WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
APRIL 7 – 13, 2017

PERFORMING ARTS

TCHAIKOVSKY’S SYMPHONY NO. 5
Ferguson Center for the Arts
April 7; 8 p.m.
Well-known to VSO audiences, composer Kenneth Fuchs brings us a world premiere. This is a continuation of more than 30 years of collaboration between Fuchs and Music Director JoAnn Falletta, beginning in 1985 when they were students at Juilliard. Written specifically for VSO Principal Cellist Michael Daniels and his brother David, this piece is based on the poems of artist and writer, Judith Wolf. The performance concludes with Tchaikovsky’s Fifth Symphony, a romantic staple with a heart-melting horn solo in the second movement, a favorite among musicians everywhere. 1 Avenue of the Arts, 757-594-8752, www.fergusoncenter.org.

25 MICS: SPOKEN WORD AND OPEN MIC NIGHT
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
April 11; 7 p.m.
Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for an open mic night in our Newport News Gallery. Spoken word, acoustic musicians, singers, songwriters. All are invited! Hosted by Nina Brewton. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, www.downinggross.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT NEWPORT NEWS ATTRACTIONS

A WALK WITH ELLA
Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center
April 8; Noon to 5 p.m.
In celebration of Ella Fitzgerald's 100th birthday, join us as we take a walk down memory lane, turning The Newsome House into a live exhibit where actors re-enact some of Ella's most memorable moments. Come and learn why Ella became The First Lady of Song. 2803 Oak Avenue, 757-247-2360, www.newsomehouse.org.
CIVIL WAR LECTURE: CONSERVING CIVIL WAR SHIPWRECKS
The Mariners’ Museum & Park
April 8; 2:30 p.m.
There is no written recipe to conserving a Civil War shipwreck. One of a conservator’s major assignments is to research the most appropriate methods to stabilize artifacts and, consequently, preserve them. This pre-treatment phase is fundamental as every single object presents its own set of challenges and such research must be conducted within the framework of a conservation code of ethics, much like working in the medical field. After introducing the code, Elsa Sangouard will discuss recent research examples from Texas to Virginia, illustrating the nation’s efforts to preserve American Civil war icons. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

COMMUNITY DAY: FREE ADMISSION
The Mariners’ Museum
April 8; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
In partnership with the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of NASA at Langley, admission to The Mariners’ Museum and Park is FREE on Saturday, April 8! Costumed interpreters will take visitors back to the 19th century and explore what it was like for sailors aboard the USS Monitor. Next door, PFAC will host art demonstrations, printmaking stations, interactive gallery tours, and more! Food trucks will be onsite for an additional charge. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

HELPFUL PAWS, EXTRAORDINARY DOGS!
Virginia Living Museum
April 8; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Celebrate the bonds of companionship and service that are part of our special relationship with dogs. Meet dogs (and people) from the Tidewater Chapter of Pets for Vets, Newport News K-9 Unit, Merrimac Dog Training Club, and Canine Companions for Independence. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

STAR PARTY AND LASER LIGHT SHOWS
Virginia Living Museum
April 8
This week’s Star Party and Laser Light Shows have a special focus! Join us and learn how to prepare for the upcoming total eclipse. Free star observing begins at sunset. Evening planetarium and laser light show schedule: “Eclipse 2017” 6:30 p.m., “Virginia Skies” 7:30 p.m., “Laser Mania” 8:30 p.m., “Laser Metallica” 10 p.m., “The Vision Bell” 11:30 p.m. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

FREE STEAM POWERED COMMUNITY DAY
Peninsula Fine Arts Center
April 8-9
A combined Community Day with free admission to PFAC and The Mariners’ Museum and Park! Enjoy Steam Roller Printmaking demos by the CNU Art Department, NASA’s Centennial Celebration trailer exhibit, 3D Printing demos and hands-on activities by local artists and makers, printmaking stations, interactive gallery tours and scavenger hunts! Learn about our earth through NASA’s Magic Planet and MORE! Food Truck on-site. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, www.pfac-va.org.
**MILITARY CHILD WEEKEND**  
*Virginia Living Museum*  
**April 8-9; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Children ages 3-12 will receive half price admission with a paying adult showing valid military ID. Military families will receive a 10% discount in the Wild Things Museum store, and those purchasing a VLM membership will receive a 20% discount! 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, [www.thevlm.org](http://www.thevlm.org).

