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July 2023 Newsletter

Always wanted to join in the NEON Festival fun? Now's the time with the NEON District accepting submissions from artists and performers for the festival this month. This year, the **8th Annual NEON Festival** takes place around the district on October 19 and 20, from 6 to 10 pm.

The NEON Festival programming is driven by the community, sourced through this free open call and then organized by a volunteer committee of artists, performers and NEON residents. A variety of spaces are available on both evenings at multiple stages and venues, with opportunities to show art in indoor and outdoor pop-up exhibition spaces and for performers at a variety of neighborhood venues. Visual artists (2D and 3D), musicians, bands, entertainers, dance troupes, theaters, performance artists and cultural organizations are all encouraged to apply.

Submit artworks or proposals from now until August 20, 2023 right [here](#). All applicants will be notified of invitation to participate by August 28, 2023.

This free festival is presented by Arts Alliance and Old Dominion University in partnership with the Downtown Norfolk Council and the Chrysler Museum of Art. Click [here](#) to watch a preview of the festivities.



Chrysler WorkOUTs

Calling all work-from-home professionals! Jumpstart your routine with Chrysler **WorkOUTs**! On Wednesdays in August enjoy a beautiful space to work, get your energy flowing during creative breaks and connect with local wellness professionals, business leaders, and art educators. The free program is offered collaboration with tHRive, a program of the Hampton Roads Chamber, and the Norfolk Innovation Corridor. Register for a session [here](#).



Neighborhood News

It's the final two weeks of local artist Dathan Kane's exhibition at Commune NFK, *Seeing Shapes*. A highlight of Commune's gallery schedule for the year, the solo art exhibition opened in June and closes August 13. You'll have seen Dathan's work on big walls all over Hampton Roads, but get up close and personal with his signature black and white paintings while you brunch, grab a coffee or a cocktail at Commune's **new daily happy hour**.

Programs and Events

- **NEON District Committee Meeting**, Harrison Opera House, August 2
- **First Thursday with Heather Beardsley**, Chrysler Museum of Art, August 3
- **First Friday with Jay Brown**, Zeke's NFK, August 4
- **NEON Art Tour**, The Plot, August 5
- **Date Night**, Push Comedy Theater, August 5
- **Scapes Opening Reception**, d'Art Center, August 10
- **The Unusual Suspects**, Push Comedy Theater, August 12
- **Art Law Seminar**, d'Art Center, August 16
- **Tickle My Ears**, Chrysler Museum of Art, August 17
- **Glass After Dark**, Chrysler Museum Glass Studio, August 17
- **Bhav Brigade Yoga**, The Plot, August 19
- **Annual Used Book Sale**, Chrysler Museum of Art, August 19-20

- [TTBB: All Womxn Comedy Variety Show](#), Generic Theater, August 19
- [Fortune Feimster](#), Harrison Opera House, August 25

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

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