



## Suds With Your Rubber Duck In Norfolk, VA

~ 13th Annual Virginia Beer Festival and 40-Foot Rubber Duck Make May 17-18 a "Duckie" Weekend to Visit the Heart of Virginia's Waterfront ~

NORFOLK, Va., April 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The convergence of three annual festivals along with events planned to celebrate the reopening of the city's beloved Chrysler Museum of Art, is shaping up to make May 17-18 one of the most exciting weekends to be in Norfolk, Virginia.

Here's what's on tap:

### **Chrysler Museum of Art's Grand Reopening**

The Chrysler Museum of Art will host the Rubber Duck Project by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman during the museum's grand reopening week on May 17. The 40-foot rubber duck will float in the waters of the Hague alongside the museum from May 17 through May 26, 2014.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Beer Festival**

Visitors can taste handcrafted microbrews and sophisticated beer from all over the world, with nearly three dozen domestic and international breweries participating in this popular event taking place May 17-18. This event is co-produced with the Virginia Arts Festival and Norfolk Festevents and takes place from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Location: Town Point Park.

### **30th Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival**

The Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival includes live music provided by talented musicians, food from local restaurants, kid's activities and an art reception May 17-18. This exciting two-day outdoor party provides a great chance to have fun and mingle with both patrons and artists. Location: Stockley Gardens Park, Ghent.

### **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Festival**

The region's oldest and largest ethnic festival includes traditional Greek cuisine, exciting Greek entertainment, arts and crafts, beautiful jewelry and tours of the historic Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Festival hours are 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. All proceeds from the festival benefit the Cathedral's Ministries as well as local community charities. Location: Granby Street, Norfolk.

### **Cirque Mechanics**

Norfolk welcomes the famed Cirque Mechanics May 14-18 for a modern twist on the circus with original music, theatrical costumes and lighting. Visitors can come experience the self-contained, portable, theatrical circus spectacle full of contortion, Chinese poles and trapeze on a 22" high stage-like mechanical apparatus. Location: Festival Green Space, Downtown Norfolk.

"With a vibrant array of offerings, May 17-18 offers visitors the chance to experience why Norfolk has earned its place as the heart of Virginia's waterfront region," says Tony DiFilippo President & CEO of VisitNorfolk. For more information about the events and attractions offered in Norfolk, VA that weekend including performances by Dance Theater of Harlem at Chrysler Hall and legendary tenor sax player Houston Person at the historic Attucks Theater plus recommendations on great restaurants, shopping and more, visit [www.visitnorfolktoday.com](http://www.visitnorfolktoday.com).

~ Norfolk, Virginia ~

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*waterfront and 144 miles of shimmering coastline. Offering a vibrant blend of history and heritage with contemporary attractions, outdoor adventure and the Commonwealth's most revered cultural institutions, Norfolk is an exciting destination. Here, where the Elizabeth River meets the Chesapeake Bay, visitors will find an easily walkable downtown that offers eclectic dining options, a rich arts scene, high-end shopping and year-round special events. For more information about Norfolk, visit the city on the Web at [www.visitnorfolktoday.com](http://www.visitnorfolktoday.com), or call 757-664-6620 or toll free at 800-368-3097.*

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