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## **NORFOLK WATERFRONT JAZZ FESTIVAL'S EPIC RETURN is THIS WEEKEND \* Rain or Shine**

*This Summer's Jazz Fest brings amazing talent to  
Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Virginia.*

**NORFOLK, VA (July 16, 2014)** – Jazz lovers are anticipating an exciting return of the Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival for its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. Starting at 5pm this **Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20, 2014**, Jazz enthusiasts will chill to the sounds of smooth jazz in the serene setting of the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. Tickets are now on sale online at [www.festevents.org](http://www.festevents.org).



RAMSEY LEWIS

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Ramsey Lewis**

<http://www.ramseylewis.com/>

**Concert Time: 8:15pm & 9:45pm**

Composer, pianist and jazz legend Ramsey Lewis has been referred to as "the great performer," a title reflecting his performance style and musical selections which display his early gospel playing and classical training along with his love of jazz and other musical forms. A native Chicagoan, Mr. Lewis represents the great diversity of music for which Chicago is noted.

**Friday, July 18, 2014**

**Yellowjackets**

<http://www.yellowjackets.com/>

**Concert Time 7:45pm & 9:30pm**

Yellowjackets made serious waves in jazz radio, garnering public and critical acclaim. The unmistakable talents of the individuals involved still have the unique signatures that shine through regardless of their musical setting, whether it be blistering-hot fusion or full-blown acoustic jazz. In other words, their music has evolved and matured considerably, but there's no mistaking that it is Yellowjackets you are hearing.



**Sunday, July 20, 2014**

**Tom Browne**

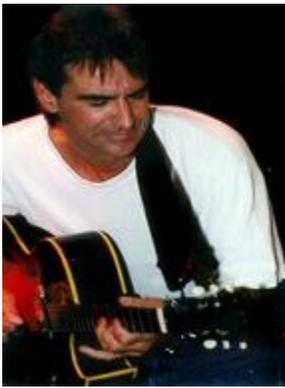
<http://www.tombrowne.org>

**Concert Time 2:45pm**

Consider the songs in our hearts that inspire us toward uplifted continence; melodies that ring out in a manner that is soulful ... even funky! Now think of an artist; an artist who George Benson describes as "joy filled in expressiveness" and "believable in any musical style," topping the jazz and adult contemporary / R & B charts with his kickin' trumpet and rich jazz melodies. That artist ... is trumpeter Tom Browne.



TOM BROWNE



**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Ken Navarro**

<http://www.kennavarro.com/bio.htm>

**Concert Time: 6:30pm**

Over the past 25 years, Ken Navarro has performed in every major US city and had numerous Top 5 hits at national radio. Navarro delivers a genuine, flawless performance, where all of the melodies, bass lines, harmonies and even percussion are masterfully played simultaneously on just one guitar without any overdubbing. Some of the contemporary classics included are The Police's Message In A Bottle, John Lennon's Imagine, and Glen Campbell's Wichita Lineman.



**Sunday, July 20, 2014**

**GENERATION NEXT featuring Nicholas Cole,**

**Julian Vaughn, Lin Roundtree & Lebron**

**Concert Time 4:30pm**

Destined to join the ranks of successful concepts such as 'Guitars & Saxes' and 'The Sax Pack', a new dimension of smooth jazz has arrived, Generation NeXt. This talented ensemble features world-class musicians and rising stars from Trippin 'N' Rhythm Records/Cutmore Entertainment at the cutting edge of contemporary jazz with R&B/soul influences.



**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Forte**

<http://www.fortejazz.com>

**Concert Time: 5:15pm**

Forte is a very versatile group. They play anything, but primarily Forte is a jazz band. You name it - solo saxophone, sax and keys, trio with sax, keys, and drums, or full eight-piece band with vocals.



