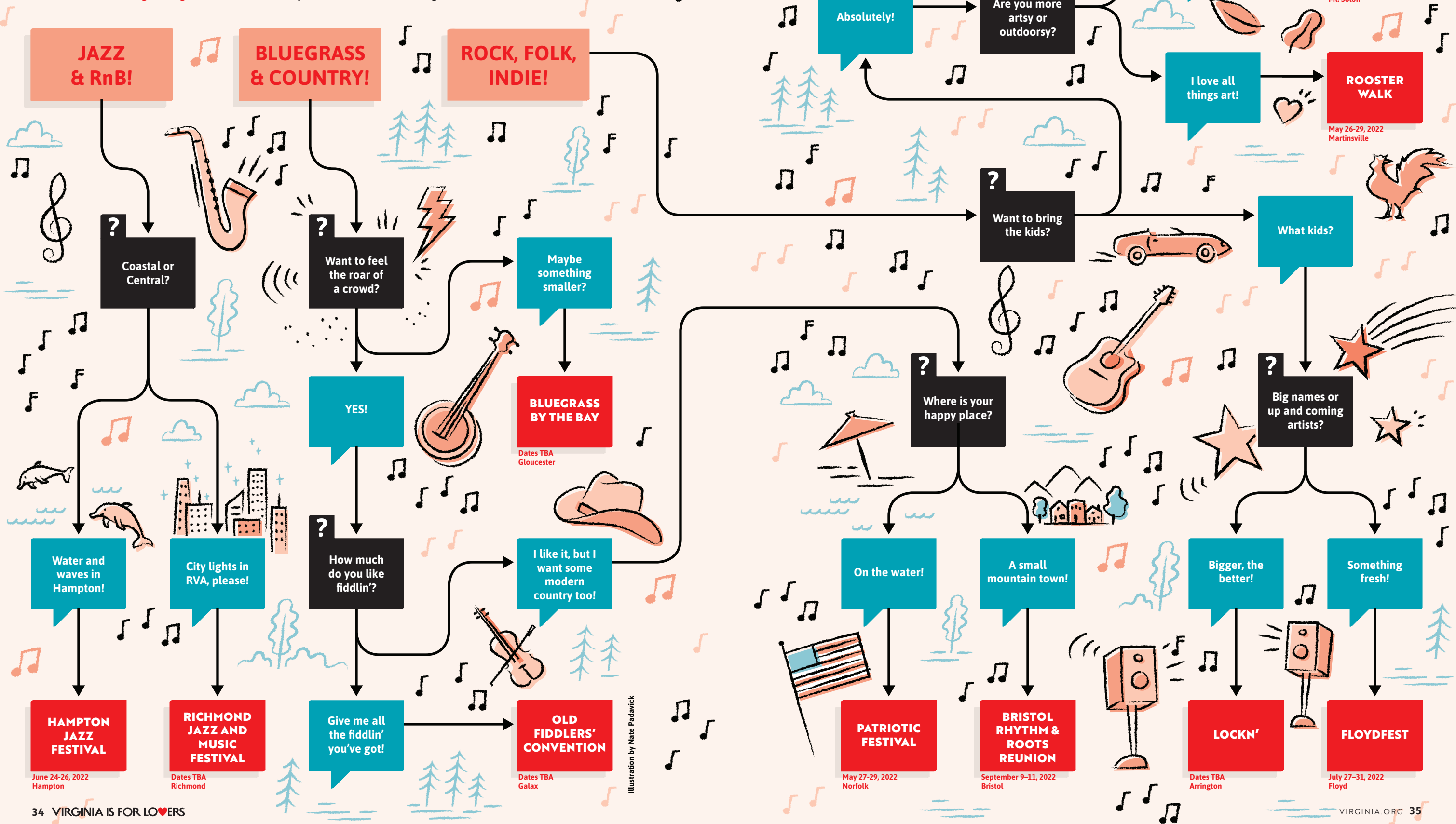


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A PLACE TO CALL HOME

"Top Chef" star Joy Crump brings passion for food and community to Fredericksburg.
By Hannah Armstrong



A Pennsylvania native, Chef Joy Crump built her culinary career throughout the country. From Los Angeles to Atlanta, her story started in the hustle and bustle of big cities, under some of the nation's best chefs, but landed her here in Fredericksburg, where she brings her passion for farm-to-table cooking to a tight-knit, family-like community.

Food has always played an important role in Joy's life and family. "All of our memories and our most important moments seemed to happen around food and our meals," Joy says of her childhood. It wasn't until she lost her father that her passion for food became the focus for her future. After college, Joy worked in Los Angeles as a contract caterer and private chef in Hollywood then moved to Atlanta to deepen her understanding of food, enrolling at the Art Institute of Atlanta and studying under farm-to-fork pioneers Chef Kevin Gillespie and Chef Michael Touhy. She became known for her ability to take seasonal, locally sourced ingredients and turn them into refined yet beautifully approachable food – and even competed on Season 12 of "Top Chef."

