



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

July 1 - 4, 2022



CW AMERICAN MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

In partnership with the City of Williamsburg

New! Join us for four musical evenings of stirring American audience favorites.

Free and open to the public.

July 1 at 7:30 PM

Virginia Symphony Orchestra on Palace Green

July 2 at 7:30 PM

Virginia Arts Festival Big Band, featuring jazz vocalist
Sharón Clark, on the Lawn of the Art Museums

July 3 at 7:30 PM

The U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band on the Lawn of
the Art Museums

July 4 at 8:00 PM

CW Fifes & Drums and musicians on Palace Green

BEST FIREWORKS VIEWING LOCATIONS

Palace Green, Market Square, and the Lawn of the Art Museums

THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

GO FOURTH & EXPLORE! - You are invited to explore the Historic Area and the stories of the 18th-century colonial capital of Virginia. Learn about the diverse population who lived and worked here at our iconic guided sites and trade shops. Admission tickets for historic buildings, trades, museums, and select programming are available at the Lumber House ticketing office on Duke of Gloucester Street, all CW ticketing locations or online at colonialwilliamsburg.org/tickets.

A complete schedule of July 1 - 4 Entertainment Programming is available at colonialwilliamsburg.org.



"LIGHT AND LIBERTY GO TOGETHER."



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



9:30 AM	MORNING READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Thomas Jefferson begins a day of celebration and reflection. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums. At the Capitol West Balcony.
10:30 AM	A SALUTE TO THE STATES - A special muster in commemoration of the 246th anniversary of the birth of our nation and salute to the original 13 states. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums. On Market Square.
11:15 AM, 1:30 PM	VISIT A NATION BUILDER - Thomas Jefferson reflects on the events of the day. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
11:15 AM, 1:15 PM	CONCERT OF CELEBRATION - Come hear the Jug Broke Theatre Company play the music of the season! A 20-minute audio festival of 18th century songs and tunes! At the Play House Stage. Admission ticket required.
12:00 NOON	NOON READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - Residents of 18th-century Williamsburg read the Declaration of Independence from the steps and surrounding area of the Colonial Courthouse. With members of the CW Fifes & Drums.
12:30 PM	INDEPENDENCE DAY AUCTION - Bid on select items from CW stores as well as one-of-a-kind auction items found nowhere else! At Market Square.
1:30 PM	AMERICAN INDIAN ENCAMPMENT SITE - Visit an interpretive camp of a small American Indian delegation to Williamsburg. Native nations came to Williamsburg regularly in the 18th century to discuss matters of trade, warfare, and diplomacy. This interpretive camp explores the life ways of regional indigenous peoples, and their policies with the colony of Virginia. Admission ticket required.
1:30 PM, 3:00 PM	NATION BUILDERS DISCUSS THE COST OF FREEDOM - Join two Nation Builders to discuss the cost of freedom during the formation of the United States. Speak with Nation Builders, and the historians that portray them, to give context to the ins and outs of their 18th-century world. Hennage Auditorium. Admission ticket required.
2:45 PM	VISIT A NATION BUILDER - Martha Washington reflects on the day's events. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
4:00 PM	CREATED EQUAL - A highly acclaimed museum theatre exploration of African American perspectives on the Declaration of Independence, the revolutions it inspired, and the ongoing struggle for equality and freedom in America. At the Charlton Stage. Admission ticket required.
4:00 PM	FAMILY FUN - Live music and entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening, with ice cream and refreshments available for purchase. Fan-favorite band Good Shot Judy headlines a music concert from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Presented by Culture Fix and the City of Williamsburg. On the Lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg.
8:00 PM	LIGHTS OF FREEDOM: A PYROTECHNIC CELEBRATION - As a prelude to the fireworks, the American Music Concert Series concludes with a celebration of the words and music of the American Revolution. Highlights include a reading of the Declaration of Independence, American marching music of the Revolution, a patriotic sing-along, and selections from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks performed by the CW Fifes & Drums Sr. Corps. The heart-pounding, 20-minute fireworks finale begins at 9:30 PM.

