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2019 HAMPTON, VIRGINIA WINTER CALENDAR!!

Baby It’s Cold Outside
--Hampton, Virginia gears up for winter 2019 with a calendar full of special events and activities--

Hampton, Virginia- This winter, grab your boots, scarf, and heavy coat and head to Hampton, Virginia for an array of “cool” events. Whether checking out the action at the 39th annual Virginia Duals, browsing over 250 vendor booths at 30th Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, or getting some fresh new ink at the Ninth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival, there are a wealth of events for every type of individual.

Hampton’s biggest classic car show is heading back to the Hampton Roads Convention Center this weekend, January 5-6, with entertainment that the whole family will enjoy. The Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show is a sure fire way to kick-off the New Year. Owners and fans of hot rods and hot rod culture will see plenty to gawk at the Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show.

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January 11-13, the 39th annual Virginia Duals return to the Hampton Coliseum. The team advancement concept started in Hampton with the Virginia Duals in 1981 and is now used by Virginia and many other states to determine the best high school team in the state. The Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament is the largest college and high school tournament in the world!

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building at the Hampton Roads Home Show, taking place February 9-10 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Leisurably stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Professionals are on hand to provide you with comparative information.

Exhibitors will fill the Hampton Roads Convention Center with thousands of products and services for pets at the World of Pets Expo, taking place February 15-17. Some of the country’s foremost authorities in the pet industry will present seminars and demonstrations covering practically every aspect of pet care and training. In addition to the shopping extravaganza and the seminar series, there will be continuous entertainment and demonstrations by nationally known pet entertainers, trainers, as well as interactive and educational presentations.

The 30th Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival returns to the Hampton Roads Convention Center February 28 – March 3, offering more than 250 vendor booths showcasing quilting supplies, sewing related craft items, clothing, textiles, books, antique quilts, and more. The theme of this year’s festival, entitled “Pride & Joy” gives entrants an opportunity to explain why their entry is their Pride & Joy!! The accepted quilt entries compete in the Traditional, Innovative, Modern, and Wall Quilt categories as well as for the “Best of Show” title.

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Hungry patrons are encouraged to save up their dining dollars for **Hampton Restaurant Week**, happening March 3-9. Enjoy a two-course lunch for $10 and/or a three-course meal for either $20 or $30 at participating restaurants in Hampton. Reservations at each restaurant are recommended but not mandatory.

This March 8-10, meet with RV dealers from across the Mid-Atlantic at **The Virginia RV Show**. The event, drawing upwards of 10,000 attendees to the Hampton Roads Convention Center, will showcase the latest styles and trends in the industry. Attendees will want to take the opportunity to meet with experts in the RV field, as well as enjoy special deals on travel trailers, 5th wheels, and motor homes.

In the market for some new ink? Check out the **Ninth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival**, taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center March 22-24. This highly anticipated event will celebrate all aspects of the tattooing industry and welcome talented artists from across the country. During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists and having the work performed on-site at the convention center. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee price and is negotiated between customer and artist.

Scott McCreery headlines **Country For Kids 2019** March 23 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, with event proceeds benefiting the Center for Child & Family Services. This year’s concert will be our 20th year and has featured artists such as Keith Urban, Little Big Town, Gary Allan, Phil Vassar, Rodney Atkins, Jo Dee Messina, Tracy Lawrence, Chris Cagle to name a few over the years.

Other notable winter happenings include the **South Eastern Gun & Knives Show**, **World Gymnastics Invitational**, and **Mid-Atlantic Power League Volleyball: Quest**

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for Excellence at the Hampton Roads Convention Center; Monster Jam at the Hampton Coliseum; 22nd annual Black History Program Celebration Breakfast presented by Aberdeen Gardens at the Queen Street North Worship Center; and countless shows at The American Theatre, among others.

