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### ***Festival of the River Announces Final Weekend Schedule***

**(June 4, 2018 – Richmond, Virginia)** The *Festival of the River* is a three-day celebration of Music, Art, and Environment taking place on Brown's Island June 8 -10, 2018. We are pleased to announce the final schedule for the weekend, below.

Visit [www.festivaloftheriver.org](http://www.festivaloftheriver.org) for tickets and information.

#### **Friday, June 8, 2018**

##### **Friday Cheers from 6:00pm – 9:30pm**

- 6:00pm – No BS! Brass Band
- 7:00pm – No BS! Brass Band with the Richmond Symphony
- 8:00pm – Rhiannon Giddens performing with the Richmond Symphony
  - Grammy Award-winner Rhiannon Giddens is known for her elegant bearing, prodigious voice, and fierce spirit. She is the lead singer, violinist, banjo player and a founding member of the country, blues and old-time music band Carolina Chocolate Drops. In addition to her work with the Drops, Giddens has been featured on the popular television series *Nashville*, and has released two solo albums: *Tomorrow Is My Turn* (2015) and *Freedom Highway* (2017) displaying an emotional range to match her dazzling vocal prowess.
  - *Full programs for all Richmond Symphony performances are listed below this schedule*

- Dusk – Lighting Installations by Jacob Stanley and the 1708 Gallery on the T. Tyler Potterfield and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Truss Bridges (lit for full weekend)

## **Saturday, June 9, 2018**

### **2:00pm – 9:00pm**

- 11:00am – Region-wide cleanups along the James River and Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- 2:00pm – Island officially opens to public with Back to the Bay, family-friendly and educational activities in celebration of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.
- 2:45pm – Sweet Potatoes Performance under the “Big Tent”
- 3:00pm – 6:00pm - Performances by Contemporary Artists presented as part of VCU’s Institute for Contemporary Art’s opening exhibition *Declaration*, in collaboration with the Richmond Symphony and Sound Arts Richmond
  - 3:00pm Hope Ginsburg, East End Bay Scape
  - 4:00pm Marinella Senatore, on Brown’s island and under the “Big Tent”
  - 5:30pm Paul Rucker, under the “Big Tent”
- 3:45pm – Oyster Shucker Deborah Pratt under the “Big Tent”
- 3:00pm – 6:30pm – Guided Walking Tours gathering at the Brown’s Island entrance to the T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge:
  - 3:00pm – 4:15pm: Capital Trees
  - 3:45pm – 4:30pm: The Valentine
  - 4:30pm – 5:15pm: American Civil War Museum
  - 5:30pm – 6:30pm: James River Park System
- 6:00pm - Charles Owens Quartet under the “Big Tent”
- 7:30pm - Richmond Symphony performing with tap-dancing phenomenon, Savion Glover and the Richmond Symphony Chorus under the “Big Tent”
  - Savion Glover is a Tony Award-winning tap dancer and choreographer described as "possibly the best tap dancer that ever lived." Mr. Glover has a growing list of Broadway and film credits including *The Tap Dance Kid*, *Black & Blue*, *Jelly’s Last Jam*, *Bring in ‘da Noise Bring in ‘da Funk*, the movie *Tap* with Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis, Jr., Spike Lee’s *Bamboozled*, and the acclaimed Academy Award Winning 2006 Warner Brothers release of *Happy Feet* and *Happy Feet 2*.
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**Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**11:00am – 3:00pm**

- 11:00am – Island officially opens to public with a Community Picnic with Art on Wheels
  - Create a ‘Richmond Community Mosaic Quilt’ on Brown’s Island
  - Bring Your Own Blanket, Blanket Drive information: <http://artonwheels-va.org/community-picnic/>
  - Aerial photography will capture images of the mosaic quilt
- 11:15am - Host of Sparrows Aerial Circus with Glass Twin
- 1:00pm – Richmond Symphony Family Concert
  - *Full programs for all Richmond Symphony performances are listed below this schedule*

**Richmond Symphony Performance Programs**

***Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM***

**Steven Smith, conductor**

**NO BS! Brass Band**

**Rhiannon Giddens, vocals/guitar/banjo**

	<b>NO BS! Brass Band (solo set)</b>
	<b>INTERMISSION</b>
	<b>NO BS! Brass Band (with the Richmond Symphony)</b>
<b>REGGIE PACE / arr. Bryan Hooten</b>	<i>RVA All Day</i>
<b>BRYAN HOOTEN</b>	<i>Run Around</i>
<b>REGGIE PACE / arr. Taylor Barnett</b>	<i>3 AM Bounce</i>
	<i>The Ballad of the Eagle Claw</i> II. Iron Palm
<b>DAVID HOOD / arr. Taylor Barnett</b>	<i>Out of Time</i>
<b>BRYAN HOOTEN / Orch: Bryan Hooten</b>	<i>What Now</i>

