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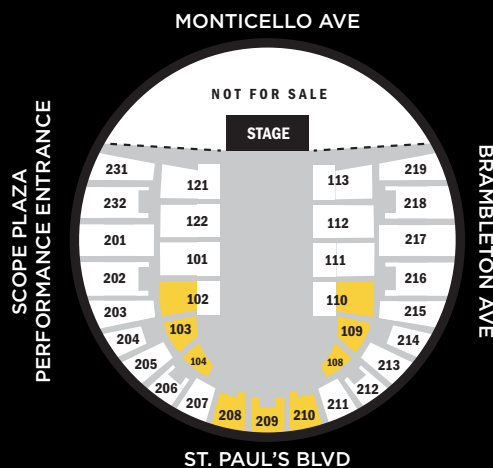
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**SCOPE ARENA, 201 E. BRAMBLETON AVE.,
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SEATING CHART



Tickets \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55, **\$75, \$100**

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**APRIL 24 - 27, 2025
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America's International Military Tattoo



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2025 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

A CELEBRATION 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING!

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE
UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The 2025 Virginia International Tattoo will feature an incredible international cast of more than 800 civilian and military performers from 7 nations. Expect returning favorites including Norway's spectacular **Band and Drill Team of His Majesty the King's Guard** and new performers that are sure to become favorites. The remarkable **Massed Pipes and Drums** from 4 nations will be joined by the incredible **OzScot Australia Highland Dancers**.

This Tattoo will include an emotional and grateful tribute to the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps on the occasion of their 250th Birthdays. With stirring music and presentations, tributes from U.S. military bands and appearances by special guests, this Tattoo will remind us that as Americans, we have lived under a blanket of freedom woven by the service and sacrifice of our fellow citizen soldiers for 250 years. And of course we will celebrate the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force as well!

The Virginia International Tattoo - A Scottish Tradition with American Soul! Get your tickets now!

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

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.

THE "TATTOO" TRADITION

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."

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ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY THESE FREE EVENTS!



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 24 - APRIL 26, 2025, 4:30 - 7:30 PM
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE



INTERNATIONAL DRUMMING SHOWCASE

Percussionists from all over the world show their skills in this exciting display. In partnership with Drum Corps International.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - APRIL 25, 2025, 6 PM
 SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025, 5 PM
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025, 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 24, 2025, 5 PM - 6 PM
 SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE



NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL 72nd 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 26, 2025, 10 AM - 11:30 AM
 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 follows the Parade of Nations.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025, 11:30 AM - 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 26, 2025, 12 PM - 5 PM; MASSED BAND PERFORMANCE AND AWARDS - 6 PM
 SCOPE PLAZA, NORFOLK, FREE

THE VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO HIXON TARTAN

The Virginia International Tattoo has embraced Scottish Tattoo tradition with its own tartan design.

The tartan is the inspiration of Virginia Arts Festival Board Member Jim Hixon and therefore named the Virginia International Tattoo Hixon Tartan.

Tartans are particularly associated with Scotland. The Hixon tartan was designed in Scotland by Alastair Dunn. The fabric was loomed by R.G. Hardie & Company, Ltd in Glasgow, Scotland.

The Virginia International Tattoo Hixon Tartan perfectly demonstrates the rich heritage the Tattoo celebrates and the great state in which it resides. The dominant "Festival Blue" embodies the Virginia Arts Festival and pays tribute to those who bring the arts to life. The red, white and blue threads intricately woven throughout the tartan symbolize the patriotic themes and the heart-stirring performances synonymous with the Tattoo. The Virginia Flag and the Norfolk Seal are represented by the blue hues interlacing the tartan. And the grey stripes remind us of the massive grey hulls that guard our harbor and the mighty jets whose presence overhead keep us ever mindful of the men and women who sacrifice for our freedom.



Tartan items for sale at VAFEST.ORG/SHOP

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Outer Banks, NC75 miles
 Richmond, VA90 miles
 Washington, D.C.195 miles
 New York City356 miles
 Atlanta, GA564 miles

GROUPS LOVE THE FESTIVAL! For information about bringing your group of 10+ to a Virginia Arts Festival performance, call **757-282-2819** or email **groupsales@vafest.org**.

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“ There are no words to describe the show this year, AMAZING does not even begin to do it justice!!! ”

Carol Glessner, Country Coach Adventures



HUNDREDS OF PERFORMERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!



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