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Dr. John & The Nite Trippers Performing at Bayou Boogaloo Music & Cajun Food Festival The Most Authentic Food and Music Festival in the Nation

NORFOLK, VA – (April 22, 2016) – Norfolk Festevents announces six-time Grammy Award winning and New Orleans legend, Dr. John to headline the main stage as Dr. John & The Nite Trippers on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at the 27th Annual Bayou Boogaloo Music & Cajun Food Festival at Town Point Park, along the Downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

Norfolk's annual Louisiana inspired unique experience takes place on **Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26, 2016** at Town Point Park on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Virginia. The Bayou Boogaloo Music & Cajun Food Festival is Norfolk's annual love-fest with Louisiana. This popular 3-day festival delivers the heart and soul of Louisiana to visitors of Town Point Park in true Cajun and Creole style. Straight out of the Bayou, regional and national recording artists provide diverse cultural musical entertainment on two stages.



<u>Dr. John</u>

The legendary **Dr. John** is a six-time GRAMMY® Award-winning musician and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee. Known throughout the world as the embodiment of New Orleans' musical legacy, Dr. John is a true icon in American culture. His colorful musical career began in the 1950s when he wrote and played guitar on some of the greatest records to come out of the Crescent City, including recordings by Professor Longhair, Art Neville, Joe Tex and Frankie Ford. Dr. John headed west in the 1960s, where he continued to be in demand as a session musician, playing on records by Sonny and Cher, Van Morrison, Aretha Franklin and The Rolling Stones' Exile On Main St. During that time he launched his solo career, developing the charismatic persona of Dr. John the Nite Tripper. A legend was born with his breakthrough 1968 album Gris-Gris, which introduced to the world his unique blend of voodoo mysticism, funk, rhythm & blues, psychedelic rock and Creole roots. Several of his many career highlights include the masterful album Sun, Moon and Herbs in 1971which included cameos from Eric Clapton and Mick Jagger and 1973's In the Right Place, which contained the chart hits "Right Place Wrong Time" and "Such A Night."

In addition to his six GRAMMY® wins (1989, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2008 and 2013), he has received six other GRAMMY® nominations over the years. In 2006, he was nominated for Sippiana Hericane, his Hurricane Katrina benefit disc. After Hurricane Katrina, Dr. John immediately stepped up to the plate with generous relief fund-raising concerts and recordings. In 2007, he was also inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame and the Blues Hall of Fame. In 2008, he released City That Care Forgot, winning a GRAMMY® for Best Contemporary Blues Album. His 2012 release Locked Down, with Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys also won a GRAMMY® for Best Contemporary Blues Album.

In 2013, Dr. John was awarded an honorary doctorate from Tulane University alongside His Holiness the Dalai Lama. on August 19, 2014, Dr. John released **Ske-Dat-De-Dat...The Spirit Of Satch** on Concord Records, an album in tribute to another larger-than-life New Orleans legend: **Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong**. He honors Armstrong's musical genius as well as his effervescent personality with 13 classic numbers drawn from various phases of the seminal trumpeter and vocalist's five-decade career, with Dr. John joined by a stellar supporting cast, including **Bonnie Raitt, Ledisi**, the **McCrary Sisters, Anthony Hamilton, Shemekia Copeland**, the **Blind Boys of Alabama**, the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band** and trumpeters **Nicholas Payton, Terence Blanchard, Arturo Sandoval, Wendell Brunious** and **James Andrews**. After a half century of creating music for others and himself, Dr. John continues to write, arrange, produce and interpret with a passion that has yet to wane.

Additional regional and national performances will be announced in the coming weeks.

Additional Bayou Boogaloo Music and Cajun Food Festival performances include:

New Breed Brass Band, Friday, June 24, 2016 Royal Southern Brotherhood, Friday, June 24, 2016 Gill Landry, Saturday, June 25, 2016 Brass-A-Holics, Saturday, June 25, 2016 Buckwheat Zydeco, Saturday, June 25, 2016 New Breed Brass Band, Sunday, June 26, 2016

Festival hours: Friday, June 24th from 12:00pm-2:00pm, lunch time preview, Friday, June 24th from 2:00pm-10:00pm (gated), Saturday June 25th from Noon – 10pm (gated), and Sunday, June 26th from 12:00 – 6pm (gated).

The **27**th **Annual Bayou Boogaloo Music & Cajun Food Festival,** presented by AT&T, is produced by Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. and sponsored by the City of Norfolk, Southern Auto Group, Lumos Networks, CFE Equipment Corporation, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Pepsi, Abita Brewing Company, and WVEC TV 13.



To purchase tickets, visit <u>www.Festevents.org</u> or call 757.441.2345.

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. An extensive 10 month schedule of diverse outdoor cultural events, festivals, concerts, entertainment, holiday programs, tall ship visits, sports and recreation are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments; Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the banks of the Elizabeth River and Ocean View Beach Park situated on the shore line of the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk Festevents has served as the City of Norfolk's official event marketing agency since the city's downtown waterfront revitalization initiatives began in 1982. The organization has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality programming and development of public spaces, transforming Norfolk into one of the most progressive, fun and livable waterfront communities in the country. Residents, workers, and visitors to Norfolk and the Hampton Roads region are invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2016 season!

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