**GENESIS: A COLLEGE JURIED COMPETITION**  
*Peninsula Fine Arts Center*  
**April 8-30**  

**SOARING: WORKS FROM THE NASA ART PROGRAM, CELEBRATING NASA LANGLEY’S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**  
*Peninsula Fine Arts Center*  
**April 8 – June 25**  
The Peninsula Fine Arts Center is proud to host this art exhibition that celebrates the centennial anniversary of NASA Langley Research Center. In 1962, NASA’s administrator James Webb sent a memo regarding the involvement of artists to help tell the agency’s story of adventure as the United States began a race to space and the moon. Thus, began the NASA Art program which has resulted in over 3,000 works of art in the past fifty years. Early pioneers included Norman Rockwell, Jamie Wyeth and Robert Rauschenberg who traveled to Kennedy Space Center to watch firsthand the launches and document the events. This exhibition will feature 30 works of art including paintings, photographs, drawings, and mixed media works dating from the early 1960s to 21st century. Artists include Robert McCall, Andy Warhol, Annie Leibovitz, Nam June Paik, William Wegman and Chakaia Booker. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, [www.pfac-va.org](http://www.pfac-va.org).

**ECLIPSE 2017 PLANETARIUM SHOW**  
*Virginia Living Museum*  
**Continuing through April 16**  
The Great American Eclipse is coming! In August, the United States will experience a rare and marvelous event – a total eclipse of the Sun. Join us in the planetarium for “Eclipse 2017” a timely planetarium show that will give you all the information you need to know about how, when and where to view this astronomical spectacle safely. Recommended: age 10 and above. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, [www.thevlm.org](http://www.thevlm.org).

**VIETNAM COMBAT EXHIBITION**  
*Peninsula Fine Arts Center*  
**Continuing through April 23**  
On loan from commemorative partners consisting of County of Roanoke, Salem, Town of Vinton and Stonewall Jackson Chapter/Ausa under special agreement with the US Army Center of Military History. 101 Museum Drive, 757-596-8175, [www.pfac-va.org](http://www.pfac-va.org).

**IN ELLA’S LIFETIME: 100 ARTISTS FOR ELLA**  
*Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center*  
**Continuing through April 30**  
An original exhibit in the Newport News Gallery featuring works by artists inspired by the songs and song titles of “The First Lady of Song,” Ella Fitzgerald. This exhibit will showcase paintings, photography, sculpture and more. 2410 Wickham Avenue, 757-247-8950, [www.downinggross.org](http://www.downinggross.org).
**PLANETARIUM SHOWS**
Virginia Living Museum
Continuing through May 14, 2017
Choose among three shows in the Virginia Living Museum’s Abbitt Planetarium. “The Friendly Stars” introduces preschoolers to the night sky. It is shown Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. “The Future is Wild” envisions the fantastic creatures that may walk the Earth in 5 to 200 million years. It is showing Wednesday through Sunday at 1:30 p.m. A staff astronomer takes a tour of the current night sky in “Virginia Skies,” showing Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The planetarium is open Wednesday through Sunday. Tickets are $4 plus museum admission. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

**WOLF TO WOOF: THE STORY OF DOGS**
Virginia Living Museum
Continuing through May 14, 2017
Today, dogs enhance the lives of millions in countless ways, but they are also some of humans’ oldest friends. Ancient clues like cave paintings and burials reveal that dogs and people have lived together for thousands of years. But why have humans formed such close relationships with dogs, and not cows or chickens? This exhibit sniffs out the facts on dogs and explores what makes the human/dog relationship so unique. Through multimedia displays, dioramas and interactive stations visitors can learn about the different types of dogs, how they are related to wolves, how they have helped humans and what we can do to help them. Enter a "howling area" and guess what dogs are saying, test your nose against a dog's great sense of smell, and climb into an avalanche scene to see what it's like to be saved by a search-and-rescue dog. This is the largest and most comprehensive traveling exhibition ever created on the history, biology and evolution of dogs. It uses the familiarity and love of these four-legged friends to explore science and biological concepts. 524 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, 757-595-1900, www.thevlm.org.

