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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
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
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
GRAND CEREMONY
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

⭐ Master of Ceremonies: Geoff Bennett, Co-anchor of PBS News Hour

⭐ Portrait of Freedom Fanfare
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
Band of Brothers Symphonic Suite
God Bless America
Semper Fidelis
Armed Forces Medley

⭐ Remarks from Chief Stephen R. Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe
New Fellowship Gospel Choir
Oh Happy Day
Glory
Gospel Music Arrangement of the 1755 Hymn by Clergyman Philip Doddridge
John Legend, Common, Rhymefest

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

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra & Chorus
Star Spangled Spectacular
Suite from Victory at Sea
Shenandoah
“Our Great Virginia”
George M. Cohan / arr. John Cacavas
Richard Rodgers & Robert Russell Bennett
Traditional - Words by Mike Greenly/
arr. Jim Papoulis

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
America the Beautiful
Traditional
Samuel A. Ward / arr. Carmen Dragon
Drone Lightshow by Grucci
Event Production by Virginia Arts Festival

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