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Ohio Players to Headline Saturday Night of 2020 Norfolk Harborfest

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Norfolk, VA – The 1970s funk legends Ohio Players will headline Saturday night at the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest Music, Food & Maritime Festival at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

Ohio Players will perform on day two of America's largest, longest-running free maritime festival on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 8:15pm. Admission to the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest is free and open to the public.

Known for their plethora of chart-topping hits such as "Fire" and "Love Rollercoaster," Ohio Players came into musical prominence in the 1970s as true pioneers of street funk and underground R&B. Since their emergence in the mid '70s, Ohio Players have traveled the world and have registered 14 gold and platinum albums for their labors.

Currently, the band consists of 10 members, including four original members: James "Diamond" Williams (drums), Billy Beck (keyboard), Clarence Willis (lead guitar), and Robert Kuumba (percussion). Ohio Players remain one of the few bands from the 1970s era who still perform all of their music using no computers or samplers for enhancement.

Ohio Players' sound still ebbs through the modern-day music scene. A long list of artists has sampled or re-recorded their material, including Snoop Dogg, Soundgarden, Puff Daddy, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Salt & Pepper, and many more.

Ohio Players join [Moon Taxi](#) as headliners for the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest. The festival is free and open to the public.

Moon Taxi, who will be headlining Friday night, and Ohio Players are the first announced performers for the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest. Additional performances will be announced soon.

The 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest Music, Food & Maritime Festival features three memorable days along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, 2020. Harborfest celebrates all of the elements that make Norfolk an iconic and historic city. On both land and sea, thrilling activities and live music take center stage at Harborfest, including the annual Parade Sail featuring international tall ships, one of the largest fireworks shows on the East Coast, a mesmerizing drone





show, interactive family games and activities, Naval exhibits and demonstrations, artisan foods and beverages, national and regional live entertainment, and much more.

For more information about Norfolk Festevents and the 2020 Season of Events, including hours, park regulations and parking, please visit Festevents.org or call 757-441-2345.

Norfolk Festevents is the official host of Sail 250 Norfolk in the summer of 2026.

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, and tall ship visits 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 757 are invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2020 season!

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