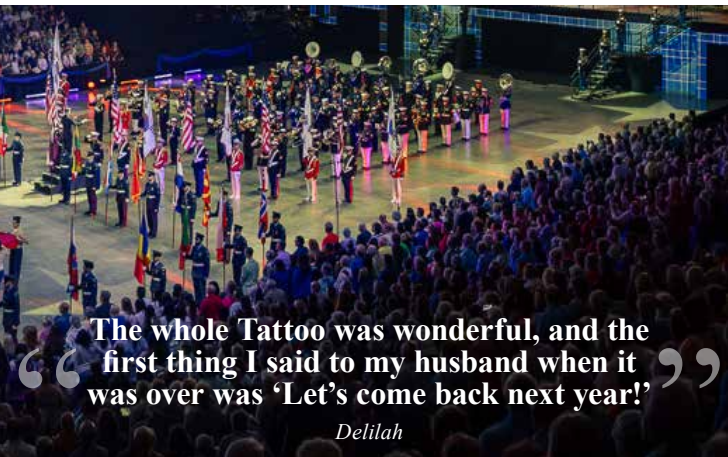


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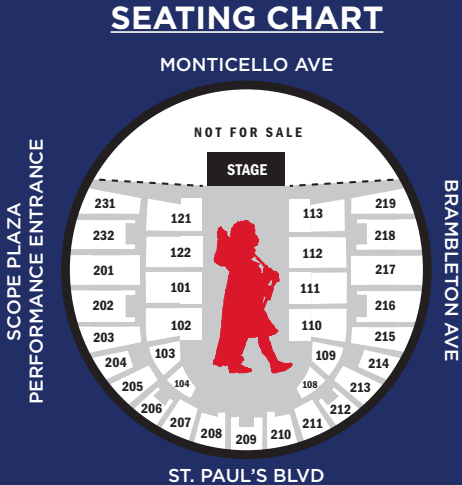


The Virginia International Tattoo has long been regarded as the most patriotic of the world's great Tattoos and is a signature event of Virginia Arts Festival.

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WHAT IS A TATTOO?

The centuries-old tradition of Tattoo originated as a signal from drummers instructing Dutch innkeepers near military garrisons to "Doe den Tap-too" or "turn off the tap." Hearing the call "Tap-too," soldiers would return to their barracks for an evening roll call. The ensuing parade of soldiers evolved into a spectacle now known worldwide as "Tattoo."

TICKETS
ORDER TODAY

Tattoo performances sell out every year.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2027, 7:30 PM (OPENING NIGHT)
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2027, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027, 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2027, 2:30 PM
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VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO HULLABALOO

Come early and enjoy music, dancing, drill routines and drumming exhibitions that kick off each Tattoo performance. Food, drink and souvenirs are available for purchase. Prepare for the downbeat of the Virginia International Tattoo!
THURSDAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - APRIL 24, 2027, 4:30 - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2027, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE



INTERNATIONAL DRUMMING SHOWCASE

Experience the power, precision, and passion of drummers from around the world in this thrilling display of rhythm and skill.
THURSDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 22 - APRIL 23, 2027, 6 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027, 5 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2027, 1 PM
SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE



NATO FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

Celebrate the bond between the City of Norfolk and NATO at this military ceremony. See representatives from all NATO Member Nations and performances by the U.S. Fleet Forces Band.
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2027, 5 PM - 6 PM
SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE



NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL 74th ANNUAL PARADE OF NATIONS

The only parade in the U.S. to honor NATO features over 100 parade units, including U.S. and international bands, military units, community groups and floats representing every NATO Member Nation!
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027, 11 AM - 12:30 PM
DOWNTOWN NORFOLK, FREE
RESERVED SEATING: \$10 - VISIT VAFEST.ORG



NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE

Visit the Village in Norfolk's beautiful waterfront Town Point Park. Explore international heritage with performances complimented by food and international beers available for purchase. Immediately after the Parade of Nations.
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027, 12:30 PM - 3 PM
TOWN POINT PARK, NORFOLK, FREE

