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Summer Music in Virginia

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Southwest Virginia

"Second Fridays: Alive After Five" – Marion, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=45877>

Every "Second Friday" April through October downtown Marion shops offer local art, live local music, special gallery showings and special menus at the local eateries. April 11, 2008 – October 10, 2008 (5 PM – 8 PM)

"Hot Country Nights" – Bristol, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/Site/description.asp?AttrID=34977>

Every Thursday night May through October the birthplace of country music brings groups from Nashville to Roanoke to play live outdoors. May 01, 2008 – October 30, 2008 (7 PM – 10 PM)

Hillsville Summer Concert Series – Hillsville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=38468>

Three nights of music beginning at 5 PM with a classic car cruise-in on Main St. and music by:

"The Embers" – June 28th

"Jim Quick and Coastline" – July 26th

"The Craig Woolard Band" – August 23rd

Offers food and beverages, lawn seating, and FREE admission.

Hot Fun in the Summertime Beach Music Festival – Stuart, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=17735>

Enjoy two days of beach music in Wayside Park where camping is available for those who want to keep the "party" going all night long. Weekend passes or individual day tickets are available.

June 13, 2008 (6 PM) & June 14, 2008 (Noon)

Galax Leaf and String Festival – Galax, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=34542>

An annual weekend event featuring master musicians, instrument makers, authors and band performances in honor of the Galax Leaf for which Galax is named.

Featured this year is the Grayson Street Book Fair with author events and signings.

June 13, 2008 – June 14, 2008 (10 AM)

Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition – Mouth of Wilson, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=45806>

An event that features a different nationally recognized performer each year offers local and regional bluegrass bands as well as Wayne Henderson himself.

June 21, 2008 (10 AM – 6 PM)

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FloydFest – Floyd, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=37289>

Three days of music, art, and entertainment offering over 40 different bands with several genres such as Americana, Blues, Bluegrass and Cajun. Great for the whole family!

July 24, 2008 – July 27, 2008 (10 AM – 2 AM)

Wine Down the Music Trail – Floyd, VA

<http://atwproductions.com/index.php?pr=wdabout>

Relax and have a wonderful experience enjoying fine wine and music with several different genres. This two day festival will have you sampling wines from many different vineyards while you sit on your lawn chair or blanket in a big open field listening to local, regional and national music groups.

July 5, 2008 – July 6, 2008

Mountain Music Jam Session – Wytheville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=46623>

The BW Country Store at Big Walker Lookout offers the art and craftsmanship of 25 artisans and crafters that demonstrate their talents each weekend all summer long. These artists know how to make a wonderful mountain concert. If you got the stuff, plan to bring your instrument and join them at the top of The Big Walker National Forest Scenic Byway.

August 10, 2008 (10 AM – 7 PM)

Bluegrass in the Park – Breaks, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=18072>

Bluegrass offered every Saturday June, July and August where local groups show their talents. The season's final show will end with all the bands and will be an all day event.

June 7, 2008 – August 9, 2008 (7 PM – 10 PM)

August 16, 2008 (1 PM – 10 PM)

Pickin' in the Park – Duffield, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=36874>

Spend Sunday afternoon enjoying local musicians and maybe show off your musical talent with open mike after the feature performance finished up.

Sunday, June 08, 2008 (2 PM – 4 PM)

Sunday, June 22, 2008 (2 PM – 4 PM)

Sunday, July 27, 2008 (2 PM – 4 PM)

Sunday, August 10, 2008 (2 PM – 4 PM)

Sunday, August 24, 2008 (2 PM – 4 PM)

Clinch Mountain Music Festival – Duffield, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=44488>

Enjoy a festival to celebrate the heritage of Appalachia that offers music, singing, dancing and storytelling. Experience a wide array of Old-Time music with over sixty national and regional musicians as well as fifteen international performers.

June 13, 2008 – June 15, 2008 (11 AM – 10 PM)

NEWS

Bluegrass Extravaganza – Breaks, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=18218>

Come celebrate Independence Day with the best in country, bluegrass, and square dancing and clogging.

July 4, 2008 – July 6, 2008 (11 AM – 9 AM)

Carter Family Traditional Music Festival – Hiltons, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=20690>

Celebrate The Original Carter Family, the first family of country music – visit The Carter Family Museum and the restored original cabin that was the birthplace of A.P. Carter.

