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- Please plan to arrive early (doors open 1 hour prior to each performance) to ensure plenty of time to be safely seated.
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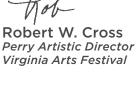
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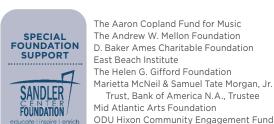
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OLIVER WOOD jazz; what fans know is that his songs speak directly to their souls, with a sound that's "truly timeless...comforting us and propelling us toward some deeper understanding" (popmatters.com).

7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk



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Hussain is "a magician in his own right over a spectrum of percussive sounds" (Denver Post). 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 - SUNDAY, APRIL 25 Virginia Stage Company **August Wilson's**

HOW I LEARNED WHAT I LEARNED

A staged reading of this autobiographical play chronicles the hardships of growing up in Pittsburgh's Hill District and how that shaped him as a writer. This tough and funny one-man show reveals "through Wilson's own eyes how the neighborhood and the history deeply embedded in it, shaped his worldview, alternately toughened and tried his spirit, and ultimately inspired his majestic investigation of Black experience" (The New York Times). April 14-16, 7:30 PM April 23, 7:30 PM

April 17, 2 PM & 7:30 PM April 24, 2 PM & 7:30 PM April 18, 7:30 PM April 25. 7:30 PM April 20-21, 7:30 PM Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

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CATALYST QUARTET

HURSDAY, APRIL 15

Works by Montgomery, Price and Walker This unique ensemble believes in the unity that can be achieved

through music-and they imagine their programs and projects with this in mind, redefining and reimagining the classical music 7:30 PM - Attucks Theatre, Norfolk GevenVenues

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

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Ryan Speedo Green, bass baritone

Adam Turner, conductor

"From his first moment onward, Ryan Speedo Green's booming bass was simply a revelation. It grabs you and holds your attention with its richness and size" (Opera Wire).

7:30 PM - Chrysler Hall, Norfolk This production made possible through a generous gift from the Susan Goode Performance Fund

programming of repertoire spanning five centuries 7:30 PM - St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg

NATHAN LAUBE, organ Known for his brilliant playing, gracious demeanor, and creative



THURSDAY, APRIL 22

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL CHAMBER PLAYERS Adam Turner, conductor Works by Villa-Lobos, Gounod and Dvorák

If you've been missing live classical music, be of good cheer! Three of the most beloved pieces in the repertoire will be featured in this 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

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April 30, 7:30 PM May 1, 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Beach

BROADWAY AT BANK STREET STAGE



ROB FISHER, piano & LAURA OSNES, vocal Join us for a Sunday afternoon concert featuring Rob Fisher, Festival friend conductor/pianist, with Laura Osnes, Tony Award nominee actress and Broadway's Princess (Cinderella, Bonnie

and Clyde, Anything Goes, South Pacific, Grease). 2:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

FRIDAY, MAY 7 & SATURDAY, MAY 8

Virginia Opera **Leonard Bernstein's TROUBLE IN TAHITI**

This opera focuses on a day in the life of a married couple surrounded by the troubles and temptations of American life in the era of *Mad Men*.

May 7, 6 PM & 8:30 PM May 8, 4 PM & 7 PM

Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

MONDAY, MAY 10 & TUESDAY, MAY 11



"Passionate, uninhibited and spellbinding" (London Independent), this brilliant ensemble has drawn praise around the world for more than 25 years.

May 10, 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

MAY 11, 10:30 AM - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Beach





MONDAY, MAY 10 – SUNDAY, MAY 16

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THURSDAY, MAY 13



MANUEL BARRUECO, guitar

Manuel Barrueco's unique artistry has been continually described as that of a superb instrumentalist and a superior and elegant musician, possessing a seductive sound and uncommon lyrical gifts.

7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk





Works by Copland, Barber, and Still Internationally recognized for his moving performances,

innovative programming and extensive catalogue of recordings, American conductor Gerard Schwarz appears with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Chesapeake native, Grammy* Awardwinning soprano Aundi Marie Moore. May 14, 7:30 PM - Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News May 15, 7:30 PM - Chrysler Hall, Norfolk

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JAE SINNETT TRIO with ALLEN FARNHAM, TERRY BURRELL For jazz fans looking for a great Saturday night show, this outdoor concert by the Jae Sinnett Trio - featuring Allen Farnham on piano and Terry Burrell on bass - is just the ticket!

7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

FRIDAY, MAY 21

KENNY WASHINGTON with THE JOHN TOOMEY TRIO An evening of jazz standards featuring John Toomey on piano, Jimmy Masters on bass, and Brian Caputo on drums. Soulful New Orleans native Kenny Washington joins the Trio to perform

SATURDAY, MAY 22

THE MUSIC OF DAVID BOWIE with Virginia Symphony Orchestra

7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

Broadway star Tony Vincent and Windborne Music's exceptional musicians combine with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra to present some of rock's most iconic music with the Music of David Bowie, performed as you've never heard it before.

musicians ready to put on a fantastic performance to entertain all ages. This concert features the Rhythm Project's best performers from the Rising-Stars (middle school) and All-Stars (high school)

ensembles, and a RP Alumni Ensemble playing a wide variety of

7:30 PM - Atlantic Union Bank Pavilion, Portsmouth

SUNDAY, MAY 23

RHYTHM PROJECT SHOWCASE The Bank Street Stage will be full of steel pans and eager

musical selections on steel pan 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk UESDAY, MAY 25 & WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

OLGA KERN, piano; LARA ST. JOHN, violin; AMANDA FORSYTH, cello Works of Saint Saens, Chopin, Grieg VAF's Connie & Marc Jacobson Director of Chamber Music,

Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Olga Kern will perform with Canadian violinist Lara St. John, described as "something of a phenomenon" by *The Strad* with Canadian Juno award-winning cellist Amanda Forsyth.

