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AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 34th ANNUAL GRAND ILLUMINATION PARADE

NORFOLK, Va. – (November 2018) – More than 80,000 parade-goers along the two-mile route were treated to quite an impressive show by more than 80 units in the 2018 Grand Illumination Parade.

An independent panel of judges were staged along the route to evaluate the units that were all competing to win one of the prestigious Grand Illumination Parade awards.

The Downtown Norfolk Council is proud to congratulate the following 2018 Grand Illumination Parade award winners.

President's Award (*Unit with the best use of innovation and imagination*)

Old Dominion University Band

Best in Class

Animal – The Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads

Motorized – Black and White Cabs *Was also the winner for motorized in 2016 and 2017*

Walking – Parkway Elementary School

Float - Best in Show

Copeland Mills School of Dance

Float – Best Illumination

Pride Boat Club

Float – Best Theme Interpretation

Sentara Norfolk General

Best Commercial Float

Hampton Roads Helicopters

Best Non-Commercial Float

Hurrah Players

1st Place High School Marching Band

I.C. Norcom High School

2nd Place High School Marching Band

Butler High School

3rd Place High School Marching Band

Princess Anne High School

Best Marching Band (*Presented to a band other than High School*)

Norfolk State University

“Balloonatics” Award

ADP carrying Lollipops. The award recognizes the most enthusiastic Giant Helium Balloon Handlers.

MacArthur Center Style Award

Norfolk State University Dancers. The award recognizes the unit that had the most well thought out, creative and stylish attire.

People’s Choice Award

Pride Boat Club.

The Grand Illumination Parade also kicks off the annual Holidays in the City celebrations in both Downtown Norfolk and Olde Town Portsmouth. It’s a magical time to visit with holiday music, festive lights decorating the streets and the pleasant aroma of chefs’ special creations at nearby restaurants. Greenery and holiday displays adorn doorways and windows of shops and hotels, and there are special events and festivities scheduled for people of all ages. For a complete list of activities and events, visit holidaysinthecity.net.

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