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Moon Taxi to Headline Friday Night of 2020 Norfolk Harborfest

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Norfolk, VA – Continuing the long list of iconic performers to take the stage at America's largest, longest-running free maritime festival, Moon Taxi will headline the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest Music, Food & Maritime Festival at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

Moon Taxi will perform on day one of the three-day festival on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 8:15pm. Admission to the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest is free and open to the public.

Moon Taxi has evolved from "college project to rock stars," as described by their hometown paper, The Tennessean, in the span of just a few years.

Fearlessly melding rock with pop hooks, clever synths, and roots touchstones gleaned from their home in the Music City, Moon Taxi has reached new heights following the release of their fifth and most recent record, "Let The Record Play." The album featured the band's smash hit "Two High" which has more than 120 million Spotify streams and over three million video views.



Moon Taxi's popularity is also evidenced by their presence on the touring circuit, as the band has brought their electric performances to national festivals such as Coachella, Austin City Limits, Bonnaroo, Firefly, Beale Street, and beyond.

With their unique style and riveting live performances, Moon Taxi has received widespread critical acclaim. Following the release of "Let The Record Play," Rolling Stone wrote: "Over the last few years, Nashville's Moon Taxi have worked their way up from Bonnaroo buzz-band to something approaching Kings of Leon country, playing a pleasingly cross-bred rock – a little indie, a little proggy, kinda poppy." NPR raved of their musicality: "Moon Taxi a jam band – that is, if its instrumental excursions weren't so concise, carefully thought-out and frequently refined in the years they've spent touring."



Moon Taxi was founded in 2006 by Trevor Terndrup (vocals, guitar), Tommy Putnam (bass), Spencer Thomson (guitar, programming), Tyler Ritter (drums), and Wes Bailey (keys) while attending Belmont University. The band released their debut album "Melodica" in 2007 and are currently signed to RCA Records.

Moon Taxi is the first announced performer for the 2020 Norfolk Harborfest. Additional performances will be announced in the coming weeks.

The 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest Music, Food & Maritime Festival features three memorable days along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, 2020. Harborfest celebrates all of the elements that make Norfolk an iconic and historic city. 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, Naval exhibits and demonstrations, artisan foods and beverages, national and regional live entertainment, and much more.

For more information about Norfolk Festevents and the 2020 Season of Events, including hours, park regulations and parking, please visit <u>Festevents.org</u> or call 757-441-2345.

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

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. An extensive 10-month schedule of diverse outdoor cultural events, festivals, concerts, entertainment, holiday programs, and tall ship visits are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments; Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the banks of the Elizabeth River and Ocean View Beach Park situated on the shore line of the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk Festevents has served as the City of Norfolk's official event marketing agency since the city's downtown waterfront revitalization initiatives began in 1982. The organization has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality 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 2020 season!

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