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AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 35th ANNUAL GRAND ILLUMINATION PARADE

NORFOLK, Va. – (November 2019) – Parade-goers along the two-mile route were treated to quite an impressive show by more than 80 units in the 2019 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 2019 Grand Illumination Parade award winners.

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

City of Norfolk Float

Best in Class

Animal – Pugs You Gotta Save

Motorized – Black and White Cabs *Was also the winner for motorized in 2016, 2017 and 2018*

Walking – Southside Ballet Studio

Float - Best in Show

Hurrah Players

Float – Best Illumination

Hampton Roads Pride Boat Club

Float – Best Theme Interpretation

Office Furniture Outlet

Best Commercial Float

Copeland Mills School of the Arts

Best Non-Commercial Float

Mount Lebanon

1st Place High School Marching Band

Deep Creek High School

2nd Place High School Marching Band

Western Branch High School

3rd Place High School Marching Band

Warwick High School

Best Marching Band (*Presented to a band other than High School*) *Was also the best bands winner in 2018*

Norfolk State University

“Balloonatics” Award

ADP. The award recognizes the most enthusiastic Giant Balloon Handlers.

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 www.DowntownNorfolk.org.

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