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A Midsummer Fantasy Festival Returns to the Norfolk Waterfront With *Sailors, Sonnets and Sprites*

Norfolk, Virginia (July 6, 2016) – Norfolk Festevents announces magic, mystery and some of Shakespeare’s most watery poetry will join forces with art, music and spectacle in celebration of the lunacy of midsummer from July 29-31, 2016, in Norfolk’s Town Point Park on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

The production of *Sailors, Sonnets and Sprites* is produced by Patrick Mullins and co-produced by Janelle Burchfield in conjunction with Norfolk Festevents. This season’s festival will feature Paperhand Puppet Intervention, DJP and MrT, Phyrlic Whim, Skye Zentz, Ann Mazzocca, Dale Paul Lazar, Alchemy, Mike Bell and more!

“It’s exciting to see an art community come together in exploring Shakespeare’s themes - taking them far beyond Elizabethan England and all the way to the Elizabeth River in a vibrant, kinetic way”, states festival producer Mullins.

Festival goers are encouraged to come dressed up and become a part of the story, or just bring a lawn chair and watch the magic unfold. *Sailors, Sonnets and Sprites* welcomes you to venture into the world of modern theater while enjoying the art of Shakespeare’s most imaginative tales within the beautiful Downtown Norfolk Waterfront Town Point Park.

The park opens at 7:00pm each evening, Friday – Sunday for audiences to scout out a place to sit, picnic and enjoy the performances. A pre show concert begins at 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, followed by the main performance starting at 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

What: A Midsummer Fantasy Festival, Shakespeare's *Sailors, Sonnets and Sprites*

Where: Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Virginia

When: Friday, July 29– Sunday, July 31, 2016

Time:

Park opens at 7:00pm each day

Pre Show Concert begins at 7:30 pm each day

Performances begin at 8:30pm each day

Park closes at 10:00pm each day

Admission: Free and open to the public

The Midsummer Fantasy Festival is presented by Norfolk Festevents and produced by Patrick Mullins and co-produced by Janelle Burchfield. The event is sponsored by the City of Norfolk.

For more information please visit www.Festevents.org or call 757-441-2345.

ABOUT NORFOLK FESTEVENETS, 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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