**POLYNESIAN VOYAGERS**
The Mariners’ Museum
Continuing through June 11, 2017
In collaboration with Hawaiian educators, the *Hokule’a* crew and staff, and the Polynesian community, this new exhibition is designed to evoke the feeling of what it is to be a voyager. Guests will encounter displays demonstrating the origin of the Polynesian culture and community and how they are inherently maritime focused. With an emphasis on navigational techniques that precede technology, the exhibition will guide visitors through the story of exploration and settlement of the vast Pacific islands. *Polynesian Voyagers* will feature the traditional supplies and methods encountered on a Polynesian voyaging canoe, and guests will be able to listen to Polynesian chants that would have been used in ancient times to share history among civilizations without a common language. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.

**TREASURES OF NOAA’S ARK EXHIBITION**
The Mariners’ Museum
Continuing through December 31
A traveling exhibition, *Treasures of NOAA’s Ark* will explore the history of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and how the agency, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has impacted people across the nation and world. As the organization has evolved and grown over the years, NOAA has become an international leader on scientific and environmental issues. Treasures of NOAA’s Ark will feature artifacts like 18th-century maps and early scientific instruments. The exhibition will highlight NOAA’s legacy of science, service, and stewardship and will explore how we are all connected to the environment. 100 Museum Drive, 757-596-2222, www.marinersmuseum.org.
RESTAURANTS AND CLUBS

DAVE CRUMPLER & MIKE GLASS
Craft 60 Ale House
April 7; 10 p.m.
13361 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 988-0506
www.craft60.com

JAZZ FRIDAY FEATURING
PHAZZ II
Train Station Restaurant
April 7; 7 p.m.
2295 Harbor Road
(757) 247-7512
www.thetrainstation757.com

KRUNCH
Hoss’s Deli
April 7; 9:30 p.m.
806 Old Oyster Point Rd
(757) 596-9104
www.hosssdeli.com

THE COVER UP
Manhattan’s Deli
April 7; 10 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

TROY BREWLOW
Hilton Tavern Brewing Company
April 7; 8 p.m.
10184 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 873-2337

WILLIE TINITYPE
Aromas
April 7; 7 p.m.
706 Town Center Drive
(757) 240-4650
www.aromasworld.com

HOWARD G
Cozzy’s Comedy Club
April 7; 9 p.m.
April 8; 8 p.m.
9700 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 595-2800
www.cozzys.com

ZACK SALSBERRY
Hilton Tavern Brewing Company
April 8; 8 p.m.
10184 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 873-2337

SUNDAY FUNNIES
Cozzy’s Comedy Club
April 9; 8 p.m.
9700 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 595-2800
www.cozzys.com

FIFTYTHIRDS
Hoss’s Deli
April 10; 9 p.m.
806 Old Oyster Point Rd
(757) 596-9104
www.hosssdeli.com

MUSIC OPEN-MIC WITH VAUGHN DEEL
Cozzy’s Comedy Club
April 10; 7:30 p.m.
9700 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 595-2800
www.cozzys.com

CASH FOR CLEAN COMEDY SHOW
Cozzy’s Comedy Club
April 11; 7 p.m.
9700 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 595-2800
www.cozzys.com
BORDERLINE CRAZY
Manhattan’s Deli
April 12; 10 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

COMPLETELY UNPLUGGED: OPEN
MIC NIGHT
Aromas
April 12; 7 p.m.
706 Town Center Drive
(757) 240-4650
www.aromasworld.com

OPEN MIC HOSTED BY THE
LOVECATS
Craft 60 Ale House
April 12; 10 p.m.
13361 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 988-0506
www.craft60.com

WESLEY BOWEN
Hoss’s Deli
April 12; 9 p.m.
806 Old Oyster Point Rd
(757) 596-9104
www.hosssdeli.com

BY THE BOOK WITH MARTIN BLOCKSON
Train Station Restaurant
April 13; 7 p.m.
2295 Harbor Road
(757) 247-7512
www.thetrainstation757.com

COMEDY OPEN-MIC WITH SID BRIDGE
Cozzy’s Comedy Club
April 13; 9 p.m.
9700 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 595-2800
www.cozzys.com

KARAOKE WITH KAY
Hilton Tavern Brewing Company
April 13; 7 p.m.
10184 Warwick Boulevard
(757) 873-2337

UNITED SOULS
Manhattan’s Deli
April 13; 10 p.m.
601 Thimble Shoals Boulevard
(757) 873-0555
www.manhattansdeli.com

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