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The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival: The East Coast's Premier Quilt Event Returns to Hampton, VA

Hampton, VA - The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (M-AQF), the largest and longest-running quilt festival on the Eastern Seaboard, will return for its 36th annual celebration from February 27 to March 2, 2025. Hosted at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, this highly anticipated event will feature more than 1,000 quilts, wearable art, and textile works of art on display, as well as a wide range of workshops and lectures from internationally renowned instructors. Produced by Mancuso Show Management, M-AQF is open to the public and promised to be an inspiring and educational experience for quilters, textile artists, and enthusiasts of all ages. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$20 (which includes re-admission), and \$18 for Sunday only. Children under 16 can attend for free.

“Quilting and sewing arts are crafts passed down from generation to generation, and we like to think our festival is helping to keep these time-honored traditions alive,” said Kelly Shroyer, Marketing and Events Coordinator for Mancuso Show Management.

This year's quilt competition theme, “I Can & I Will,” celebrates the perseverance of quilters to complete their projects. Quilt entries will be featured in several categories: Full Size - Innovative and Traditional, Mid-Century Mod/Modern, Wall Quilts, and the Wearable Art Competition, which will showcase full ensembles, vests, jackets, and coats. The event will also feature exciting activities like the Golden Thimble Needlework Guild's demos, Quilt-O game night, and a fashion show by Roberta Morgan.

The M-AQF Merchants Mall will provide attendees the opportunity to shop for the best fabrics, notions, machines, and wearable art. Whether you're looking for inspiration, education, supplies, or just a fun day out, this year's festival has something for everyone.

For more information about the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, including festival admissions, details about workshops and lectures, and more, visit www.quiltfest.com.

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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.