January 2019

5-6 Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show
This January 5-6, cruise on over to the Hampton Roads Convention Center for the Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show, a two-day indoor car and motorcycle show featuring some of the hottest “classics,” “hot rods,” and “customs” in the country. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/727-8311. [www.vacarshow.com](http://www.vacarshow.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

11-13 2019 Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament and Youth Championship
The Peninsula Wrestling Association hosts the 39th Annual Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament at the Hampton Coliseum. The team advancement concept started in Hampton, Virginia with the Virginia Duals in 1981 and is now used by Virginia and many other states to determine the best high school team in the state. The National College Wrestling Coaches Association also recognized the value of the Team Advancement concept and now has the National Duel Team Championships to recognize the best college team in the nation. The Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament is the largest college and high school tournament in the world. For more information, visit virginiaduals.mattalkonline.com. Hampton Coliseum. 9 a.m. Friday; 8 a.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday. Admission Fee. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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11-13 Winter Wonderettes

The Wonderettes are back! This seasonal celebration finds the girls entertaining at the annual Harper’s Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, they use their talent and creative ingenuity to save the holiday party! Featuring great 60s versions of holiday classics such as “Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Town,” “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Run, Rudolph, Run,” and “Winter Wonderland,” the result is, of course, marvelous. Showcasing festive costumes, stellar voices, and fantastic vocal arrangements, Winter Wonderettes is a terrific way to continue the yuletide celebration into the New Year! This energetic and glittering holiday package is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. The American Theatre. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

12-13 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show

Founded in 1982 by "Doc" Mendelson, SGK Shows carry on the uniquely American tradition of Gun Shows, striving to bring the best assortment of firearms and related products together for home defense, collecting, and sport shooting. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $10 Adults, $7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. www.guns-knives.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

18-20 Monster Jam

Monster Jam starring the biggest performers on four wheels: Monster Jam trucks! The twelve-feet-tall, ten-thousand-pound machines will bring you to your feet, racing and ripping up a custom-designed track full of obstacles to soar over - OR smash through. Hampton Coliseum. Friday 7 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m.; and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. Tix start at $15. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

19 Barefoot Puppets

Can a spider defeat an elephant in tug-of-war or overpower a python? With Anansi the Spider, world famous trickster, all things are possible… if you only have a plan! Traditional West African stories come to life with expressive rod puppets, original music, and lots of puns. A high-energy show with lots of laughs! The American Theatre. 11 a.m. $10. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

19 Build the City

Using cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials teams of children will construct the neighborhoods, waterfront, business areas and parks of Downtown Hampton. Hampton Roads Convention Center. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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25-27 Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival

After a smashing inaugural year, Hampton Arts' Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival returns for a weekend packed with some of the nation's biggest musical acts, accompanied by local beers that represent the region's growing craft brewery scene. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

26-27 2019 World Class Gymnastics Invitational

Hosted by World Class Gymnastics. Hampton Coliseum. $10, Children 4-17 & Seniors $6, Children 3 and Under Free. 757/727-8311. www.worldclassgym.com (1000 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 23666)

26-27 Mid-Atlantic Power League Volleyball: Quest for Excellence

MAPL is a power league for elite girls' volleyball teams along the Mid-Atlantic coast. Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission fee. 757/315-1610. www.maplhb.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666) (5 Armistead Pointe Parkway Hampton, VA 23666)

February 2019

2-3 Grit Fitness Festival

Established in 2010 and has grown each year. Grit Fitness Festival has become one of the premier competitive fitness events in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Over the years athletes from up and down the East Coast have traveled to the Hampton Roads area to participate in this TEST OF FITNESS and COMMUNITY BUILDING event. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Fee. 757/315-1610. http://gritfitnessfestival.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9 22nd Annual Black History Month Breakfast

Celebrate the start of Black History Month with members of the Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association at the 22nd annual breakfast. Queen Street North Worship Center. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. $30. 757/722-2345. www.aberdeengardens.org (190 W Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669)

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9 Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Anticipate a concert packed with uplifting music inspired by deep African traditions as Ladysmith Black Mambazo celebrates 50 years as “South Africa’s cultural ambassador to the world.” Their coveted vocals are some of the most sought after in the music industry and have included recordings with artists such as Josh Groban, Melissa Etheridge, Dolly Parton, and the legendary Paul Simon. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

