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# Glenn Jones to Replace Ronnie Laws at 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival

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**Norfolk, VA** – Grammy-nominated producer and vocalist Glenn Jones will perform at the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health as a member of the True Legends of Jazz at 7:30pm on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Jones, who is replacing Ronnie Laws, will be performing alongside Norman Connors & The Starship Orchestra, Lonnie Liston Smith, and Jean Carne, who together comprise the supergroup True Legends of Jazz.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Glenn Jones is one of the most versatile talents and sought-after live performers on the jazz scene. A producer, artist, writer, and actor, Jones blends jazz, gospel, and R&B for a voice and sound that penetrates the soul through music and lyrics.



Jones initially made his name in the gospel arena, but Jones' voice caught the ear of the acclaimed Norman Connors, with whom Jones will be performing with at the Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival. With the influence of Connors, Jones officially made the transition from gospel to R&B and jazz.

Jones has five Top 10 Billboard hits to his record and has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in music, including Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick.

Jones has also made an impact outside of his music. He toured Iraq and Kuwait performing for American troops and is also the founder of his non-profit, The Love Jones Foundation (LJF), established in memory of his mother, Ella Lee Jones. The foundation provides educational programs to youth and music therapy to the elderly.

The star-laden lineup for the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health features a pair of Grammy Award-winning jazz legends in George Benson and David Sanborn, along with Euge Groove, Adam Hawley and Jackiem Joyner, and Cindy Bradley and Paula Atherton performing as the Fabulous Blondes.

View the official lineup for the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health held at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront below.

### **2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health Lineup**

#### **Friday, August 21, 2020**

9:30pm – David Sanborn Electric Band

7:30pm – Euge Groove

5:30pm – Cindy Bradley & Paula Atherton (The Fabulous Blondes)

#### **Saturday, August 22, 2020**

9:30pm – George Benson

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

5:30pm – Adam Hawley & Jackiem Joyner

Tickets for the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health are on sale now at [bit.ly/FesteventsTix](https://bit.ly/FesteventsTix). For more information, including ticket prices, on the 2020 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival, head to [bit.ly/NFKJazz2020](https://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](https://Festevents.org) or call 757-441-2345.

**Norfolk Festevents is the official host of Sail 250 Norfolk in the summer of 2026.**

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