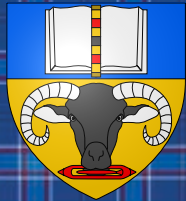


VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO AMERICAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

This traditional Scottish contest features the largest gathering of the best pipe bands in the Eastern United States, adjudicated by an international panel of judges. The event concludes with an exciting massed band performance and awards ceremony.
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2027, 12 PM - 5 PM;
MASSED BAND PERFORMANCE AND AWARDS - 6 PM
SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE

THE VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO HIXON TARTAN

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The Virginia International Tattoo has embraced Scottish tradition with its own tartan design, inspired by Virginia Arts Festival Board Member Jim Hixon and named the Virginia International Tattoo Hixon Tartan.

The tartan reflects the Tattoo's rich heritage and deep Virginia roots. "Festival Blue" represents the Virginia Arts Festival and the power of the arts. Red, white, and blue threads symbolize the patriotic themes and stirring performances of America's International Military Tattoo. Blue hues nod to the Virginia Flag and Norfolk Seal, while grey stripes evoke the Navy's mighty ships and the jets that remind us of those who serve.

VISITING THE TATTOO IS EASY!

The Virginia International Tattoo is located in the Coastal Virginia city of Norfolk, which is home to the world's largest Navy base, NATO's only North American headquarters, and the largest population of active duty and retired military in the United States. With our "home port" in these waters, it is no surprise that our Tattoo is widely known as the most patriotic in the world.

Whether you fly, drive, or ride the train or bus, our central mid-Atlantic location is easy to reach — within a day's drive from two-thirds of the nation's population, and serviced by international airports.



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Richmond, VA.....90 miles
Washington, DC....195 miles
New York City.....356 miles
Atlanta, GA.....564 miles



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“ The event was entertaining from start to finish. It had something for everyone’s taste in music. ”
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Scotch College Perth Pipe Band



Royal Symphonic Band of the Belgian Guides



Royal Canadian Air Force Pipes and Drums



Bersaglieri Regiment Fanfare Band



Türkiye Harmony Band Command



2027 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

For 30 years, the Virginia International Tattoo has captivated an audience of more than 1,000,000 with a spectacular and inspirational display of music, military precision and pageantry.

The first ever military Tattoo in the United States was ordered by Virginian George Washington. Washington famously believed that “Discipline is the soul of an Army,” and he relied on the evening “Tattoo” to help establish discipline and ensure that soldiers returned to their quarters every night as part of an official roll call and evening ceremony. The tradition was lost over the following decades, but then in 1997, the Virginia International Tattoo was established.

Virginia International Tattoo is now the proud standard bearer of the Tattoo tradition in the United States. Our Tattoo includes aspects of General Washington’s original military ceremonies as well as modern concert aesthetics, but it is so much more. It is an experience that brings out the very best in people. When we Tattoo together, we share the exquisite beauty of music and dance and international culture; we honor the extraordinary service, sacrifice and courage of the men and women who serve in our military; we recognize exceptional friendships and alliances among nations; and we celebrate the hard-won freedom that allows all of these things.

In 2027, we proudly celebrate our 30th anniversary with our greatest ever spectacle of Music & Might. The 2027 Virginia International Tattoo will not only entertain you, it will inspire your participation ... from the moment that your hand touches your heart during the Star-Spangled Banner to when you jump to your feet when your family’s favorite service song is played to when you rise in solemn prayer as hundreds of pipers, bandsmen and singers join in the singing of Amazing Grace.

Get your tickets now!

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Norfolk Public Schools Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
Old Dominion University Concert Choir
Tidewater Pipes and Drums
Virginia Children’s Chorus

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2027 CAST



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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2027

- 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM** **TATTOO HULLABALOO**
Scope Plaza, Norfolk, FREE
- 1 PM** **INTERNATIONAL DRUMMING SHOWCASE**
Scope Plaza, Norfolk, FREE
- 2:30 PM** **VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO**
Scope Arena, Norfolk

