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**AUTUMN IS THE PERFECT TIME TO “FALL” FOR
CHARLOTTESVILLE & ALBEMARLE COUNTY**
A season full of music, festivals, and exciting events!

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (September 13, 2016) – The Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB) invites visitors and locals alike to enjoy a multitude of festivals and other fun events in our area this fall.

Music lovers will not want to miss the 17th season of the **Charlottesville Chamber Music Festival**, which runs from September 8 - 22. This fine festival presents the music of classical composers Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven and many others, played by a very diverse group of internationally-acclaimed musicians. Concerts will be played at two of Charlottesville’s most historic venues – The Paramount Theater on the Downtown Mall and Old Cabell Hall at The University of Virginia. There will also be concerts taking place at Live Arts and Piedmont Virginia Community College. For the complete list of concerts and artists, visit www.cvillechambermusic.org.

On September 17, the Charlottesville Pride Community Network will present the 5th annual **Cville Pride Festival**. This festival aims to create a vibrant, visible and unified LGBTQ community presence in Charlottesville and the surrounding areas. Events take place all week long, culminating in the Pride Festival on Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Lee Park. Highlights include music, dancing, a beer garden, food trucks and much more. For additional information, visit www.cvillepride.org.

The **Tom Tom Founders Festival** returns this fall with a free two-day event from September 23-24 – the Fall Block Party **Tomtoberfest** at Lee Park in downtown Charlottesville. This event brings great bands, public art, a dozen local food trucks and a giant New Belgium beer garden. The Block Party also celebrates innovators, artists, and community leaders who create great things in Charlottesville by featuring their profiles on lamppost banners across the Downtown Mall. More information is available at www.tomtomfest.com/tomtoberfest.

The annual **Foxfield Fall Races** will take place on Sunday, September 25. This iconic Charlottesville event kicks off with gates opening at 10:00 a.m. and Jack Russell Terrier races starting at noon. The first horse races will follow shortly thereafter at 1:30 p.m. This family-friendly event features many activities for all ages including pony rides, face painting and much more. For additional details, visit www.foxfieldraces.com/fall.

Fall will bring an array of notable performers to Charlottesville, including Carrie Underwood, The Avett Brothers, The Lumineers, and Beck. With awesome venues such as the Sprint Pavilion, the John Paul Jones Arena, the Paramount Theater and the Jefferson Theater, these shows promise to provide a memorable experience for all!

For a complete list of events, travel information, packages and hotel room reservations, please visit the official destination website for Charlottesville and Albemarle County www.visitcharlottesville.org.

About the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB):

In addition to serving as the global resource for marketing the tourism assets of [Charlottesville](#) and [Albemarle County](#), Virginia, through www.visitcharlottesville.org, the CACVB assists tour operators, meeting planners, reunions and other groups in planning visits to the destination. CACVB's mission is "to enhance the economic prosperity of City and County by promoting, selling and marketing the City of Charlottesville and County of Albemarle, as a destination, in pursuit of the meetings and tourism markets." CACVB operates the [Downtown Visitor Center \(610 E Main St\)](#) which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a second visitor center, the [Albemarle Tourism and Adventure Center](#) in downtown Crozet ([5791 Three Notch'd Rd](#)) at the historic train depot; it is open Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m. The CACVB also provides a touch-screen kiosk at Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center. The official website of the CACVB is www.visitcharlottesville.org. In addition, the organization manages powerful social media channels; ExperienceCharlottesville on Facebook, @VisitCville on Twitter, CvilleVA on Pinterest, and @CharlottesvilleVA on Instagram and Vimeo.

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