9-10 Hampton Roads Home Show

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building. Leisurely stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Professionals are on hand to provide you with comparative information. Enjoy the entertaining and interactive demonstrations to motivate you. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. $10 adults, free for individuals 18 and younger. 757/222-2945 [http://hamptonvahomeshow.com/](http://hamptonvahomeshow.com/) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

10 The Havana Cuba All-Stars

The rhythms and sounds of Cuba come alive in an electric evening that celebrates Cuba’s music and dance styles. Representing some of the country’s greatest musicians, The Havana Cuba All-Stars spice up The American Theatre with melodies and beats from the cha-cha and rumba to the salsa and signature “Son Cubano.” Inspired by the colorful tapestry of Cuban music, the All-Stars’ “Asere” (meaning “Friendship”) Tour also features three of Cuba’s finest dancing couples. Performing with a band of rousing musicians, expect a spirited spectacle of song and dance, exemplifying Cuba’s greatest musical traditions. The American Theatre. 2 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

15 R&B Valentine’s Rewind

Bring your special valentine to a throwback concert of your favorite ‘80s and ’90s R&B superstars! Get up and dance to Tony! Toni! Toné!, 112, K-Ci from Jodeci, 702, and Blackstreet featuring Teddy Riley and Dave Hollister. Don't miss this one-night-only show-stopping event at Hampton Coliseum on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8pm. Hampton Coliseum. Friday 8 p.m. Tix start at $45. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)
15-17 World of Pets

A shopper’s paradise for pet products & services! Some of the country’s foremost authorities in the pet industry will also present free seminars and demonstrations covering practically every aspect of pet care and training. Continuous entertainment and demonstrations by nationally known pet entertainers and trainers; DockDogs competition, adoptable pets, and more! Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. $9 Adults; $5 Children (ages 5-12); Children under 5 are free. 800/882-9894. www.worldofpets.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

16 An Evening with Branford Marsalis

This is a rare opportunity for an upclose- and-personal evening with one of the century’s most acclaimed musicians. Branford Marsalis and his jazz quartet bring more than 30 years of experience to the stage and have long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind are measured. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

22-24 2019 Showstopper Dance Competition

If you’re looking for the largest, most glamorously fun dance competition in the world, you’ve come to the right place! You can find us at all of the biggest and best venues all across the country — we are in over 50 cities a year! You might leave our competition covered in glitter, but we guarantee you’ll also leave with the best memories you’ll have all year. Hampton Roads Convention Center. www.goshowstopper.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

23 Excision Presents The Coliseum

EXCISION makes his debut at the legendary Hampton Coliseum as he brings his APEX2019 Tour to Virginia and the mid-Atlantic for a very special event! Join us as Excision & Steez Promo Present THE COLISEUM featuring performances by SLANDER, BEAR GRILLZ, as well as exclusive back to back performances featuring Dubloadz B2B Dion Timmer, Squanto B2B Al Ross B2B Bommer, Sullivan King B2B Wooli, as well as a performance by He$h. Must be 18 or older with ID. Hampton Coliseum. 6 p.m. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

23 Love Letter

From the brilliant mind of award-winning playwright A.R. Gurney, Love Letters is a tribute to what makes a life: Love. Legendary actors Meredith Baxter and Michael Gross, who co-starred in the hit television series Family Ties for seven seasons, take to the stage to portray Melissa and Andy, childhood friends who exchange letters through the years — physically apart, perhaps, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can be. As the actors read the letters aloud, what is created

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is an evocative, touching, frequently funny but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written down. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

23 Virginia House of Comedy

Virginia House of Comedy Reunion is the largest touring comedy show in the USA. Headling the tour is the queen of comedy, Adele Givens. From the nationally syndicated radio show, the Michael Baisden Show, George Willborn. From the classic TV show Martin, Bruh Man. From the Wild'n Out Tour, Emanuel Hudson. Hosted by - BET Comedians - Mike Brooks! Purchase tickets from eventbrite.com. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 8 p.m. $40-$125. 757/315-1610. www.thehrcc.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