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So what brings a highly trained, "Top Chef" star like Joy to a small city in Northern Virginia? When she began looking for the right place to open her first restaurant, it was 2010, the height of the recession, and Fredericksburg made sense on paper. Located between two major foodie hubs, Richmond and Washington, D.C., it had a lower cost of entry and a stable economy with a university, hospital and lots of military and government employees. But little did she know this historic city would show up for her in extraordinary ways. "Fredericksburg is very community-minded; they support local businesses like I've never seen before. They wrap you up in their arms, they come when it's snowing and raining," Joy said in an interview with Virginia Living.



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"In Fredericksburg, there aren't as many barriers between the people who are living in this community and enjoying your product, and the people who are producing the product itself."



It was this tight-knit community that drew Joy into a place she could finally call home and helped her build her brand to what it is today. After opening her first restaurant FOODE, she worked with the community to not only source fresh, local ingredients but to also learn what would make FOODE a place they would want to return to again and again, a place that felt a bit like home. In return, Joy created a space that provided jobs, delicious food and support to local farmers – and ultimately lit the fire for Fredericksburg's food scene.

Joy's biggest takeaway from her time on "Top Chef" was that cooking is a team sport. We achieve so much more when working together, and that's what she found here in Fredericksburg: a community that leans on each other, works together and feels a lot like family.

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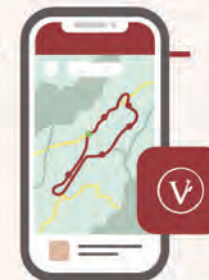
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PRIDE IN VIRGINIA

BY HANNAH ARMSTRONG

Virginia is all about love and we work every day to become a more inclusive place where all people feel welcome, seek to better understand each other and embrace diversity. When it comes to Pride and Pride Month, you can find an outpouring of love and support for the ever-growing LGBTQ+ community through festivals and city-wide celebrations that extend throughout the state. These celebrations not only show love and support, but highlight the amazing contributions our LGBTQ+ community makes to Virginia throughout the year.

The fight for equal rights and overall acceptance is an ongoing effort, but we are start-

ing to see a real shift here in Virginia. Places like **Richmond, Northern Virginia** and **Norfolk** have been loud and proud in the pride arena for decades, holding parties and festivals uplifting the community since the late '70s. But over the past few years, Pride has also sprung up throughout smaller towns and more unexpected places, in communities like Suffolk and Bristol.

Suffolk held its inaugural Pride celebration in June 2021 at Bennett's Creek Park, kicking off with an energetic Zumba class followed by a march for HIV/AIDS awareness, plus an all-day celebration with live music, art and food vendors, performers and more. The event went off without a hitch, drawing crowds of all ages and raising money and awareness for a new LGBTQ+ center in Suffolk. Organizers hope the

celebration will be the start of growing acceptance in the area and also lead to more local safe spaces for the LGBTQ+ community within Suffolk. To top it off, the City of Suffolk and Mayor Michael Duman officially recognized June as "LGBTQ Pride Month" shortly ahead of the festival, further legitimizing the event and the city's efforts to become a safe and welcoming space for all.

On the opposite side of the state, **Bristol** had their first-ever Pride event, TriPride, planned for 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event was cancelled, moved to October 2021 and cancelled again due to the pandemic's resurgence. Luckily, Bristol is committed to their effort. This funky small town is rescheduling the event yet again for summer 2022 with the hope of finally bringing the joy of Pride

to Bristol and southwest Virginia. Because Bristol is located on state lines, its location in Tennessee and Virginia makes this event the first Pride parade to ever occur in two states at once, as well as the first-ever Pride event in the birthplace of country music. Pretty cool, right? Not to mention Bristol's Pride festivities are expected to bring in more than 10,000 people!

The work is never done, but these kinds of positive changes are taking us in the right direction, and we can't wait to see where we go from here. To learn more about Pride events happening all around the state and support the LGBTQ+ community, visit virginia.org/LGBT.

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Virginia shows off its beauty and character in Hulu's "Dopesick," co-written by Roanoke author Beth Macy.

Virginia continues to be a dynamic and versatile destination for film projects, and the cast and crew of the Hulu limited series "Dopesick" found an unexpected gem when they first arrived in the state. Starring as the backdrop for this gripping story inspired by Roanoke author Beth Macy's bestselling book, Virginia also shined in a surprise supporting role: a vibrant and welcoming home in which to explore and unwind off set.



THE CANAL WALK
Richmond

ANTHONY PLATT / GENE PAGE

"Dopesick" filmed throughout Virginia in 2020, with the majority of filming taking place in Central Virginia and Clifton Forge. The show features many recognizable locations for those keeping an eye out, including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Canal Walk, the Virginia War Memorial, the Estate at River Run and several recognizable restaurants in Richmond. You may also spot downtown Clifton Forge, the Jackson River and the Historic Masonic Theatre.

But beyond the show, the cast and crew found both respite and adventure in all Virginia has to offer, including strolling through Carytown, running and biking along the James River, exploring Malvern Hill Battlefield and Cold Harbor, and even hiking the Appalachian Trail.

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