**Friday, July 18, 2014**

**Jimmy Masters Quartet**

**Concert Time 5:30pm**

Jimmy Masters spent his formative years living in small town America...Holliston, Massachusetts, and population at the time about 3500. He has performed with, and recorded with, many great artists in a variety of settings, from bluegrass & country to jazz and beyond. He plays a beautiful 140-year-old, restored, German flat-back bass.



**Sunday, July 20, 2014**

**Tyrone Marquis-Smith**

**Concert Time 1:30pm**

Described as an eclectic artist, Smith has had the amazing privilege to tour and open for some of today's greatest artist: Boney James; Regina Belle; Aaron Neville and Joe Sample - just to name a few!

"I grew up with the fact that you had to write your own music." Smith said. And so...Ty Marquis Smith Records or TMS Records was born.

**What: 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival**

**When: Friday, July 18: 5pm-11pm**  
**Saturday, July 19: 5pm-11pm**  
**Sunday, July 20: 1pm-6pm**

**Where: Town Point Park. Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Virginia**



**Ticket Information:**

- **General Admission:** Open Lawn seating; please bring your own chair.
  - Friday and Saturday - \$28 each day at the gate
  - Sunday - \$20 at the gate
- **Reserved Seating** 3-day Combo Ticket \$69 in advance only
- **3-day General Admission Combo Ticket** \$49 in advance only
- **The New Journal and Guide VIP Jazz Club:** The **New Journal and Guide** VIP Jazz Club provides an amazing festival experience with access to an exclusive VIP Area that offers private gourmet catering and bar service at special prices. The **New Journal and Guide Jazz Club** VIP's will receive complimentary non-alcoholic beverages, complimentary cocktail hour hors d' oeuvres and private restrooms.
  - 3-day **The New Journal and Guide** VIP Jazz Club and General Admission Combo Ticket \$199 in advance only
  - 3-day **The New Journal and Guide** VIP Jazz Club and Reserved Seating Combo Ticket \$219 in advance only
  - Friday or Saturday **The New Journal and Guide** VIP Jazz Club and General Admission Ticket \$80 in advance only
  - Sunday **The New Journal and Guide** VIP Jazz Club and General Admission Ticket \$70 in advance only
- **Boaters package** (Parkside docking during Festival hours, no advance sales) \$20 docking fee plus General Admission fee for each guest on board Contact Shane Vernon at 757.441.2345 or email [vernons@festevents.org](mailto:vernons@festevents.org) for more information.
- **Children:** Children 12 and younger are free

**Weather:** In the event of severe inclement weather, the festival will be relocated to the Scope Arena. For Scope Arena policies, please visit [http://www.sevenvenues.com/about/visitor\\_info/scope](http://www.sevenvenues.com/about/visitor_info/scope) or call 757-664-6464. Generally, lawn chairs, food and beverage, coolers, blankets, umbrellas and alcohol are not permitted. All ticket sales are final. No Refunds. Norfolk Festevents reserves the right to postpone, cancel and/or evacuate events due to adverse weather conditions.

## **Festival Quick Facts**

**Parking:** Parking is available in several Downtown Norfolk garages within a short walk of the park.

**Special Notes:** Lawn chairs, picnic blankets, coolers, food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted in Town Point Park. No alcohol or glass is permitted; food and alcohol will be available for purchase during the festival.

**Festival Tents and Large Umbrella Area:** A special area in Town Point Park is reserved for festival guests wishing to set up a tent or large umbrellas for shade. All umbrellas must be lowered during performances if seated in front of the stage; no tents or other structures are permitted in the lawn directly in front of the stage.

For additional information: More information about events, including park regulations, parking, and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting [festevents.org](http://festevents.org), or by calling 757.441.2345.

The **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival** is produced by Norfolk Festevents, presented by AT&T and the City of Norfolk, and sponsored by; Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Southern Hospitality Auto Group; Chrysler, KIA, Lincoln, Budweiser, CFE Equipment Corporation, The New Journal and Guide, Ynot Pizza, People Express, and WAVY TV 10.

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