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## August 2022 Newsletter

Before the [7th Annual Festival](#) descends upon the district this October, art and mural making is taking front and center. This September, watch for familiar faces and new friends as the 2022 selection of artists commence projects around NEON. We can't wait to unveil the new murals and more to you this October 20 and 21!

- **Gourmandizing NEON:** London-based artist [Matthew McGuiness](#) and [The Governor's School for the Arts](#) public art students will be painting a mural on the side of Virginia Furniture on Olney road along the theme, "A History of Lunchtime in Norfolk"
- **Ghent Grab & Go Mural:** [Victoria Jensen](#) and [Asiko-oluwa Aderin](#), fine art students from Norfolk State University were selected for a mural on the rear wall of Ghent Grab & Go that illustrates the warm feelings that food and the creation of meals inspire
- **Bob's Gun Shop Billboard Mural:** Local artist [Hanna Kirby](#) is the fourth artist to fill the rotating mural site on the billboard along Olney Road, with a design that welcomes all to the NEON
- **Virginia Furniture Storefront Windows:** Local artist [Parrish Majestic](#) plans to enliven a storefront on Granby with colorful temporary murals as a "selfie spot" in his signature graphic style



## Wednesday Wind Downs Returns

Bring a chair or blanket and your favorite snack and relax on the Harrison Opera House lawn for **Wednesday Wind Down!** Take a midweek break and get a sneak peek of what Virginia Opera singers can do ahead of the new opera season. Tell your friends, grab your coworkers, round up the kids and join NEON on the lawn each Wednesday, August 31 through September 21 at 5:30pm. Chairs, blankets, and picnics welcome! Free and open to the public.



## Neighborhood News

Before summer completely dissolves into the temperate days of fall, might we suggest a cool treat from NEON eateries? **Hummingbird's** signature macaron ice cream sandwiches, a sparkling lavender lemonade from **Café Milo**, a chilled fruit tart de **La Brioche**, or a margarita flight from **Soiree Bistro** would be just the thing for a late-summer reprieve.

Look alive on the morning of September 17 for brief street closures in NEON for the Heart of Ghent 10k. Click [here](#) for course info.



## Programs and Events

- **First Friday with Artist Jaida Garrison, Zeke's NFK**, September 2
- **Date Night, Push Comedy Theater**, September 3
- **RnB Block Party**, Scope Plaza, September 3
- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, Culture, September 7
- **Norfolk Forum: Rick Steves**, Chrysler Hall, September 7
- **Black Jacket Symphony**, Harrison Opera House, September 9
- **NEON Art Tour, The Plot**, September 10
- **Divulge Exhibition Opening Reception**, d'Art Center, September 15
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, September 15
- **Bhav Brigade Yoga**, The Plot, September 17
- **Collecting and Analyzing the Natural World**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 17
- **WHRO Classical Open Mic**, Chrysler Museum of Art, September 24
- **Vitreous Theater: Love Is Hard Work**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, September 30
- **Off-Granby: The Musical**, Push Comedy Theater, September 30

See all upcoming events in and around the NEON District [here](#).

## Recently in NEON

### Exhibitions

*Lasting Impressions: Prints from the Collection of David R. and Susan S. Goode*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*To See a World in a Grain of Sand*, Chrysler Museum of Art

*Divulge: A National Juried Exhibition*, d'Art Center

*Wicked*, Chrysler Hall

*The Valkyrie*, Harrison Opera House

### **Press**

[NEON Festival Holds Open Call for Artists and Performers in Norfolk](#), WAVY

[A Decade of Women-Run Comedy: Panties in a Twist Rocks The Norva This Weekend](#), Norfolk Currents

[Rick Steves Returns through the Back Door](#), VEER Magazine

[Newest Chrysler Exhibit Connects People with Places through Sand](#), Norfolk Currents



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