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# Festevents Announces Music Lineup for 2023 Norfolk Harborfest

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**Norfolk, VA** – The music lineup for the 47th Annual Norfolk Harborfest: Music, Food & Maritime Festival on Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 2023, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront has been announced, including headlining performances by the Allman Betts Band, Morris Day and The Time, and Parmalee.

Norfolk Harborfest is America's largest, longest-running, free maritime festival. Harborfest celebrates all of the elements that make Norfolk & Hampton Roads a historic maritime & Naval community. On both land and sea, thrilling activities and live music take center stage at Harborfest, including the annual Parade Sail featuring international tall ships, one of the largest fireworks shows on the East Coast, a mesmerizing drone show, interactive family games and activities, Navy exhibits and demonstrations, artisan foods and beverages, national and regional live entertainment, and more.

This year at Harborfest, Festevents will pay tribute to The Boathouse in what would have been the 40th Anniversary year since the historic venue opened its doors for the first time in 1983. The performances listed as "*To be announced.*" on the Boathouse Stage are being reserved for bands that performed at the original Boathouse venue as part of the tribute to the iconic Norfolk venue. Below is the live music lineup for the 2023 Norfolk Harborfest:

## MAIN STAGE

### Friday, June 9

3:15pm – Erin & The Wildfire

6:00pm – Kendall Street Company

8:00pm – The Allman Betts Band

### Saturday, June 10

3:15pm – *To be announced.*

6:00pm – *To be announced.*

8:15pm – Morris Day & The Time

### Sunday, June 11

2:00pm – Cody Christian Band

4:30pm – Parmalee

## BOATHOUSE STAGE

### Friday, June 9

2:45pm – *To be announced.*

4:45pm – Nate Sacks & The Lifehacks

7:00pm – The Gold Sauce

10:00pm – Littkeys

### Saturday, June 10

12:30pm – Dustin Furlow

2:45pm – Allen Hudson & the Halfmoons

4:45pm – *To be announced.*

7:00pm – The Chong Band

10:00pm – *To be announced.*

### Sunday, June 11

12:45pm – Bobby Blackhat Walters

3:15pm – BJ Griffin & Galaxy Groove

## BAND BIOS

### **The Allman Betts Band** | Performing Friday at 8:00pm

The Allman Betts Band includes Devon Allman & Duane Betts on guitars and vocals, Berry Oakley Jr. on bass, Johnny Stachela on slide guitar, John Ginty on Hammond B3 (Robert Randolph/Dixie Chicks) and Devon Allman Project percussionists R. Scott Bryan (Sheryl Crow) and John Lum. The show features original music from their two recent BMG albums, songs from their solo projects as well as classic songs by The Allman Brothers Band, the legendary group founded by Devon and Duane's fathers, Gregg Allman & Dickey Betts.

### **Morris Day & The Time** | Performing Saturday at 8:15pm

Born in Minneapolis, Day had a flair for fashion. Inspired by photographs of his grandpa in zoot suits, a true fashionista was formed! Day went to school with Prince Rogers Nelson and sang in Prince's first band Grand Central. Prince grew as an artist and so did the opportunity around him. The Time was originally created as Prince's alter-ego to be seen as the cool, street-wise funk band contrasting Prince's more soulful R&B sound. After looking at several lead vocalists, Prince wanted someone with mad talent so he cast his high school friend-- the funky, the fabulous Morris Day. Soon after, Morris Day and the Time were cast in Purple Rain which captured the exploding Minneapolis music scene at its peak. Morris Day burst onto the public scene with the group's self-titled album, The Time, which included "Get It Up," "Cool," and "Girl." Other hit Songs Include: Jungle Love, The Bird, Wild and Loose, and Walk.

### **Parmalee** | Performing Sunday at 4:30pm

ACM "New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year" nominee Parmalee is one of Country music's most successful acts: the Platinum-selling band of brothers is one of only four groups since 2001 to earn three consecutive Top 10 singles from a debut Country album. Since their debut at Country radio, Parmalee has earned over 1 billion on-demand streams. Heralded as "Country Music's Breakout Stars" by MSN Entertainment, Parmalee has supported Brad Paisley and Jake Owen on national tours while finding time to perform on NBC's TODAY show, The Kelly Clarkson Show, The Late Late Show, FOX & Friends All American Summer Concert Series, MLB Central's Studio 21, The Queen Latifah Show, and more. Comprised of brothers Matt and Scott Thomas (lead vocals/guitar and drums, respectively), cousin Barry Knox (bass), and life-long friend Josh McSwain, the North Carolina natives had a legendary return to the top of the charts with their PLATINUM-certified No. 1 single with Blanco Brown, "Just the Way," with their follow up single, "Take My Name" from their new album For You, then becoming a multi-week No. 1 hit at Country radio.

## Kendall Street Company | Performing Friday at 6:00pm

Virginia's Kendall Street Company are no strangers to having a wild time. The genre-fluid, eclectic rock ensemble has drawn varied comparisons to the dynamic jams of Umphrey's McGee and Widespread Panic, songwriting prowess of John Prine, experimental psychedelia of Pink Floyd, progressive jazz-infused rock of Frank Zappa, and off-color humor of Ween and They Might Be Giants. Including elements of crowd participation, off-the-cuff comedic bits, haphazard choreography, musical improvisation, and surprise musical guests, each Kendall Street Company concert is an experience unlike any other. You'll laugh, you'll cry. Just remember to stay hydrated.

## Erin & The Wildfire | Performing Friday at 3:15pm

Erin & The Wildfire started as four college kids in Charlottesville, Virginia making music just for fun, but has grown into a flourishing, decade-long musical relationship among four best friends. E&TW, who now call Virginia's capital city of Richmond home, have evolved their sound over the past ten years to where it currently stands firmly in the soul and indie-pop genres, drawing influences from a wide range of artists including Emily King, D'Angelo, YEBBA, Vulfpeck, and Donny Hathaway. The band blends the expressive, powerhouse vocals of frontwoman, Erin Lunsford, with the pop, funk, and indie sensibilities of bandmates Ryan Lipps (guitar), Nick Quillen (drums), and Matt Wood (bass). In addition to the core four, E&TW has recently found a kindred musical soul in keyboardist Stephen Roach, who has played with the band since 2019.



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For more information on Norfolk Festevents and the 2023 Season of Events, visit [Festevents.org](https://Festevents.org).



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