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2024 Norfolk Harborfest Lineup and Official Poster Artwork Unveiled Featuring Robert Randolph Band, Simply Tina, and Easton Corbin

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Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. has announced the initial music lineup for the 48th Annual Norfolk Harborfest: Music, Food & Maritime Festival on Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, 2024, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. Headlining performances for this year's event include the Robert Randolph Band, Simply Tina: The Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute Show, and Easton Corbin.

The 48th Annual Norfolk Harborfest[®] brings a symphony of maritime wonder to the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront from June 7-9, 2024. Adventure, entertainment, and maritime magic unite for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during America's largest, longest-running, free maritime festival. Take in the annual Parade of Sail, watch one of the biggest fireworks displays on the East Coast, and experience a

captivating drone show light up the night sky while immersing yourself in naval history with interactive exhibits and thrilling demonstrations. Incredible live performances from both national headliners and local talents take center stage, while an array of culinary delights keep you fueled throughout this iconic three-day festival.

Below is the current live music lineup for the 2024 Norfolk Harborfest:

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th

Main Stage

3:15pm – Pressing Strings (Traditional Folk/String Fusion)

6:00pm – Yam Yam (Funk/Soul/Jazz)

8:00pm – Robert Randolph Band (Funk/Soul)

Boathouse Stage

2:45pm – Joslyn & The Sweet Compression (Funk/Soul)
4:45pm – Jacob Vanko Band (Americana)
7:00pm – Allen Hudson & The Halfmoons (Alternative Rock)
9:45pm – Littkeys

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th

Main Stage

3:15pm – Empire Strikes Brass (Brass/Funk/Rock)
6:00pm – *To be announced soon!*
8:15pm – Simply Tina: The Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute Show

Boathouse Stage

12:30pm – PC Duo
2:45pm – *To be announced soon!*
4:45pm – Woodwork (Jam Band/Rock)
7:00pm – Anthony Rosano & The Conqueroos (Blues Rock)
10:00pm – DJ CanRock

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

Main Stage

2:00pm – Palmyra (Folk Fusion)
4:30pm – Easton Corbin (Country)

Boathouse Stage

12:45pm – Forte (Jazz)
3:15pm – Nature's Child (Reggae)

ARTIST BIOS

Robert Randolph Band | Performing Friday at 8:00pm

A virtuoso on the pedal steel guitar, Robert Randolph burst onto the music scene in the early 2000's with his fiery, passionate instrumental work and heartfelt music. It didn't take long for Robert's talents to get in front of numerous guitar legends, including Eric Clapton. Upon first listen, Clapton tapped the Robert Randolph Band to tour the world opening for his band and include him in every iteration of the legendary Crossroads Festival. Clapton would also appear on Robert Randolph's album "Colorblind" released in 2006 on Warner Music, a record that would also include a guest appearance from Dave Matthews.

Robert's innovative approach to the pedal steel guitar has earned him four Grammy nominations, multiple Blues Music Awards, a BMI award, and Rolling Stone named Randolph one of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time". His work can be heard on numerous TV and film broadcasts,

including his long-standing theme song for the New York Knicks “Get There”, and “Ain’t Nothing Wrong With That”, the current theme song for NFL Thursday Night Football.

Simply Tina: The Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute Show | Performing Saturday at 8:15pm

Simply Tina is a phenomenal Tina Turner tribute band that captures the essence and electrifying energy of the legendary Queen of Rock n Roll with remarkable precision and passion. They were one of eight bands chosen to perform at Disney's Worldstage Theater in Epcot, with Miss Turner's permission.

From their dynamic stage presence to their impeccable renditions of Tina's greatest hits, Simply Tina transports audiences back in time to experience the powerhouse performances that made Tina Turner an icon. With their exceptional vocal talent, authentic costumes, and a live band (with dancers) that delivers exhilarating music, Simply Tina offers an unforgettable tribute experience that leaves audiences mesmerized and craving more. Simply Tina has been enchanting crowds and paying homage to the incomparable Tina Turner in the most captivating way possible for the past 10 years.

Easton Corbin | Performing Sunday at 4:30pm

Easton Corbin has been gracing stages with his memorable baritone and unique blend of traditional and modern country music for more than a decade. The Florida native, who boasts two No. 1 singles with “A Little More Country Than That” and “Roll With It,” embarks on a new musical chapter with his recent signing to Stone Country Records. Corbin teams with industry veterans Benny Brown, Paul Brown and Jason Sellers as the label’s flagship artist.

Throughout his career, Corbin has amassed seven Top 10 singles and three American Country Awards. Named Billboard’s 2010 Top New Country Artist, Corbin has never shied away from his traditional roots with Your Big Sky complimenting his “unapologetic and unwavering traditional country sound.” His self-titled debut album was named Country Breakthrough Album of the Year by iTunes Rewind Best of 2010 while American Songwriter has complimented the singer’s “warm, smooth-as-gravy-southern drawl.”

