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4th of July

2024

VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

*Toward a More Perfect Union:
A Celebration of Freedom and Our
Nation's Founding*

“...I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations,
as the great anniversary Festival... with Pomp and Parade, with Shews,
Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this
Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more...”

John Adams, 1776

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SQUARE FAIR

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

★ VA250 Information Tent

- Prize Drawings
- Giveaways
- Event Maps & Information
- Children's Activities

★ Square Fair Participants

- American Friends of Lafayette
- Capitol Square Visitor Information
- Virginia Tourism Corporation
- Visit Hampton
- Fort Monroe
- Hampton University Museum
- Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello)
- Office of Historic Alexandria
- The Valentine
- Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest
- Virginia Associations of Museums
- Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- VCU Ram Mascot
- Science Museum of Virginia
- Richmond Region Tourism
- Gunston Hall
- Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe
- Nottoway Indian Tribe
- Nansemond Indian Nation
- National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir
- Museum of the Virginia National Guard
- Heart of Virginia Artisans
- The Richmond Forum
- Robert Russa Moton Museum
- Richmond Kickers Mascot

★ Open House - Virginia's Executive Mansion

Virginia's Executive Mansion is pleased to offer Open House tours from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Home to Virginia's governors since 1813, this historic home is the oldest governor's residence in the country still used for its original purpose. Guests will enjoy live piano and trumpet music while viewing the art and furnishings, and docents will be on hand to answer questions.

★ Free Water Provided by Estes Express Lines

★ Food Trucks are Located on Grace Street

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PERFORMANCES AT BELL TOWER

- 5:00 PM **Statewide Tolling of Bells**
- 5:15 PM **Reading of the Declaration of Independence**
Thomas Jefferson, as portrayed by Kurt Smith of
Colonial Williamsburg
- 5:30 PM **Peter Lee Hamilton, Winner**
2023 UVA Student Oratory Competition
"The Greatest Strength of American Democracy"
- 5:45 PM **Petersburg High Crimson Wave Forensics Team**
Selections from Sojourner Truth, "And Ain't I A Woman" and
Frederick Douglass, "What, To The Slave, is the Fourth of July?"
- 6:00 PM **Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums**
- 6:15 PM **The DAY Program**
West African Drumming Ensemble
- 6:30 PM **Intense Fiyaaaaa Fitness**
Caribbean Dance Ensemble
- 7:00 PM **Square Fair Concludes**

Please make your way to the viewing area at the base of
the Capitol Portico for the Grand Ceremony
- 7:30 PM **Grand Ceremony Begins**

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GRAND CEREMONY

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

- ★ **Master of Ceremonies: Geoff Bennett, Co-anchor of PBS News Hour**
- ★ **Portrait of Freedom Fanfare** *Steven Reineke*
Quantico Marine Corps Band
- ★ ***Freedom: The Heartbeat that Unites Us***
- ★ **Drum Trio**
Indigenous Drum: Representatives of Virginia's Tribal Nations
West African Drummers: The DAY Program
Fifes and Drums: Colonial Williamsburg
- ★ **Remarks from Thomas Jefferson**
- ★ **National Anthem**
- ★ **Welcome from The Honorable Terry Austin, Chair, VA250 Commission and The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Vice Chair, VA250 Commission**
- ★ **Quantico Marine Corps Band**
George Washington Bicentennial *John Philip Sousa*
Band of Brothers Symphonic Suite *Michael Kamen*
God Bless America *Irving Berlin*
Featuring MSGT Alvy Powell, US Army Ret.
Semper Fidelis *John Philip Sousa*
Armed Forces Medley *Traditional*
- ★ **Remarks from Chief Stephen R. Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe**

★ **New Fellowship Gospel Choir**

Oh Happy Day

*Gospel Music Arrangement of the 1755
Hymn by Clergyman Philip Doddridge*

Glory

John Legend, Common, Rhymefest

★ **Remarks from The Honorable Don Scott**
Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates

★ **Roanoke Symphony Orchestra & Chorus**

Star Spangled Spectacular

George M. Cohan / arr. John Cacavas

Suite from Victory at Sea

Richard Rodgers & Robert Russell Bennett

Shenandoah

*Traditional - Words by Mike Greenly/
arr. Jim Papoulis*

"Our Great Virginia"

★ **Remarks from First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin**

★ **Keynote Remarks from The Honorable Glenn A. Youngkin**
Governor of Virginia

★ **Roanoke Symphony Orchestra**

Feeling Good, *with LaTetra Lewis*

Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse

★ **Remarks from Carly Fiorina, VA250 National Honorary Chair**

★ **Grand Finale**

**Quantico Marine Corps Band | New Fellowship Gospel Choir
Roanoke Symphony Orchestra & Chorus**

Amazing Grace

Traditional

America the Beautiful

Samuel A. Ward / arr. Carmen Dragon

Drone Lightshow by *Grucci*

Event Production by Virginia Arts Festival

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