Friday, August 01, 2008 - Saturday, August 02, 2008 (2 PM – 11 PM)

Friday, July 31, 2009 - Saturday, August 01, 2009 (2 PM – 11 PM)

Papa Joe Smiddy Music Festival – Duffield, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=45789>

Labor Day weekend listening to a wide variety of groups that come together to play mountain music. Dust off your shoes and let's get flat-footin'.

August 31, 2008 (5 PM – 9 PM)

Central Virginia

Friday Cheers – Richmond, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=33407>

Now in its 24th season, every Friday on Browns Island people come to relax and unwind from the work week while listening to some of the nation's hottest touring acts and the region's top bands for free!

May 9, 2008 – June 27, 2008 (6:30 PM – 9:30 PM)

Friday's at Sunset – Richmond, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=49537>

A summer concert series that offers a variety of world class performers as well as food and drinks; a great way to end the work week!

May 30, 2008 – August 29, 2008

Music in the Park at Smith Mountain Lake – Huddleston, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=45784>

Bring the family and a lawn chair to the beach pavilion to enjoy some terrific local bluegrass bands. The Old Dominion Cloggers will also entertain.

May 24, 2008 (8 PM)

June 28, 2008 (8 PM)

July 26, 2008 (8 PM)

August 23, 2008 (8 PM)

NEWS

All American Bluegrass Jam – Orange, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=48516>

A 3-day Bluegrass Festival with performances by The Grascals, Claire Lynch, Ralph Stanley II, George Clark, Dark Hollow, Michelle Nixon, plus many more. Food is available at the park and there is a play area for children.

June 12, 2008 – June 14, 2008 (Noon – 10:30 PM)

Bluegrass at Sedalia – Big Island, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=27513>

Two days packed with Bluegrass bands from around the area: Bluegrass Brothers, Mark Templeton and Pocket Change, Johnathan Dillon and Phantom Grass, and Ken Scoggins and Miller's Creek. Camping and space for RV's available as well as vendors offering both food and collectibles.

June 27, 2008 – June 28, 2008 (Noon – 11 PM)

Red, White & Listen to the Blues – Charlottesville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=23836>

An Independence Day event held at Oakencroft Winery. Taste wines from all over Virginia, take a tour, enjoy light fare and live music while you celebrate your 4th of July.

July 4, 2008 (11 AM – 11 PM)

Rockin'08 – Big Island, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=49474>

Two days of music for all ages, by all ages, offering such genres as metal and classic rock.

August 15, 2008 – August 16, 2008 (Noon – 11 PM)

The Jazz & Wine Festival – Big Island, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=46170>

Jazz music in a mountainous local with savory seafood, beer, wine and other refreshments.

August 23, 2008 (1 PM – 11 PM)

Taste of the Mountains Main Street Festival – Madison, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=40638>

A festival that offers arts & crafts, two stages, ten bands ranging from rock to folk to bluegrass and a taste of the Madison County Volunteer Fire Dept's famous steak sandwiches. This event offers something for the kids to enjoy too with pony rides, magic shows, a balloon typhoon and face painting.

August 30, 2008 (9 AM – 4 PM)

NEWS

Southern Virginia

TGIF Outdoor Concert Series – Martinsville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=48136>

An evening of fun and music at Martinsville Uptown's Summer Outdoor Concerts held in the Bridge Street parking lot. Food and drinks sold and kid's toys to keep the little ones entertained. Music ranges from country to beach music.

May 23, 2008 (7 PM – 10:30 PM)

June 27, 2008 (7 PM – 10:30 PM)

July 25, 2008 (7 PM – 10:30 PM)

August 22, 2008 (7 PM – 10:30 PM)

September 26, 2008 (7 PM – 10:30 PM)

Fridays at the Crossing – Danville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=23932>

Friday's at the Crossing takes the party to a new level presenting such bands this year as Backstreet, Trace Adkins, Phil Vassar and The Groove Train as well as themes like college night, girl's night out and beach night.

May 2, 2008 – October 3, 2008 (6 PM – 9PM)

Virginia Lake Festival – Clarksville, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=39216>

Named "one of the top 20 events" by Southeast Tourism Society this festival offers hot air balloon rides, helicopter rides, live music, dancing, 200+ vendors, and fireworks to finalize the event.