Corbin most recently released his album Let’s Do Country Right - his first in eight years. The 14-song feat is a collection of new, yet-to-be-heard tunes, as well as previously released songs like Corbin’s current radio single and streaming hit “Marry That Girl.” Since releasing with DSPs, the romantic ode has organically amassed an impressive 55 million+ streams collectively and was featured on the hit FOX reboot Joe Millionaire: For Richer or Poorer. On radio impact, it was the No. 2 most added song by country stations and was featured in a live performance by the top daytime talk show The Kelly Clarkson Show, as well as fan-favorite syndicated iHeart radio show The Bobby Bones Show. Laced with Corbin’s warmly familiar baritone vocals and layered with the true-to-his-roots production fans and radio love, the record offers something for everyone.

Yam Yam | Performing Friday at 6:00pm

Yam Yam formed in late 2015, coming together from playing in an assortment of local bands in central PA. The band is inspired by 1970s soul music, New Orleans roots of jazz music, and

modern/vintage funk and jam music. Yam Yam features raw instruments and captures a high-energetic sound. Yam Yam is Mike Dempsey on keys, Jason Mescia on saxophone, Xander Moppin on bass, Tom Fuller on guitar, and Tyler Fuller on drums. The band released its debut, self-titled album in late 2018, and upon its release, it charted on Billboard Jazz Albums section at No. 17. The band has opened for Lotus, Dopapod, and Keller Williams among others and has been featured in NepaScene, LiveForLiveMusic, TheBurg, and Burg in Focus.

Palmyra | Performing Sunday at 2:00pm

Birthered in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Palmyra explores the fusion of traditional folk string instruments, lush harmony, and earnest songwriting. The trio, now based in Richmond, captures the collective spirit of three Virginia natives: Teddy Chipouras, Mānoa Bell, and Sasha Landon. Often described as a distant cousin to The Avett Brothers and The Wood Brothers, Palmyra nods toward Appalachian and Midwestern Americana, with intricate arrangements that create the illusion of a full, larger-than-three ensemble. The breakout folk trio has worked diligently to cement themselves as an unmistakable force in the Americana music landscape at large. Their forward momentum is propelled by their craftsmanship and dedication to an intimate performance experience; at the heart of the Palmyra is the evident love and regard that the three musicians share for each other and their craft.

Palmyra has directly supported Watchhouse, Mipso, and Illiterate Light, and has won honors and recognition from institutions including the historic Newport Folk Festival, American Songwriter, The Boston Globe, Under The Radar Magazine, Americanafest, and Floydfest.

2024 NORFOLK HARBORFEST POSTER ARTIST AND ARTWORK

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. has also unveiled the artist and artwork for the 48th Annual Norfolk Harborfest®. This year's poster artist, Robert Lauer, presents *Fête Du Port: A Tribute to Eugène Boudin*, promising a stunning homage to the iconic festival.



Fête Du Port: A Tribute to Eugène Boudin by Robert Lauer

Robert Lauer's **Fête Du Port**, meaning "Harbor Festival" in French, pays tribute to French artist Eugène Boudin (1824-1898). From the perspective of Waterside Marina at dusk, the artwork borrows colorful flags from Harborfest's Parade of Sail, twisting in the breeze to evoke the shifting movement of clouds before the vivid colors of a setting sun.

Mentor and lifelong friend of Claude Monet, Boudin was one of the very first impressionist artists and was referred to by fellow impressionists as 'le roi des ciels' or King of the Skies. He was widely recognized for marine seascape paintings depicting colorful harbor regattas along France's Normandy Coast; **Fête Du Port** is inspired by one of Boudin's most famous works, '*Boats Decorated with Flags in the Port of Deauville*' (1895).

Robert Lauer holds a Studio Art minor from Washington & Lee University and a Masters from the College of Design, N.C. State University. His career has spanned several international corporations in the United States, Germany, Japan, and China, where he served as a Director of Industrial Design. Lauer honed his skills in watercolors, oils, and acrylics under the guidance of I-Hsiung Ju at W&L, donating his artwork for charitable events.

Upon returning to the Tidewater area of Virginia, Lauer's works focused on exploring the natural vivid colors found at sunset along our waterways stretching from the Northern Neck to the Currituck Sound of North Carolina. His works capture the interplay of sky and light on water, balancing the harmony of simple hidden geometry with strategically placed focal points. A proponent of Stephen Quiller's color theory, the majority of his colors are hand-mixed from just 5 pigments and applied with layered washes. His ability to integrate art, design, and marketing in his career is a testament to his exceptional skills and expertise.

Robert Lauer is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Artist Association and an Associate Artist at The d'Art Center, [740 Boush St, Norfolk, VA 23510](https://www.dartcenter.org/). Prior to Harborfest, Robert was selected for three juried fine art shows this spring, including Norfolk's Stockley Gardens, Richmond's Arts in The Park, and Williamsburg's Art On The Square. His works can be seen online at RWLauer.com and StravitzArtGallery.com, or in person at both the d'Art Center and the Stravitz Gallery, Virginia Beach.

2024 Norfolk Harborfest Commemorative Posters will be available for purchase at the Official Festival Merchandise Tent throughout the festival weekend. Posters are \$30 unsigned and \$40 signed by Robert Lauer.

Visit bit.ly/Harborfest2024 for more details on the 2024 Norfolk Harborfest: Music, Food & Maritime Festival, including a complete listing of maritime events, family-friendly entertainment, and more.

For more information on Norfolk Festevents and the 2024 Season of Events, visit Festevents.org.

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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 2024 season, which marks Norfolk Festevents' 42nd Season!

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