



International Tattoo Artists, Muralists and Musicians Head to Richmond, VA for Festival Sept. 13-15, 2019

August 6, 2019 Richmond, VA - Known for intimate celebrity encounters, the Richmond Tattoo, Art & Music Festival will open its doors for the 27th year this September. More than 150 local and internationally known tattoo artists with tattoo guests, including:

- **Ryan Ashley Malarkey:** The artist appeared in Ink Masters and Ink Masters Angels. Known for her black and white jewelry tattoos, she'll also lead a course in the Richmond Tattoo & Arts Academy (more below).
- **Cleen Rock One:** The Ink Master winner recently tweeted "I'm only doing one tattoo show this year and that's [@RichmondTat2Con.](#)"
- **Anthony Michaels:** Ink Master title winner from from seasons seven and ten.
- **Duffy Fortner:** Second generation artist from Maryland, spotted on Ink Master season six.
- **Cervena Fox:** International tattoo artist and burlesque performer. She'll bring her fire performing to the stage during the event in addition to live tattoos.



Jesse Smith of Loose Screw Tattoo (Richmond, VA) and Kenny Brown co-owner of Jack Brown's Tattoo Revival (Fredericksburg, VA) are leading the recruitment of artists and entertainment for one the oldest tattoo conventions in the world. Other local artists include:

- **Charles Berger:** Two Pillars Tattoo owner and muralist.
- **Chris Jenkins:** New school artist at Loose Screw Tattoo.
- **Nick Mitchell:** Loose Screw artist known for his zombie caricatures.



The festival will also draw in a global arts community. They'll converge to create and auction items for the Live Arts for Charity event. In addition, Smith will host a two-day line up of artists during the 2nd Annual Richmond Tattoo and Arts Academy. Eight experts from the tattoo industry and fine arts world will lead courses for tattoo artists and other artists. Artists from this year's festival include:

Matt Lively: Returning for a second year, the Richmond-based artist will create a piece for the Live Art event.

Sterling Hundley: The prolific illustrator has created for Rolling Stone, Marvel, the Grammys, GQ, the New Yorker, Red Bull, and Major League Baseball. The Richmond local and VCU alumni will discuss the evolutionary process of art.

Esao Andrews: The painter is known for his surreal artwork for the band Circa Survive and

DC Vertigo Comics. He'll lead a course on finding your artistic voice during the Academy and create a Live Art piece for auction.

OG Abel: Sony, Coca-Cola, ABC, Univision, Converse and Osiris are a few clients of OG Abel. He'll create a Live Art piece. During the Academy, he'll cover lettering and discuss converting sketches into Vector art.

Pablo Fontagnieir: Known as "Hombre SUK," Pablo is a graffiti artist and illustrator based in Nuremberg, Germany. He'll create a Live Art piece.

[Click here for a full list of Live Art for Charity artists.](#)

[Click here for a full list of Richmond Tattoo and Arts Academy artists.](#)

Other notable moments throughout the weekend:

- John Markel of Carbon Leaf will perform with his current project.
- 30+ vendors selling artisanal products
- Richmond's favorite food trucks
- Kids 'Tattoo' Competitions in the 'Lil' Tat Shack' tent where they will be provided with non-toxic markers to 'tattoo' a client of their choice.
- Airsex and Tattoo competitions with cash prizes, part of nearly \$15,000 of prizes given throughout the weekend!

More Details:

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Richmond – Midlothian

[1021 Koger Center Boulevard,
Richmond, VA, 23235](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1021+Koger+Center+Boulevard,+Richmond,+VA+23235)

Dates: September 13th - 15th, 2019

Times: Friday: 3 p.m. – 2 a.m. /
Saturday: Noon – 2 a.m. / Sunday:
Noon – 6 p.m.

VIP Ticket Holders: Get early entry
before the public each day: 30 minutes
earlier Friday and Sunday and 1 hour
earlier Saturday.

Academy Date: Thursday,
September 12th

Sign up for the Academy: <https://rvatattooarts.com/academy/>

Festival Ticket Purchase: <https://www.myticketstobuy.com/event/1486>

Event Website & Social Media:

<http://richmondtattooconvention.com/>
<https://www.instagram.com/richmondtattooconvention/>
<https://www.facebook.com/richmondtattooconvention/>
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