July 17, 2008 – July 19, 2008 (8 AM – 10 PM)

Eastern Shore

Parksley Spring Festival – Parksley, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=46461>

Enjoy live bands, vendors, rock wall climbing, car show, ambulance tours, beer garden, ducking booth, reptile exhibit, food, drinks and much more.

June 7, 2008 (10 AM – 7 PM)

Northern Virginia

Friday Night Live – Herndon, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=40374>

Enjoy a FREE Friday night concert series with such music as a U2 tribute band, Jimmy Buffett cover band, reggae, beach music and 80's retro.

May 2, 2008 – August 29, 2008 (6:30 PM – 10:30 PM)

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Culpeper Third Thursday Concert Series – Culpeper, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=46102>

A concert series offered every third Thursday offering food, beverages and music by:

May 15 (5PM – 9 PM) – Time Machine with opening act Eli Cook

June 19 (5 PM – 9 PM) – Randy Waller & The Country Gentlemen with opening act
Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band

July 17 (5 PM – 9 PM) – The Janitors

August 21 (5 PM – 9 PM) – Maurice Williams & The Zodiacs

Herndon Music under the Stars 2008 – Herndon, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=25939>

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair to the free Summer Concert Series, held on the Town Green in historic downtown Herndon. The series features a variety of music genres including jazz, folk, acoustic, rock, blues and more.

Thursdays June 5, 2008 – July 31, 2008 (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM)

Wednesdays August 6, 2008 – August 20, 2008 (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM)

Saturdays in the Park – Manassas Park, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=49842>

Join the City of Manassas Park for the Saturdays in the Park concert series. Bring your blanket and a picnic to enjoy a wide variety of music.

July 12, 2008 – August 16, 2008 (6:30 PM – 8 PM)

Fredericksburg Chamber Music Festival – Fredericksburg, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=40616>

An opportunity to enjoy the very best classical music has to offer including Boston's renowned Muir String Quartet.

Tuesday, June 03, 2008 (7 PM – 9:30 PM)

Thursday, June 05, 2008 (7 PM – 9:30 PM)

Friday, June 06, 2008 (7 PM – 9:30 PM)

Celebrate Fairfax! – Fairfax, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=20141>

Northern Virginia's largest music and entertainment event with six stages for performances, food, crafts market, children's entertainment, and much more!

Friday, June 06, 2008 (6 PM – 11 PM)

Saturday, June 07, 2008 (10 AM – 11 PM)

Sunday, June 08, 2008 (10 AM – 6 PM)

4th Annual Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival – Manassas, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=49818>

Enjoy food, wine, and live jazz in Historic Old Town Manassas.

June 15, 2008 (11 AM – 6 PM)

Columbia Pike Blues Festival – Arlington, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=49428>

The 13th annual blues street festival with live music, vendors, food ranging from BBQ to Thai and face painting and other activities for the kids.

June 21, 2008 (1 PM – 8 PM)

NEWS

Shenandoah Valley

Shakin' Concert Series – Staunton, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=33655>

A outdoor concert series each Thursday evening with the proceeds benefiting local non-profit organizations, featuring top professional bands from around the State, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages and food.

May 15, 2008 – August 21, 2008 (6 PM – 8 PM)

Old Time Music Jam – Lexington, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=39936>

A mountain music jam session held the 2nd Tuesday of the month to honor the mountain heritage. Welcoming many different musicians and encouraging the audience to dance while enjoying the concessions and the great Old-Time music.

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM)

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM)

Tuesday, July 08, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM))

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM)

Tuesday, September 09, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM)

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM))

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 (6 PM – 9 PM)

Friday's in the Park – Buena Vista, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=37502>

Enjoy the various genres of music offered in this relaxed, family-friendly environment. Experience Glen Maury Park where concessions are available and the Friday's in the Park concerts are FREE!

Friday, May 23, 2008 (6 PM – 8:30 PM)

Friday, June 13, 2008 (6 PM – 8:30 PM)

Friday, July 18, 2008 (6 PM – 8:30 PM)

Friday, August 15, 2008 (6 PM – 8:30 PM)

BB&T's Party in the Park – Roanoke, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=45735>

Here's a chance to hear great beach music and dance on Thursday nights.

