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MEDIA REMINDER!!!

Hampton Roads Convention Center Welcomes the Return of the Eighth Annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival in Less Than Two Weeks

--Highly anticipated tattoo event to take place March 2-4--

Hampton, Virginia- In less than two weeks, March 2-4, the Hampton Roads Convention Center welcomes the return of the Eighth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival. Presented by Folk City Tattoo and *Twisted Ink* magazine, this highly anticipated event will celebrate all aspects of the tattooing industry and welcome talented artists from across the country. This year the festival will once again take up two exhibit halls!

During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists from across the country and having the work performed on-site at the convention center. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee and is negotiated between customer

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and artist. Please note that many artists book fast and the best way to secure a tattoo at the festival is to set appointments with artists before the event.

“This year we have roughly 300 tattoo artists,” said Cann. “If you want to meet many great custom tattoo artists all under one roof, this is the festival to attend.”

The festival will feature several new and returning contests and activities, including the Sixth annual Kids Temporary Tattoo Contest and Best Booth. The Kids Temporary Tattoo Contest (ages 12 and under) will take place on Sunday, March 4 with up to 30 participants receiving a ribbon. First, Second, and Third place winners will receive trophies. In addition, there will be a new free game section for both adults and children.

Another big highlight of this year’s festival is the Seventh annual Miss Hampton Roads Pin-Up Girl Contest, taking place Saturday, March 3. Twenty pre-selected finalists will show in their pin-up inspired garb of the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s to compete for top prize (\$2500 in total prizes, including \$1000 cash).

On Sunday, March 4, Family Day returns to the Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival! Attendees will enjoy an expanded family area, with plenty of activities for the little ones, including a bounce house, balloon animals, and more.

In addition to all of the scheduled activities and events, the Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival is happy to welcome The Olde City Sideshow, a fully scalable immersion performance that encompasses the ‘Old City’ stylings of Vaudeville, Burlesque, and the historical sideshow acts mixed with Philadelphia’s counter-culture influences.

Other highlights of this year’s festival include daily categorized tattoo contests, art

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vendors, tattoo supply vendors, BMX Stunt Team, Carnival of Curiosity and Chaos, live mural painting, and more.

Cost

\$25 Daily

\$45 Weekend Pass (includes all three days)

\$35 Military Weekend Pass

12 and under free

Hours

Friday, March 2 - Noon until 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 - 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 – 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

All ages welcome. Some adult content.

MUST be at least 18 years old to get a tattoo

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For more information on the Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival, call

757/484-1319, email hrtattoofest@yahoo.com, or check out www.hrtattoofest.com. A full schedule of events and activities will be released in the coming weeks.

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