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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 3, 2016

PERFORMING ARTS

JAY LENO Ferguson Center for the Arts October 30; 7 p.m.

Jay Leno has captivated living rooms across the world for over 20 years with charisma, comedy and charm as host of late night television's top-rated, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Since passing the torch, he's been busy with his new show, "Jay Leno's Garage" on CNBC. He's also taking his hilarious act on the road for this exclusive tour. See Jay do what he does best and laugh it up for this special night with one of the world's leading entertainers. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN, ROCK BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA Ferguson Center for the Arts

November 1; 7:30 p.m.

Violinist Robert McDuffie has been a champion of the core repertoire and an interpreter of the works of the most important popular classical composers of our time. In spring 2016, in collaboration with R.E.M.'s Mike Mills, McDuffie started a new exploration with the world premiere performance of Mills' Concerto for Violin, Rock Band and String Orchestra. Inspired by the blurred lines between contemporary classical audiences, pop and contemporary music, McDuffie has commissioned a new composition from Mills – one of the most prolific songwriter/composer/collaborators from the world of rock and pop. The concerto will feature McDuffie on solo violin and a four-member rock band led by Mills (bass and keyboard), along with two electric guitarists, a drummer and a string orchestra. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS

HAYRIDES

Newport News Park

October 29; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Enjoy park interpretation and discussion on this 30-minute ride through the campground and bikeway. Complimentary tickets are available at the campsite office 30 minutes prior to each ride. Space is limited. All participants must be present to receive a ticket. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, 757-889-7916, www.nnparks.com.

NIGHT OF THE LIVING MUSEUM

Virginia Living Museum

October 29; 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our family Halloween celebration returns for the 17th year: a not-too-spooky event for families with children ages 12 and under. Discover pumpkin carving secrets. Enjoy live animal shows featuring fierce and not-so-fierce Halloween critters. Learn the ways of spiders large and small and see an assortment of creepy crawlies. Visit the tooth fairyland, magical cave and pirate cove. Take a nighttime hike along the outdoor boardwalk. Make creepy crafts and play Halloween games. Enjoy trick-or-treating for kids throughout the event. Kids of all ages - don't forget to wear your favorite costume! The Wild Side Café will be open before and during the event. At 5, 5:45, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. rock to a laser spook-tacular with a short family-friendly version of "Fright Light" in the planetarium for an additional fee. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

PUMPKIN SOMETHIN'

Newport News Park

October 29; 11 a.m.

We weren't sure what to call it, but since there's lots of things to do with pumpkins, it had to be called Pumpkin Somthin'! Join us at the Discovery Center for some non-scary fun for kids. 13560 Jefferson Avenue, 757-886-7912, www.nnparks.com.

MAD YOUNG EXHIBIT

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

November 1 through 30

This exhibit will feature the works of Mahari Chabwera, Kara Yancey, Jonquil Moore and Angel Tirado. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

WILD GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Virginia Living Museum

November 1 through December 23

The Virginia Living Museum's Wild Things Museum Store introduces "Wild Gifts for the Holidays," a collection of unusual and affordable nature-related items for all ages, including eco-friendly clothing, plush toys, and stationery. Favorites include easy reader books, learning games, socks and hoodies, cuddly stuffed animals, home decor and hand-made jewelry - all themed to reflect Virginia's native wildlife. Many items are unique, being created especially for the museum. All proceeds benefit the Virginia Living Museum. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

FALL LECTURE SERIES: THE JAMES RIVER PRESENTED BY WILLIAM FOX The Mariners' Museum

November 3; 7 p.m.