**INTERMISSION**

**Program to be selected from the following and order announced from the stage:**

<b>J. STRAUSS, JR.</b>	<i>Overture to Die Fledermaus</i>
<b>TRADITIONAL / arr. Bill Holcombe</b>	<i>International Dixieland Jamboree</i> Bill Bailey St. James Infirmary Blues When the Saints Come Marching In
<b>GRAINGER / arr. Perna</b>	<i>Irish Tune from County Derry</i>
<b>JOPLIN / arr. Gunther Schuller &amp; John Cacavas</b>	<i>The Entertainer</i>
<b>GERSHWIN / arr. Bennett</b>	<i>Selections from Porgy and Bess</i> I Got Plenty O'Nuttin Bess, You Is My Woman
<b>RHIANNON GIDDENS / arr. Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>At the Purchaser's Option</i>
<b>CHARLES AZNAVOUR / arr. Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>Tomorrow is My Turn</i>
<b>WOLFE / arr. Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>Waterboy</i>
<b>BOB DYLAN / arr. Rhiannon Giddens and Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>Spanish Mary</i>
<b>TRADITIONAL / arr. Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>Pretty Little Girl with the Blue Dress On</i>
<b>RHIANNON GIDDENS / arr. Gabriel Witcher</b>	<i>Mouth Music</i>
<b>GERSHWIN</b>	<i>Summertime from Porgy and Bess</i>
<b>COOK</b>	<i>Swing Along!</i>
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<i>Up Above My Head / That Lonesome Road</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS, JR.</b>	<i>Laughing Song: Mein Herr Marquis from Die Fledermaus</i>
<b>MOZART</b>	<i>In uomini, in soldati from Cosi fan tutte, K. 588</i>

LOUIGUY / arr. Aaron Grad

*La Vie en Rose*

KOSMA / arr. Aaron Grad

*Autumn Leaves*

**Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**Steven Smith, conductor**

**Savion Glover, tap dancer**

**Zoe Johnson, soprano**

**Clara Nieman, mezzo**

**Stephen Carroll, tenor**

**Andrew Paulson, baritone**

**Richmond Symphony Chorus, Erin R. Freeman, director**

**BERNSTEIN**

*Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*

I. Prologue

II. "Somewhere"

III. Scherzo

IV. Mambo

V. Cha Cha

VI. Meeting Scene

VII. "Cool" Fugue

VIII. Rumble

IX. Finale

**ELLINGTON / orch. by Collier**

*The River*

1. Spring

2. Meander

3. Giggling Rapids

4. Lake

5. Vortex

6. Riba

7. Village Virgins

**Savion Glover, tap dancer**

**SOUSA**

*Stars And Stripes Forever*

**Savion Glover, tap dancer**

**BEETHOVEN**

Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Opus 125, "Choral"

IV. Presto - Allegro assai - Allegro assai vivace

**Richmond Symphony Chorus**

**Zoe Johnson, soprano**

**Clara Nieman, mezzo**

**Stephen Carroll, tenor**

**Andrew Paulson, baritone**

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 1:00 PM**

**Chia-Hsuan Lin, conductor**

<b>SMITH / arr. Frackenpohl</b>	<i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>
<b>ROSSINI</b>	Finale from the Overture to <i>Guillaume Tell</i> [William Tell]
<b>BRAHMS / orch. Parlow</b>	Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor Hungarian Dance No. 6 in D major
<b>RON NELSON</b>	<i>Savannah River Holiday</i>
<b>DVORAK</b>	Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Opus 95 "From the New World" IV. Allegro con fuoco
<b>BIZET / arr. Hoffman</b>	<i>Les Toréadors</i> from <i>Carmen</i> : Suite No. 1
<b>JOHN WILLIAMS / arr. Calvin Custer</b>	<i>Summon the Heroes</i>
<b>COPLAND</b>	"Hoe Down" from <i>Rodeo</i>
<b>ALAN SILVESTRI</b>	<i>Captain America Theme</i>
<b>KLAUS BADELDT / arr. Ricketts</b>	<i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i>
<b>MICHAEL GIACCHINO / arr. Bill Holcombe</b>	Music from <i>The Incredibles</i>

Accessibility is a main goal of the Festival. While Saturday and Sunday will be ticketed, we ask participants to pay what they can/wish, as they are able. For tickets: [www.festivaloftheriver.org](http://www.festivaloftheriver.org).

The *Festival of the River* will include contemporary art installations, performances under the Symphony's "Big Tent," cleanups along and around the River, and family-friendly environmental education activities including Back to the Bay in celebration of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. This one-time festival will feature artists like Rhiannon Giddens, No BS! Brass Band, Savion Glover, Paul Rucker, Marinella Senatore, and Hope Ginsburg, and will showcase the very best of the James River, Chesapeake Bay, and the Richmond Region.

The Festival planning committee includes over 30 partner organizations (see full list after schedule of activities) steered by a coalition between the City of Richmond, Venture Richmond, the Richmond Symphony, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, I708 Gallery, James River Association, and Capital Region Collaborative.

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**Current Festival of the River Partners Include:**

1708 Gallery  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay  
American Civil War Museum  
Art on Wheels  
AWARE  
Blue Sky Fund  
Capital Region Collaborative  
Capital Trees  
City of Richmond – Department of Public Utilities  
City of Richmond – Department of Public Works  
City of Richmond – Public Art Commission  
Chesapeake Bay Commission  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Children’s Museum of Richmond  
Host of Sparrows Aerial Circus  
James River Advisory Council  
James River Association  
James River Outdoor Coalition  
James River Parks System  
Junior League of Richmond  
Keep Henrico Beautiful  
Keep Virginia Beautiful  
L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery School  
Maymont Foundation  
Middle James Roundtable  
Pamunkey Indian Museum & Cultural Center  
Reedville Fisherman’s Museum  
Richmond Audubon Society  
Richmond BridgePark Foundation  
Richmond Region Tourism  
Richmond Riverfront Plan  
Richmond Symphony  
Sound Arts Richmond

Studio Two Three  
Tricycle Gardens  
The Valentine  
Venture Richmond  
Virginia Canals and Navigation Society  
VCU – Institute for Contemporary Art  
VCU – Life Sciences Outreach  
Virginia Conservation Network  
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Virginia Department of Forestry  
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  
The Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Virginia State Parks  
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