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## Musical Experiences

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Chesapeake Bay, Virginia Beach boasts a vibrant music scene that provides beats and rhythms of all genres for visitors and locals alike to enjoy. Whether looking for a rockin' concert seat in the sand, an opportunity to browse local crafts and produce while listening to local jams, or laying out a blanket under the sun for a country-style fest, Virginia Beach's harmonies and melodies will have you swaying the music all year long.

### LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

During the summer months, the Virginia Beach oceanfront at the Resort Beach comes alive with themed entertainment along Atlantic Avenue. From 17th to 25th Streets, [Beach Street USA](#) brings eight city blocks to life with singers, bands, jugglers, magicians and other entertainers from all over the U.S. and Canada, who make the sidewalks their stage. Free live concerts and theatrical productions take place seven nights a week, from dusk until 11 p.m., transforming Virginia Beach's resort area into an outdoor music festival suited for the entire family.



Just minutes away at the [Virginia Beach Town Center](#), live music sets the tone for a night out on the town, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (April through September) at the Fountain Plaza, where performers, ranging from bluegrass to country and jazz to pop, delight the crowds with free performances beginning at 6 p.m. This summer, swing dancers with Swing VA will be livening up the Town Center Fountain Plaza with jive, twirls and music as they perform live every third Saturday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. Additionally, Town Center also plays hosts to the annual free summer night concert series and farmers market known as [YNot Wednesdays](#) held at the Sandler Center Outdoor Plaza. Beginning in June and running every Wednesday until August, visitors can enjoy live music, ranging from rock to blues and Motown, all while browsing goods from the Virginia Beach Farmers Market and the Artisan Market, as well as enjoying delicious food from YNot Italian, the event's title sponsor.



### STATE-OF-THE-ART ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

Year-round at [Farm Bureau Live](#), also known as the Veterans United Home Loans Amphitheater, visitors can choose from more than 30 musical events. From April through October, the 20,000-capacity outdoor concert venue hosts the hottest performers in pop, rock, adult contemporary, R&B, country and jazz, transforming its lawn into the perfect

dance floor under the sun. Those looking to sit closer to the stage can do so in a ticketed area under a canopy, and five large video screens and CD-quality sound make every seat feel and sound like the best seat in the house.

Those looking for the best in theatrical performances and cultural entertainment will find top-performing artists, Broadway productions, ballet and opera at the state-of-the-art [Sandler Center for the Performing Arts](#) year-round, including the Center's Great Performance Series.



### **YEAR-ROUND MUSICAL EVENTS**

Virginia Beach hosts [musical events year-round](#), from intimate concerts in dockside bars to well-established musical festivals that celebrate the city's culture and diversity. Visitors can dance to the beat of salsa, merengue, mamba and bachata presented by some of the best national and regional acts at the annual Latin Festival; explore the African origins of today's diversified musical genres during FunkFest and the Blues at the Beach Festival; or groove to Caribbean and Latin-infused during the steel band competition at PANorama Caribbean Music Fest – all just a handful of the free and open-to-the-public festivals that inspire visitors to grab their dancing shoes and bring their moves down to Virginia Beach.



The summer season kicks off with Virginia Beach's iconic [Patriotic Festival](#), hosted by the USO. As home to the largest military bases in the country, Virginia Beach is proud to be the yearly host for this weekend-long (June 2-4) military celebration, which honors our Armed Forces personnel and their families with an oceanfront celebration that include concerts in the sand by national touring artists, including Old Dominion, Darius Rucker and Jake Owen, who have already been confirmed for this year's event. Closing

out the season on Labor Day Weekend is the [American Music Festival](#), the largest outdoor music events on the East Coast. The weekend-long celebration brings together national, regional and local musical acts on a gigantic oceanfront state, as well as stages set up along the three-mile oceanfront boardwalk.

Staying true to its musical spirit, Virginia Beach closes out the year with the annual [Last Night on the Town](#) celebration at the Virginia Beach Town Center, hosted by the Central Business District Association. The New Year's Eve event begins with a family-friendly celebration. Entertainment continues throughout the night at Town Center, with more festivities and live music. A countdown to midnight with a spectacular laser light and fireworks show will ring in the new year.

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