



CELEBRATE

In summer of 2017, a new 10-foot bronze statue of **Maggie Lena Walker** was unveiled and serves as a gateway to the African American story in Richmond. The memorial pays homage to the civil rights leader, newspaper publisher, teacher, businesswoman and the first female to charter a bank in the U.S.



The **Virginia Museum of History and Culture** celebrates the centennial of World War I with **WWI America** now through July 29. The exhibit focuses on the war as a transformational event that was always in dialogue with other social movements such as immigration, racial conflict, women's rights and labor struggles. This is the exhibit's only scheduled stop on the east coast.

EAT

Richmond's culinary scene gets bigger and better in 2018! Three-time James Beard semifinalist Lee Gregory will open his first solo restaurant, **Alewife**, in early 2018. Alewife will feature Chesapeake Bay and Mid-Atlantic seafood and will emphasize conservation: think fewer straws and ice cubes.

The trendy Scott's Addition neighborhood will add another dining option with the first quarter opening of **Perch**, helmed by chef Mike Ledesma. A blend of Pacific flavors and Virginia cuisine will make up the menu.

Little Saint opened in the fall of 2017 in Richmond's Museum District. The locally-focused restaurant features a unique variety from chef Alex Enggist such as Crispy Fish Skin Chicharrones, Hand-Rolled Gnocchi and the Byrd Mill Grits Bowl.

EXPLORE

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden presents **Origami in the Garden** April 13–September 30. The exhibition includes larger-than-life outdoor sculpture inspired by the art of paper folding. Santa Fe artist Kevin Box collaborates with his wife, Jennifer Box and origami masters to celebrate the art of origami in museum quality sculpture and educational programming.

Virginia Commonwealth University's **Institute for Contemporary Art**, which was recently named one of the "15 Most Noteworthy Museums Opening This Year" by Architectural Digest, opened on April 21. The 43,000 sq. ft. building was designed by Steven Holl Architects. A non-collecting institution, the ICA presents the work of contemporary artists. Declaration, the inaugural exhibit, explores contemporary art's power to catalyze change.



The Science Museum of Virginia is introducing the technology behind transport with **Going Places** February 16 – August 19. The interactive exhibit will include a flight simulator, hovercraft rides and virtual traffic control.

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' Napoleon: Power and Splendor arrives June 9. The exhibit will feature more than 250 works of fine and decorative art that crafted Napoleon's image and the Imperial Household that supported his rise to power. Most of this collection has never before been exhibited in the United States.

Currently on display at the VMFA is **The Horse in Ancient Greek Art**, through July 8. From myth and legend to warfare, sport and transportation, the horse played an integral role in ancient Greek culture.





FLY

On March 15, **Richmond International Airport** launched daily, nonstop flights to and from Orlando International Airport and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport via Spirit Airlines. Summer will bring direct service from Richmond to Nashville via Allegiant Air beginning in June.

IMBIBE

The **Richmond Beer Trail** has expanded to include more than 30 breweries. The trail guides visitors to award-winning breweries and to collect stamps at a minimum of five breweries in exchange for collectible gear. **Hardywood West Creek**, the brewery's second Richmond region location, opened this spring featuring a large taproom and an outdoor amphitheater for live music slated for completion later this year. The family behind Stem Bell Beer Works recently opened **Canon & Draw Brewing Co.** in Richmond's Fan neighborhood, with constant new beer releases and infusions.

The Jasper cocktail bar recently opened in Richmond's popular Carytown neighborhood. The bar, named after Jasper Crouch, a 19th century Richmond barman, serves small plates to compliment the beverages.

LISTEN

Spring of 2018 welcomed the first annual **Sound Arts Festival** in Richmond. This city-wide sound exhibition will include over 25 local organizations presenting art through sound. The festival, taking place March–October, will also feature work by exhibiting sound artists.

PLAY

Retro throwbacks have hit the scene. **The Circuit Arcade Bar** houses 50+ vintage arcade and pinball machines, as well as classic console games. Of course there is skee ball, air hockey and hoops for group gaming! Quench your thirst at the self-serve craft beer wall, which features local brews, ciders and wine.

River City Roll offers an upscale bowling experience on the outskirts of trendy Scott's Addition. It has 20 lanes, three skee ball machines, two table shuffleboards and an outdoor patio.

SHOP

Boutiques are on the rise in Richmond, adding funk and flavor to the neighborhoods they inhabit. Recent additions include **Jackson & James**, a men's clothing shop located in Scott's Addition that focuses on high-quality craftsmanship, along with the makers behind the clothing and their stories.

Little Nomad is a children's retail shop located in the Downtown Arts District. The shop began as a line of gender neutral children's tees, designed by couple Anthony and Nora Bryant, and has grown into a storefront that features additional clothing brands, shoes and books.






WANDER

GRTC Pulse is a modern, high quality, high capacity rapid transit system that serves a 7.6-mile route along Broad Street and Main Street, from Rocketts Landing in the City of Richmond to Willow Lawn in Henrico County. GRTC Pulse is jointly sponsored by Bon Secours Richmond Health System and VCU Health System. The Pulse links to many exciting destinations, businesses, services and restaurants.



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