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## Boney James, David Sanborn Electric Band Headline 2021 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival Presented by Optima Health

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Norfolk, VA – Hampton Roads’ longest-running outdoor jazz festival, the 38th Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health, returns in grand fashion in 2021 at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. The two-day festival on Friday & Saturday, August 20 & 21, 2021, is headlined by six-time Grammy Award winner David Sanborn and the David Sanborn Electric Band, four-time Grammy-nominated saxophonist Boney James, and many more.



The David Sanborn Electric Band is set to perform on Friday, August 20, at 9:30pm. The Friday bill is rounded out by Jean Carne, Norman Connors and the Starship Orchestra, Marva King, and Lonnie Liston Smith performing as the True Legends of Jazz at 7:30pm, as well as Cindy Bradley and Paula Atherton performing as The Fabulous Blondes at 5:30pm.

Boney James headlines day two of the festival on Saturday, August 21, with a 9:30pm evening performance. Saturday also features performances by Spyro Gyra at 7:30pm and the duo of Adam Hawley and Norfolk native Jackiem Joyner at 5:30pm.

### 38th Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health Official Lineup

Cindy Bradley & Paula Atherton (The Fabulous Blondes)	Friday • 5:30pm
Jean Carne, Norman Connors & The Starship Orchestra, Marva King, Lonnie Liston Smith (True Legends of Jazz)	Friday • 7:30pm
David Sanborn Electric Band	Friday • 9:30pm
Adam Hawley & Jackiem Joyner	Saturday • 5:30pm
Spyro Gyra	Saturday • 7:30pm
Boney James	Saturday • 9:30pm

Single-day and 2-day general admission tickets are currently on sale at [bit.ly/FesteventsTix](http://bit.ly/FesteventsTix). View pricing information below. Single-day, 2-day, and VIP reserved seating tickets are sold out.

### 38th Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health Ticket Info

Single-Day General Admission Tickets	\$30 (\$40 day-of)
2-Day General Admission Tickets	\$50 (\$60 day-of)

Boater packages are also available for \$50 in advance and \$75 day-of the event. The package includes park-side docking for a boat up to 35'. Boats larger than 35' are subject to a higher docking price. Space is limited. Docking fees do not include cost of admission per person on the boat. No overnight docking is permitted. Please contact Festevents at 757-441-2345 to reserve a boater package.

Gates open each day at 5pm. General admission seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival is a rain-or-shine event. All admission information, events, dates, and times are subject to change.

For more information, including FAQs, on the 38th Annual Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival presented by Optima Health, please visit [bit.ly/NFKJazz21](http://bit.ly/NFKJazz21).

### **DAVID SANBORN ELECTRIC BAND**

One of the most iconic saxophonists for six decades and counting, Sanborn is described by critic Scott Yanow as "the most influential saxophonist on pop, R&B, and crossover players of the past 20 years." Although a jazz musician at heart, Sanborn has transcended genres and musical boundaries throughout his entire career. Sanborn has released 24 albums, won six Grammy Awards and has had eight gold albums and one platinum. Sanborn continues to be one of the most sought-after musicians of his genre.



### **BONEY JAMES**

Now a four-time Grammy nominee with four RIAA Gold records and career sales topping three million units, Boney James continues to defy musical genres; A two time NAACP Award nominee, a Soul Train Award winner and named one of the Top 3 Billboard Contemporary Jazz Artists of the Decade. Solid is the four-time GRAMMY nominated saxophonist's seventeenth album as a leader and will be released by Concord Records, April 17, 2020. Solid follows up his smash 2017 release Honestly which became his eleventh #1 Billboard Contemporary Jazz Album.



### **JEAN CARNE, NORMAN CONNORS & THE STARSHIP ORCHESTRA, MARVA KING, LONNIE LISTON SMITH (True Legends of Jazz)**

The jazz supergroup True Legends of Jazz features drummer Norman Connors & The Starship Orchestra, keyboardist Lonnie Liston Smith, singers Jean Carne and Marva King. Connors has led several influential supergroups and has achieved several huge hits, including "You Are My Starship". Smith, from Richmond, fuses jazz, soul, and funk in his keyboarding style. As prolific vocalists, Carne and King have performed alongside legends such as Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson.



### **SPYRO GYRA**

Led by saxophonist Jay Beckenstein, Spyro Gyra are one of the most consistently commercially successfully pop-jazz groups to emerge out of the fusion era. As Spyro Gyra looks forward to 2020 and beyond, they show no sign of slowing down. Over the last 40+ years, they have performed over five thousand shows, released thirty-one albums, selling over ten million albums, while also achieving one platinum and two gold albums. Although few acts have accomplished this type of record, they have done it by constantly challenging themselves.



### **CINDY BRADLEY & PAULA ATHERTON (The Fabulous Blondes)**

Trumpeter Cindy Bradley and saxophonist/vocalist Paula Atherton have been a New York City horn powerhouse for years and have now teamed up to become "The Fabulous Blondes." Bradley emerged on the international jazz scene in the mid-to-late 2000s with her debut album, *Just a Little Bit*, in 2007 followed by *Bloom* in 2009, which hit No. 1 on the Billboard Smooth Jazz Chart. Atherton is one of contemporary jazz's most talented saxstresses. Atherton has released a total of five solo albums, including her most recent release, *Shake It*, in 2018.



### **ADAM HAWLEY & JACKIEM JOYNER**

Guitarist Adam Hawley and saxophonist and Norfolk native Jackiem Joyner form a dynamic duo with a groove-oriented style that fuses together contemporary jazz, R&B, gospel, and pop. For over a decade, Hawley worked alongside a bevy of music biggest star's, before launching his solo career in 2016 with his breakthrough album, *Just The Beginning*. Joyner, born in Norfolk in 1980, was introduced to the world by his father, who was a bassist, and surged onto the smooth jazz scene when he signed to Rick Braun's label in 2005.



Norfolk Festevents is dedicated to providing the safest guest experience and will continue to work closely with the state health department and adheres to the Norfolk Department of Public Health's COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information on upcoming events at both Town Point Park, go to [Festevents.org](https://www.festevents.org).

**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. Norfolk Festevents 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 2021 season!

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