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# Eric Paslay to Headline 2022 NashFest Music & Food Festival

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**Norfolk, VA** – Platinum-selling and GRAMMY-nominated country artist Eric Paslay will be headlining the second annual NashFest Music & Food Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. The event runs from noon to 10pm and is free & open to the public.

Paslay, known for his hits “Friday Night”, “Song About A Girl”, “She Don’t Love You”, and many more as both a recording artist and songwriter, will be joined in the music lineup by the up-and-coming Peytan Porter, as well as Hampton Roads natives TracieLynn and the Cody Christian Band. Read below for detailed bios and links for each performing artist.

## 2022 NASHFEST MUSIC LINEUP

8:30pm – Eric Paslay

6:30pm – Peytan Porter

4:30pm – TracieLynn

2:30pm – Cody Christian Band

The NashFest Music & Food Festival, a one-day event celebrating the iconic culture and cuisine of Nashville, is set for its second act along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront following the debut event in 2021. Fusing together all of the elements that make Nashville one of America’s most popular cities, NashFest offers an experience akin to an evening stroll down Broadway, featuring national and local recording artists, mouth-watering hot chicken, barbecue, line dancing, craft beer & whiskey tastings, and much more for what is now one of Hampton Roads’ hottest new summer events. For more information on NashFest, visit [bit.ly/NashFest22](https://bit.ly/NashFest22).

## ERIC PASLAY | [Spotify](#) | [Website](#)

Country artist Eric Paslay delivers a powerful punch as a renowned Platinum-selling, GRAMMY-nominated hit songwriter, artist, and performer. He’s celebrated five No. 1 hits, with four of those ranked among the “Top 100 Songs of the Decade” by Country Aircheck, including the #1 spot on that chart with “Barefoot Blue Jean Night” as recorded by Jake Owen. The Temple, Texas native has earned numerous songwriter award nominations including GRAMMY’s Best Country Song, ACM’s Song of the Year twice and the CMA Song of The Year as well as an artist GRAMMY nomination for Best Country Duo/Group Performance for “The Driver”- a collaboration with friends Charles Kelley and Dierks Bentley. And in 2022, Eric continues to see



success as a songwriter, having co-penned Keith Urban's latest hit "Wild Hearts." A true artist's artist USA Today calls Paslay "flat out-brilliant" and American Songwriter names him an influencer of country music.

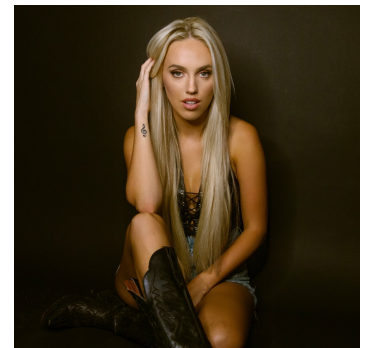
**PEYTAN PORTER** | [Spotify](#) | [Website](#)

With tightly crafted songs that seamlessly blend classic Country music storytelling and savvy hooks, alluring singer/songwriter Peyton Porter's voice demands attention with an insightful stance. In early 2021, the Dawsonville, Georgia, native signed her first deal as a joint venture with Jody Williams Songs and Warner Chappell Music and is currently working on her debut project due later this year. She just released her new single "First Stone" co-produced by Greg Bates and Evan Cline, and written alongside Billy Montana which "proves that she is wise beyond her years," (CMT). Its simply-put lyrics and irresistible "sunny melody offer a timely message that make it a winner," (Billboard). Porter's new music follows her debut single, "Therapy," which has garnered over two million streams in just six months and earned her a nomination for iHeartRadio's "TikTok Songwriter of the Year." Porter brings "an infectious warmth, glowing soprano voice and eagerness to connect" (Tuscaloosa News) on the road as she recently opened for Willie Nelson and played the CMA Fest Nighttime Concerts at Ascend Amphitheater on June 9th.



**TRACIELYNN** | [Spotify](#) | [Website](#)

Hailing from Hampton Roads, country artist TracieLynn is not afraid to make a statement with her music. Coming from a musically inclined family, Tracie knew at a very young age that singing and performing on stage was exactly what she wanted to do, which led her to Music City in 2019 to pursue just that. Her powerhouse vocals set her apart from the pack, but it's her ability to be bold and honest in her approach that makes her unforgettable. Influenced by artists like Miranda Lambert, Gretchen Wilson, and Chris Stapleton, TracieLynn strongly believes in "keeping country music, country."



**CODY CHRISTIAN BAND** | [Spotify](#) | [Website](#)

Cody Christian was born and raised in Powhatan, Virginia, on a healthy diet of Jesus music and hot pockets. He started playing guitar in his teen years at his local church and quickly transitioned to playing in a traveling worship band while still in high school. At the age of 20 he moved to Newport News, Virginia, to be a ship fitting apprentice. Soon after beginning that career he started up the band, "Every King & Commoner" where he played lead guitar and sang lead vocals. Since the band's inception, they have gained a loyal following in the Hampton Roads region. They earned some notable achievements such as the Veer Music Award for Song of The Year in 2018, and Battle of The Bands at the historic marquee venue that was Shaka's Live. With the Covid-19 pandemic putting a halt to all live music ventures, Cody settled in with his unhindered thoughts and guitars and began writing songs. Since then, he has put out two solo EPs, quit his job, and played countless shows along the east coast and beyond.



Additional information on the 2022 NashFest Music & Food Festival, including food vendors, specialty entertainment, craft food & beverage experiences, family-friendly activities, and more will be announced soon.

The 2022 NashFest Music & Food Festival is sponsored by the City of Norfolk, Southern Auto Group, US 106.1 Real Country, 13 News Now, Jack Daniel's, Miller Lite, Yuengling, Corona, and White Claw.

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