May 25, 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk May 26, 10:30 AM - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Beach , MAY 28 - SUNDAY, MAY 30 **FRIDAY**

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO **ARETHA & WHITNEY**

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO ARETHA AND WHITNEY

Norfolk State University Theatre Company alumni will be featured in this tribute directed by NSU Producing Artistic Director Anthony Mark Stockard. This performance is sure to bring the audience to their feet!

7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY THEATRE COMPAN



VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Every year, the Virginia International Tattoo is a joyful celebration — but this year's Tattoo offers powerful new reasons to rejoice. Marking the nation's — and the world's — emergence from a devastating pandemic, the 2021 Virginia International Tattoo will celebrate the power of the human spirit, with inspiring performances.

CHRIS SMITHER North Shore Point Downtown

FRIDAY, JUNE 4



SATURDAY, JUNE 5

NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL Flag Raising, International Village, and Standing Parade of Nations are joined together as one event on Saturday, June 5th 10am-3pm. Enjoy a cultural sampling of music and a colorful display as military representatives from all NATO Member Nations present their international flags at the NATO Flag Raising Ceremony, display the beautiful parade floats in a standing parade, and offer

10 AM - 3 PM - Scope Plaza, Norfolk **TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

fun and festivities on Scope Arena Plaza.



FRIDAY, JUNE 11 - SUNDAY, JUNE 13

BEETHOVEN 250 CELEBRATION

OLGA KERN & FRIENDS

Kern, Van Cliburn Prize-winning pianist and VAF's Connie & Marc Jacobson Director of Chamber Music, returns with her vivid stage presence, passionately confident musicianship and extraordinary technique. She will be joined by VAF Festival Players in a concert that is sure to inspire and delight. 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk



Olga Kern makes her VSO debut performing Beethoven's June 11, 7:30 PM, Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Beach June 12, 7:30 PM, Chrysler Hall, Norfolk June 13, 2:30 PM, Ferguson Center, Newport News This production made possible through a generous gift from the Susan Goode Performance Fund

MONDAY, JUNE 14 William Walton's FAÇADE: AN ENTERTAINMENT Virginia Arts Festival Chamber Players JoAnn Falletta, conductor This 1923 work shocked and delighted audiences, with its sensuous score and poems read in rhythm to music. Conducted by JoAnn Falletta, who championed this rarely-performed piece. 7:30 PM - Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center, Virginia Wesleyan University, Norfolk

> FRIDAY, JUNE 18 - SUNDAY, JUNE 20 **WILLIAMSBURG LIVE HEADLINERS:**

June 18: Chris Thile **SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

June 19: Leyla McCalla June 20: The Lone Bellow See below for details. Lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg

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ABBIE GARDNER

No stranger to performing solo, she has three CDs to draw from, each with award-winning songs. Tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, ride the back of her by-now familiar, formidable slide guitar licks. She channels Lucinda and Bonnie, but remains pure Abbie. 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

North Shore Point Downtown

SUNDAY, JUNE 27



Mipso's sixth album, "Mipso," on Rounder Records finds the modern string band showcasing their increasingly deep songwriting chops and their finely layered harmonies mostly over a fiddle, acoustic guitar, mandolin, and upright bass. trading vocals seamlessly among the four principals. 7:30 PM - Bank Street Stage, Norfolk

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Friday, June 4, 7:30 pm Saturday, June 5, 7:30 pm Sunday, June 6, 2:30 pm **Old Dominion University's** Kornblau Field at S. B. Ballard Stadium

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18 - CHRIS THILE

four Grammys* along with a MacArthur "Genius" Grant. From his early days with the bluegrass band Nickel Creek and his groundbreaking explorations with the Punch Brothers, he has leapt across genres from Americana and folk to jazz, classical, and boundary-busting creations of his own. *The New York Times* dubbed Thile "a superstar;" from his transcriptions of Bach's partitas for solo violin, bluegrass standards, arrangements of pop songs to his own dazzling compositions, "the music flies by in

LEYLA MCCALLA Leyla McCalla finds inspiration from her past and present, from her Haitian heritage,

living in New Orleans, to growing up on the streets in Brooklyn, this bilingual multi-instrumentalist and singer creates a distinctive sound that reflects the union of her roots and experience. She rose to fame during her two years as cellist of the Grammy*-winning African-American string band, the Carolina Chocolate Drops alongside bandmates Rhiannon Giddens and Dom Flemons, before leaving the group in 2013 to pursue her solo career. She collaborated with Giddens, Amythyst Kiah and Allison Russell on Songs of Our Native Daughters, a stunning reinvention of slave narratives. Deeply researched, beautifully performed, McCalla's "magnificently transparent music holds tidings of family, memory, solitude...her voice is disarmingly

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 - LEYLA McCALLA

THE LONE BELLOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 - THE LONE BELLOW

signed on and critics sang their praises People Magazine placed it in their Top 10 Albums of the year, along with many other publications, and Entertainment Weekly called it "one of the top reasons to love country music." The Americana Music Award-winning group released their latest album *Half Moon Light* in 2020 to rave reviews; *NPR* said, "The Lone Bellow makes music that feels like it's welcoming you in - like the band members are opening their arms and inviting you to join their family with sing-along choruses, hand-clapping rhythms and melodies that somehow sound familiar even on a first listen." Settle in for this Sunday night show and savor "songs that are meant to comfort and bring light."

When this "Nashville by way of Brooklyn" band released their first album in 2013, fans