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Generation neXt

featuring Nicholas Cole, Lin Rountree and Lebron

Performing at the 33rd Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival

Friday, July 17 & Saturday, July 18, 2015

Hampton Roads' longest running outdoor Jazz Festival!

Norfolk, Virginia (March 30, 2015) –Norfolk Festevents announces National Recording Artists Generation neXt featuring Nicholas Cole, Lin Rountree and Lebron will appear in concert at the 33rd Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18, 2015 for two days of waterfront performances at Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

With successful outings at some of the country's premiere festivals in 2014 including Berks, Seabreeze, Capital Jazz, Newport Beach, Norfolk and Catalina Island Jazztrax, Generation neXt is ushering in a new dimension of smooth jazz/R&B grooves with style and flair. These world class musicians and rising stars from Trippin 'N' Rhythm Records/Cutmore Entertainment are at the cutting edge of contemporary jazz with R&B/soul influences.

21-year old keyboard phenom Nicholas Cole displays the technical proficiency and artistic vision of those twice his age. Cole's release 'Endless Possibilities' scored 4 Top 10 Billboard singles and the hit, 'Snap', featuring Vincent Ingala was a Top 5 Billboard smash. In addition to a thriving solo career, Nicholas has become an in-demand producer and collaborator, working with Ben Tankard, Willie Bradley and Julian Vaughn among others.

'Soulfunky' is soul-jazz and R&B trumpet master Lin Rountree's fifth studio CD and follow up to the success of 2013's 'Serendipitous'. Slated for release in mid-May, the 12 song self-produced collection is Rountree's funkier and most soul-filled to date featuring some of the hottest musicians and producers in the business. Showcased in the 2012 Whitney Houston film, 'Sparkle', Lin has performed with icons including the late George Duke, Marcus Miller, Tim Bowman and Kem.

"It's all about the sound." That is the powerfully simple principle inherent in saxman Lebron's music. Brian McKnight, Phil Perry and Will Downing all influenced his phrasing, expression and solos as did Gerald Albright, Kirk Whalum, Grover Washington, Jr. and Nelson Rangell. His debut release 'Shades' featured Paul Brown on the hit 'Groove City' and the single 'Kinetic' enjoyed strong support at Billboard. Lebron's much anticipated sophomore release will be out in July 2015.

Other National Artists performing at the 33rd Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival previously announced include:

Earl Klugh, Friday, July 17
Richard Elliot, Friday, July 17
Musiq Soulchild, Saturday, July 18
Pamela Williams, Saturday, July 18

The 33rd Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival returns for two nights along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18, 2015, 5pm-11pm each day. This popular festival features legendary sounds of top National Smooth Jazz and R&B Recording Artists. A variety of seating and ticket options are available including a VIP experience, reserved seating, designated tent areas and festival lawn seating. To purchase tickets, visit festevents.org or call 757.441.2345.

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