May 29, 2008 – September 18, 2008 (5:30 PM – 8:30 PM)

Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival – Harrisonburg, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=37820>

The 16th annual festival offers works from the Baroque period to the present featuring artists both locally and nationally. The week-long festival will have five free chambered concerts and a concert geared to the younger crowd.

June 8, 2008 – June 15, 2008 (8 AM – 10 PM)

Virginia Blues & Jazz Festival – Warm Springs, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=27493>

The 3rd annual festival begins Friday evening with a Jazz concert in the intimate concert hall. Saturday there is an all day festival on the lawn overlooking beautiful mountain scenery. Great food, wine and beer will be available.

June 13, 2008 – June 14, 2008

NEWS

Summerfest in Shenandoah National Park – Luray, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=31164>

A day packed with live music from the 20's to the 50's eras, dancing, classic cars, period costumes, basket weavers and great food.

July 26, 2008

Staunton Music Festival – Staunton, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=35689>

Now on its 11th year, the festival offers classical repertoire, international caliber performers, chamber music, choral works, opera and contemporary Virginia composers. This year will also celebrate China and their musical traditions.

August 15, 2008 – August 24, 2008

Hampton Roads

Saturday Summer Street Fest – Hampton, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=46502>

Saturday nights in the summer months offer much entertainment in Hampton with live music, street fair, concessions and activities for the young and old.

April 19, 2008 – August 30, 2008 (6 PM – 11 PM)

SummerFest – Hampton, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=35699>

A beautiful setting taking place right on the Chesapeake Bay offers live music from the top local talent, pool activities, volleyball and children's games.

Fridays May 23, 2008 – August 8, 2008 (Begins at 5 PM)

Constant's Wharf Summer Concert Series – Suffolk, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=33142>

Enjoy each Friday night with a new music genre, food and great company after a long work week. Some of the genres include bluegrass, R&B, rock-n-roll, country, and beach music.

June 20, 2008 – August 29, 2008 (5:30 PM – 9 PM)

Harborfest – Norfolk, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=35486>

The area's biggest and oldest dock party is a great way to start the summer with over 130 hours of live entertainment on multiple stages by national recording artists. 50+ food vendors offer fare such as seafood, roasted corn, funnel cakes and burgers. Listen to great music while sipping on frozen drinks and beer.

June 6, 2008 – June 8, 2008

Latin Fest – Virginia Beach, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=24095>

Dance to salsa, meringue, mambo, and bachata tunes presented by some of the best national, regional and local acts. Latin music, food and dancing fill the air as well as arts and crafts from a variety of countries.

June 6, 2008 – June 7, 2008

NEWS

The King and the Legends of Rock and Roll – Virginia Beach, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=18522>

A weekend to celebrate the “King” of rock-n-roll with great music and fun events including headliners from out of town, tribute bands, a karaoke contest and chalk the walk competition. This is a weekend that is sure to have you Rockin’ and Rollin’.
June 19, 2008 – June 21, 2008

Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival – Norfolk, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=42174>

A weekend that is sure to spice things up with live music by national artists, eating contests and children’s activities.
June 20, 2008 – June 22, 2008

Hampton Jazz Festival – Hampton, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=24026>

An event that attracts the nation’s top blues artists such as Kenny G, Gladys Knight, Joss Stone, The Temptations Revue, Jill Scott and many more.
June 27, 2008 – June 29, 2008

Cingular Wireless “Norfolk Latino Festival” – Norfolk, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=42179>

An event that has been called the “largest outdoor dance floor” in Hampton Roads boasts salsa, meringue, guaguanco dancing with live music by local, regional and national artists. The event also offers a smorgasbord of Latin cuisine.
July 12, 2008

Soul Music Beachfest – Virginia Beach, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=33917>

Explore the African origins of today’s music genres with the sound of the Atlantic Ocean right behind you. The two day event features food, ethnic arts and crafts, and local, regional and national entertainment.

The Verizon Wireless American Music Festival – Virginia Beach, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=35896>

A three day musical event featuring national recording artists, over 30 different bands, food, beverages, beer and much more! Tickets will be required for certain concerts on the main stage.
August 29, 2008 – August 31, 2008

Virginia Symphony Concert at Yorktown Victory Monument – Yorktown, VA

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=31134>

The Virginia Symphony will perform a free concert event with The Fifes and Drums of Yorktown as the opening act.
August 30, 2008 (6 PM – 10 PM)