLK
FREE; NO TICKETS REQUIRED
INFORMATION AT NORFOLKNATOFESTIVAL.ORG
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