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### **27th Annual Hampton Bay Days Announces Musical Line Up For September 11-13, 2009 Festival**

*--An estimated 200,000 attendees expected to enjoy free event headlined by  
musical entertainers Bruce Hornsby and Ricky Skaggs--*

**Hampton, Virginia-** This September 11-13, Hampton, Virginia will once again welcome an estimated 200,000 fun seekers and festival attendees to the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hampton Bay Days. The free event, one of the largest family-friendly festivals on the entire East Coast, will showcase music by national recording artists **Bruce Hornsby and Ricky Skaggs**, as well as local favorites **Slapwater, The Original Rhondels, and The Prisoners**, among others.

Friday, September 11 features an eclectic line up of local favorites. Enjoy the R & B, rock, pop, blues, and jazz fusion of the **Gator Almond Band & Spice of Life**, as well as the cool country of **Heather Edwards** and **Crazy X**. The **Brad Street Band** will keep it rocking with countless covers, while the **USAF (United States Air Force) Blue Aces** take to the main stage for two energetic performances.

On Saturday, September 12, Hampton Bay Days will present an evening with **Bruce Hornsby and Ricky Skaggs**. Hosted on the main stage, the two-part, star-filled

show begins at 6:00 p.m. with performances by **Ricky Skaggs AND Bruce Hornsby with Kentucky Thunder** followed at 8:00 p.m. by **Bruce Hornsby and the Noise Makers**.

Hornsby, a twelve-time Grammy nominee and three-time Grammy winner, has produced ten albums, and sold over 11 million copies worldwide. Music lovers will enjoy an eclectic mix of hits played by Hornsby and the Noise Makers including, “The Way It Is”, the most played song on American radio in 1987, “The End of the Innocence”, “Every Little Kiss”, and “Jacob’s Ladder”.

Also, known around the music industry as a collaborator, Hornsby has been sought after by a veritable “who’s who” in the music business. He’s played on albums with the likes of Bob Dylan, Don Henley, the Grateful Dead, Bob Seger, Crosby Stills and Nash, Stevie Nicks, Willie Nelson, and more. In 2007, bluegrass veteran Ricky Skaggs and pianist Bruce Hornsby joined forces for a collaborative album released on March 20, 2007. Eleven-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs is affectionately known as one of bluegrass music’s most recognized ambassadors.

Backed by Skaggs’ ace band Kentucky Thunder, the Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby with Kentucky Thunder performance will include soulful songs drawn from deep roots in mountain music – adding piano, and Hornsby’s inimitable songwriting to the core of the bluegrass lineup – mandolin, guitar, bass, fiddle and banjo. Surprisingly, two of the most familiar songs prove to be at once the most startlingly innovative: “Mandolin Rain” is reinvented as an acoustic ballad and “Super Freak” (yes, the Rick James song) jumps out as a tongue in cheek hillbilly rave-up. Other songs include: “The Dreaded Spoon”, “Across the Rocky Mountain”, and “Gulf of Mexico Fishing Boat Blues”.

On Sunday, September 13, local favorites **Slapwater** are sure to have the crowd moving with their mix of beach, disco, rock n’ roll, and Motown. One of the most popular bands in all of Hampton Roads, Slapwater is sure to bring energy to the main stage. **The Original Rhondels**, known for three top 10 hits including “May I”, “I’ve Been Hurt”, and “What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am”, will delight audiences with their upbeat style of beach music beginning at 2:30 p.m. Up and coming Newport-News

based reggae band **The Prisoners** will make sure all is irie when they take to the Mill Point Park stage at 12:00 p.m.

The official musical entertainment line-up is as follows:

### **Friday, September 11, 2009**

#### **Main Stage**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Gator Almond & Spice of Life
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	USAF Blue Aces
8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Hampton Salutes Hometown Heroes
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	USAF Blue Aces

#### **Mill Point Park Stage**

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Brad Street Band
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Heather Edwards
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Crazy X

### **Saturday, September 12, 2009**

#### **Main Stage**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Robbin Thompson
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby with Kentucky Thunder
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers

#### **Mill Point Park Stage**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Incognito Brothers
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Danny and the Usual Suspects
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	The Blues Cats
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	A Touch of Spice
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	The Deloreans

### **Sunday, September 13, 2009**

#### **Main Stage**

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Slapwater
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Original Rhondels
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Jim Quick and Coastline

**Mill Point Park Stage**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Prisoners

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Fins

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tidewater Drive

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Buddy Parker Drive

More information on the 27th annual Hampton Bay Days can be obtained by calling 757/ 727-1641 or by visiting [www.baydays.com](http://www.baydays.com).

In 1982, Hampton Bay Days was created as a unique outlet to educate the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay in the Hampton Roads region, as well as the rest of Virginia and Maryland. The goal of the festival was, and still is, to provide an entertaining atmosphere while ultimately serving a greater purpose, highlighting aspects of the Bay and promoting its upkeep and preservation.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center, is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center and Riverside IMAX® Theater, the Cousteau Society, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, award-winning Hampton Coliseum, The American Theatre, among others. Hampton was twice-named All-America City, the nation's oldest and most prominent community recognition award.

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