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David Sanborn Electric Band Announced as Headliner for 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival

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Norfolk, VA – World-renowned saxophonist and six-time Grammy Award winner David Sanborn has been announced as a headliner for the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival on Friday & Saturday, August 21 & 22, 2020, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

The David Sanborn Electric Band will perform on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:30pm and joins fellow Grammy Award winner George Benson, with whom Sanborn has released four albums, as the headliners of The 757's longest-running outdoor jazz festival.

Heralded as a true jazz legend and universally known as one of the most iconic saxophonists, Sanborn's illustrious career spans more than six decades. He has released 24 albums, including eight gold albums and one platinum, and has won a total of six Grammy Awards.

Dubbed as "the most influential saxophonist on pop, R&B, and crossover players of the past 20 years" by famous jazz critic Scott Yanow, Sanborn is known for his ambitious blending of genres, typically incorporating instrumental pop, R&B, and traditional jazz.

Sanborn released his first solo album "Taking Off" in 1975 but has been playing the saxophone since he was a teenager when he was inspired by the great Chicago blues artists near his hometown of St. Louis.

In addition to Sanborn and Benson, Norman Connors & The Starship Orchestra, Ronnie Laws, Lonnie Liston, and Jean Carne, who together comprise the supergroup True Legends of Jazz, will also be performing at the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival.





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View the updated lineup below. Additional performers will be announced soon.

2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival Lineup (as of January 17, 2020)

Friday

9:30pm – David Sanborn Electric Band

7:30pm – *TBA*

5:30pm – *TBA*

Saturday

9:30pm – George Benson

7:30pm – Norman Connors & The Starship Orchestra, Ronnie Laws, Lonnie Liston Smith, Jean Carne (True Legends of Jazz)

5:30pm – *TBA*

Tickets for the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival are on sale now at bit.ly/FesteventsTix. For more information, including ticket prices, on the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival, head to bit.ly/NFKJazz2020.

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, 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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