

Free Veterans Day Weekend Concert

Fanfare to the Military & Democracy

Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 pm

U.S. Joint Forces Band featuring:

US Army Training and Doctrine Command Band

US Fleet Forces Band

US Air Force Heritage of America Band

US Army School of Music

US Marine Detachment, Naval School of Music

Join us Saturday, November 9 in a musical celebration as we pay tribute to our veterans, active duty, and military families. The Virginia Arts Festival and the 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution will present *Fanfare to the Military & Democracy*, an unforgettable concert over Veterans Day weekend featuring musicians from the US Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach. This event, sponsored by Smithfield Foods, is free and open to the public, but reserved tickets are required.

Tickets are available online at vafest.org or in person at the Virginia Arts Festival Box Office (440 Bank Street, Norfolk) or in person at the Sandler Center Box Office (201 Market Street, Virginia Beach). Limit 4 tickets per party.

Hampton Roads is home to the largest concentration of active duty and retired military in the United States. This special performance will showcase pride and gratitude to our veterans featuring stirring marches and patriotic songs, dramatic film music, and pop and country songs—plus rousing moments of celebration as conductors from each branch of the military lead tunes near and dear to their troops.

About 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution

American Evolution commemorates the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence American democracy, diversity and opportunity. 1619 was a pivotal year in the establishment of the first permanent English Colony in North America. It was the year of the first representative legislative assembly in the New World, the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America, the recruitment of English Women in significant numbers, the first official English Thanksgiving in North America, and the development of the Virginia colony's entrepreneurial and innovative spirit.

Through the Commemoration, the Commonwealth of Virginia, along with notable Virginia institutions and national partners, has produced a series of education programs, signature events, and legacy projects of national and international significance. These programs and events build awareness of Virginia's role in the creation of the United States and reinforce Virginia's leadership in education, tourism, and economic development.

To inspire local, national and international engagement in these three key themes, American Evolution has partnered with notable Virginia institutions like the Virginia Arts Festival, and launched a series of signature events, education programs, and legacy projects. The American Evolution partnership with the Virginia Arts Festival explores the influences of our complex history on the culture in America today by

sponsoring performances by world-renowned artists. These performers bring to Virginia their perspectives on the themes of democracy, diversity and opportunity.

About Virginia Arts Festival

Since 1997, the **Virginia Arts Festival** has transformed the cultural scene in southeastern Virginia, presenting great performers from around the world to local audiences and making this historic, recreation-rich region a cultural destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world. The Festival has presented numerous U.S. and regional premieres, and regularly commissions new works of music, dance, and theater from some of today's most influential composers, choreographers and playwrights. The Festival's arts education programs reach tens of thousands of area schoolchildren each year through student matinees, in-school performances, artists' residencies, master classes and demonstrations.

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