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## **The Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival is back for its 10th year at HRCC**

**Hampton, VA** – The Hampton Roads Convention Center welcomes the return of the 10th annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival! The festival will be taking place from July 29-31. The show plans to attract a wide variety of artists from around the globe, specializing in every style of tattooing imaginable. Over the weekend, there will also be live tattooing for the public, fully-catered concession stands, and various bars throughout the convention hall. Additional offerings for festival attendees include live music and entertainment, tattoo contests, live painting and door prizes.

Along with daily contests, the festival will include over [100 tattoo artists](#) from across the country including Virginia, Texas, Florida, Georgia and more. Daily contests include Best Traditional Tattoo, Best Japanese Tattoo, Best Black Work Tattoo, Best Nautical Tattoo and many other exciting categories. The Hampton Roads Pin-Up Contest will also be returning to the festival this year. Additionally, muralist Silas Baker will be creating a live mural painting during the three-day event. This year's vendors and sponsors include Hampton Roads Harley Davidson, Body Bar, Mindzai Creatives, Burly Boy Beard Co, plus others.

A stage will be set up at the convention with live music so that festival goers can rock out while they wait for their artist to be ready! This year's event will also include sideshow performances by the Squidling Brothers. This group is an international collective of circus sideshow performers from Philadelphia, Berlin and New York. Founded by Jelly Boy the clown, the troupe combines their feats of wonder, skill, and comedy, giving audiences a fast-paced, high-risk, unforgettable experience. Taking from the American Carnival and Theater of the Absurd traditions, The Squidling Brothers have mutated the classic and the modern to create a style all their own.

Park Lane Tavern at the Peninsula Town Center will be hosting an after-part on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 from 10 p.m-2 a.m.

This exciting convention is open to everyone, however, attendees must be 18 years or older with proper identification in order to get tattooed. There will be no exceptions. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, visit the Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival website [here](#). Furthermore, those with classic cars are encouraged to bring their rides to the festival. Free passes for classic car owners can be secured by emailing [tattooingevents@gmail.com](mailto:tattooingevents@gmail.com).

The Hampton Roads Convention Center is located at [1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, Va](#)

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.