28-March 3 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

Join us as we celebrate the 30th annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at the Hampton Roads Convention Center! The Merchants Mall will feature everything for quilt, fiber, wearable & textile artists and home sewers. In addition, M-AQF will present the finest collection of quilt, garment and fiber art exhibitions including quilt and wearable art prize money competitions. Rounding out the event will be workshops and lectures presented by leading instructors along with demonstrations throughout the Merchants Mall. Complete information on all quilt festivals presented by Mancuso Show Management is available at www.quiltfest.com. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $15 includes readmission, $13 Sunday only, Ages 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. www.quiltfest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

March 2019

2 Professional Bull Riders

The PBR Real Time Pain Relief Velocity Tour is the top expansion series of the PBR featuring some of the best athletes of the sport going head to head with the fiercest bulls in the country. The PBR Velocity Tour will bring all the high-energy sound, lighting, special effects and edge of your seat action that fans have come to expect from the world leader in the sport of bull riding. Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. Tix start at $15. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

3-9 Hampton Restaurant Week

Enjoy a 2-course lunch for $10 and/or a 3-course meal for either $20 or $30 at participating restaurants. www.visithampton.com

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8-10 **Virginia RV Show**

The Virginia RV Show is back for with great deals on motorhomes, travel trailers, and fifth wheels! Stock up on all the essentials and gather great ideas for your next RV vacation. Come ready to shop the newest in accessories for RVs, as well as campgrounds. Insurance and financing will also be available on site. Plus, attend daily seminars to pick up some new info and tips. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. $10 at the door (Cash only); 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. [www.virginiarvshow.com](http://www.virginiarvshow.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9 **An Evening with Ann Hampton Callaway & Amanda McBroom**

Two legendary female vocalists. One spectacular evening. Experience a rare opportunity to see Ann Hampton Callaway and Amanda McBroom together onstage. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

10 **Young Artist Competition Showcase**

Winners from the third annual Young Artist Competition will perform chosen selections of concertos and virtuosic showpieces with the orchestra. Be inspired by the best of the future generation of performers that Hampton Roads has to offer. The American Theatre. 2:30 p.m. $20. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

16 **Dailey & Vincent**

Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music with a unique sound that seamlessly blends bluegrass, traditional country, and gospel music. The five-time Grammy Award winners have performed together for more than a decade, and while they’re now on Season Three of their nationally broadcast television series, The Dailey & Vincent Show on RFD-TV, nothing can compare to a rousing evening of live performance. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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22-24 9th annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Festival

Presented by Folk City Tattoo and Twisted Ink magazine, this is the largest tattoo event in Virginia. Hundreds of tattoo artists, vendors, and live music all weekend! During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists and having the work performed on-site. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee price and is negotiated between customer and artist. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday; 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday. $25 daily, $45 Weekend Pass, $35 Military Weekend Pass. 757/484-1319. www.hrtattoofest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

23 20th annual Country for Kids Concert

This will be our 20th year of Country for Kids and we have featured some of the best country music stars, artists such as; Sara Evans, Keith Urban, Little Big Town, Gary Allan, Rodney Atkins, Phil Vassar, Jo Dee Messina, Craig Morgan are just a few. Join us at Country for Kids 2019 for an awesome night of country music all to support the programs and services of the Center for Child & Family Services. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 6 p.m. $25 General Admission, $60 VIP. www.countryforkids.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

23 The Jungle Book

Rudyard Kipling’s beloved jungle story comes to life in a vivid, theatrical staging filled with wonderment and adventure. Follow orphan Mowgli as his adoptive family of wolves, panthers and bears teach him about friendship. Jungle dangers abound as he encounters the hungry python Kaa and Bengal tiger Shere Khan, but with the help of his loving protectors, Mowgli remains safe and happy. A Virginia Rep on Tour Production. The American Theatre. 11 a.m. $10. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

30 Avery*Sunshine

Avery*Sunshine’s latest studio album, Twenty Sixty Four, captures her signature sound with soulful in-the-pocket grooves, sublime ballads, exquisite arrangements and orchestrations, and an exuberant life affirming message. Expect an evening of musical empowerment delivered with Avery*Sunshine’s signature style. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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