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## **Band Brackish Water Jamboree Bring Eclectic Americana Music To Hampton History Museum February 21**

**Hampton, VA** - Brackish Water Jamboree brings their eclectic brand of Americana music to the Hampton History Museum's Front Porch Music Series on Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Known for an energetic mix of foot-stomping bluegrass, old-time folk and classic Americana featuring fiddle, clawhammer banjo, upright bass, pedal steel guitar, and even a washboard, the band performs all original music (and a few staple standards) that echo classic country, upbeat Appalachian fiddle tunes, ragtime blues, the Bakersfield sound, and more.

Brackish Water Jamboree is Paul Bidanset - vocals, banjo, guitar, harmonica; Rachel

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Gaither – fiddle, vocals; Wes Russow - drums, washboard; and Mike Munden: upright bass, banjo, and pedal steel guitar.

What do a bunch of beach boys (and gal) know about hillbilly music? Brackish Water Jamboree named their roots-music free-for-all after the swampy confluence from which they hail: Tidewater, Virginia. But in the first few years since their formation, they've experienced some success extending beyond their hometown. In 2016, the band's original, debut album reached the top 40 of iTunes' "New Country Music" chart for several weeks the month of its release (February 2016); their touring schedule has found them with regular performances at iconic roots venues and festivals throughout West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and beyond, opening for roots greats such as Grammy award-winning Dom Flemons (co-founder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops), Larry Keel, Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, Hackensaw Boys, and more.

Most recently, the band achieved several coveted musical honors from their home state, including VEER Magazine's "Best Americana Band", and a headlining performance in NPR member station host Paul Shugrue's widely acclaimed Out of the Box Concert Series. They've even founded a successful roots music festival in their hometown that boasts national, regional, and local acts, and thousands of attendees of all ages. The band is currently entering the studio to record their sophomore release (slated to be released in the fall of 2018).

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking

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settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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