

GET READY FOR THE DOWNBEAT!
APRIL 24-27, 2025

JOIN THE
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL
MUSIC
FESTIVAL 2025



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FEATURING THE SPECTACULAR
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO
AND NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL'S
PARADE OF NATIONS

Amazing Performance Opportunities



PERFORM!

**FESTIVAL ADJUDICATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025**

Sign up for a marvelous opportunity for your choir, orchestra, band, or other student musical ensemble to perform alongside their peers from across the United States. This is a chance to be assessed by nationally-known adjudicators, and to see and hear what other student groups are doing.



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Norfolk NATO Festival Parade of Nations



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MARCH!

**JOIN US FOR NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL'S
72ND ANNUAL PARADE OF NATIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 AT 10 AM**

Join us at the Norfolk NATO Festival's Parade of Nations where your marching groups and drill teams will experience an unforgettable opportunity to perform in an inspiring setting. Celebrating its 72nd season and representing all of the Member Nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, it is the longest continually-presented parade in the region and the only U.S. parade that salutes NATO. Your marching band can perform alongside units from around the world, NJROTC teams, and U.S. military groups. March through the heart of downtown Norfolk (90 minutes).



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PARADE TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Ensembles that march in the parade will receive a trophy, along with a medal corresponding to its adjudicated rating:

Superior: 90-100 points....Gold Medal; **Excellent:** 80-89 points....Silver Medal;

Good: 70-79 points....Bronze Medal; **Participation:** 0-69 points....No Medal

Best Overall Recognition

Overall Grand Champion; Best Overall Music; Best Overall Percussion;
Best Overall Marching; Best Overall Color Guard; Best Overall Drum Major

Virginia International Tattoo



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CELEBRATE!

AWARDS CEREMONY AND VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO PERFORMANCE SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 AT 5 PM

Celebrate your award-winning students and ensembles as they are recognized at the Awards Ceremony beginning at 5 PM prior to the Virginia International Tattoo performance in Scope Arena at 7:30 PM. You and your students will be inspired by the artistry of hundreds of performers from around the world at the Virginia International Tattoo. You'll see international military bands, drill teams, pipers, and dancers, plus many favorite groups from the United States military. It's an awe-inspiring spectacle of music and might, and a great way for your students to discover and discuss the customs and cultures of other nations. Your tickets for the Virginia International Tattoo are included in the Festival weekend.



Virginia International Tattoo's Hullabaloo Festivities



Norfolk NATO Festival International Village

EXPLORE!

TAKE IN ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES AND EDUCATION EVENTS

Norfolk NATO Festival and Virginia Arts Festival, coupled with Performing Arts Consultants, offer unparalleled opportunities to showcase your student groups and inspire teachers to enhance and expand their approach to teaching. Join us for:

- Pre-parade entertainment in front of the VIP viewing stand at Norfolk NATO Festival's Parade of Nations.
- Pre-performance entertainment at the Virginia International Tattoo.
- Pre- or post-performance discussion with Virginia International Tattoo cast members.
- Immersive learning opportunities about the Member Nations of NATO at the Norfolk NATO Festival International Village following the parade.
- Virginia International Tattoo's Drumming Showcase at Tattoo Hullabaloo.

TO REGISTER CALL 1-800-USA-FEST OR VISIT USAFEST.ORG

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REGISTER YOUR STUDENT ENSEMBLE NOW!

Choose your package. Pack your bags. Show your stuff. **Join the fun!**

FULL WEEKEND PACKAGE:

Includes: Deluxe hotel accommodations, full American breakfast buffet each morning, Awards Program, admission to the Virginia International Tattoo and all Music Festival events, Director's Gift, Director's Manual, and Souvenir T-shirts for Director(s). One free adult (in double occupancy) for every 20 paid participants.

Per Person	1 Night	2 Nights	3 Nights
Quad	\$245	\$305	\$369
Triple	\$255	\$335	\$415
Double	\$285	\$395	\$499
Single	\$369	\$565	\$755

FESTIVAL ONLY PACKAGE: \$115/STUDENTS, \$65/ADULTS

Includes: Awards Program, admission to the Virginia International Tattoo and all Music Festival Weekend events, Director's Gift, Director's Manual, and Souvenir T-shirts for Director(s).

A FESTIVAL COMPETITION WEEKEND FOR ALL STUDENT PERFORMING GROUPS AT

THE VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

In one whirlwind weekend your students can do it all — perform in a spectacular parade through one of Virginia's most beautiful cities, join in a festival adjudication with other student ensembles from across the United States, and then cap off the weekend with an amazing performance of the **Virginia International Tattoo** and a gala awards ceremony honoring their work! Throughout the weekend, you'll find opportunities to explore the area's historic and recreational sites. Tattoo tickets start at \$10.



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