In 2007, House Resolution 16 of the 110th Congress named the James River as "America's Founding River." The river runs for 340 miles entirely in Virginia, from the Allegheny Mountains to Hampton Roads and the Chesapeake Bay. William Fox's new book, The James River, seeks to raise awareness about this great river and its history while helping protect and preserve it for the future. Author and naval architect, Fox was born in Newport News and has lived, worked, and recreated on or near the James River for most of his life. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

REBIRTH:JESSE RAUDALES EXHIBIT

Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center

Continuing through October 28

The exhibit features works by artist Jesse Raudales who is celebrating his 10 Year Anniversary as the First Latino Olympic Artist. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

HOKULE'A

The Mariners' Museum and Park Continuing through November 6

Hokule'a and her dry dock crew will be at The Mariners' Museum to perform needed restoration on the 62' voyaging canoe before she continues on her final leg of her worldwide voyage and returns to Hawaii. Hokule'a a can be viewed and photographed outside the lower exit of the Large Artifact Gallery of The USS Monitor Center. While the crew is hard at work, we will have periodic interpreters to answer questions and share information about Hokule'a's voyage. Join us for the Farewell Ceremony on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM, where we will celebrate Hokule'a's journey with Polynesian performances! 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

MIRADAS: ANCIENT ROOTS IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY MEXICAN ART WORKS

Peninsula Fine Arts Center

Continuing through January 8, 2017

This unique survey of over 100 works takes a close look at paintings, prints and photographs created over the past eighty years. The exhibition examines and celebrates work by artists on both sides of the border—American and Mexican-American—to reveal a variety of cultural aspects as they emerged in the years after the Mexican Revolution (1910–1920) to the present day. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.

POLYNESIAN VOYAGERS

The Mariners' Museum

Continuing through June 11, 2017

In conjunction with Hokule'a's second visit to Hampton Roads. This exhibition will feature the time-honored navigational skills of the Polynesian navigators who relied on their knowledge of waves, winds, stars, and nature instead of modern instruments. It will also highlight some of the real history behind Disney's upcoming animated feature film, Moana. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

CLUBS AND RESTAURANTS

JACK ENEA Aromas October 28; 7 p.m. 706 Town Center Drive (757) 240-4650 www.aromasworld.com SLIK 51 Craft 60 October 28; 9 p.m. 13361 Warwick Boulevard (757) 988-0506 www.craft60.com

WHITE TRASH CIRCUS Hoss's Deli October 28; 9:30 p.m. 806 Old Oyster Point Road (757) 596-9104 www.hosssdeli.com

THE FABULOUS FAT DOCTOR Cozzy's Comedy Club October 28; 9 p.m. October 29; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. 9700 Warwick Boulevard (757) 595-2800 www.cozzys.com

EAST COAST ROCKERS Hoss's Deli October 29; 9:30 p.m. 806 Old Oyster Point Road (757) 596-9104 www.hosssdeli.com

HEY HEY HOOLIGAN Manhattan's October 29; 10 p.m. 601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard (757) 873-0555 www.manhattansdeli.com

ZEN MOJO Craft 60 October 29; 9 p.m. 13361 Warwick Boulevard (757) 988-0506 www.craft60.com

SUNDAY FUNNIES Cozzy's Comedy Club October 30; 8 p.m. 9700 Warwick Boulevard (757) 595-2800 www.cozzys.com JOHNNY CARDIGAN Hoss's Deli October 31; 6 p.m. 806 Old Oyster Point Road (757) 596-9104 www.hosssdeli.com

OPEN-MIC WITH VAUGHN DEEL AND SUEANNE DOYER Cozzy's Comedy Club October 31; 7:30 p.m. 9700 Warwick Boulevard (757) 595-2800 www.cozzys.com

OPEN-MIC NIGHT Aromas November 2; 7 p.m. 706 Town Center Drive (757) 240-4650 www.aromasworld.com

COMEDY OPEN-MIC Cozzy's Comedy Club November 3; 8 p.m. 9700 Warwick Boulevard (757) 595-2800 www.cozzys.com

UNITED SOULS Manhattan's November 3; 10 p.m. 601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard (757) 873-0555 www.manhattansdeli.com well as admission and event fees, are subject to change without notice. Please contact event planners directly to confirm information. Additional Newport News events can be found online at www.newport-news.org.