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New Member on the Virginia Arts Festival Board of Directors

William I. “Bill” Foster III , the president of TowneBank-Norfolk since 2004, has joined the Board of Directors for the Virginia Arts Festival. Mr. Foster holds degrees from both Old Dominion University and the College of William and Mary. He has extensive lending background, managing both commercial and real estate loan portfolios. He serves on the board of directors of The National Maritime Center, Festevents, Greater Norfolk Corporation and the Norfolk Schools Foundation.

***About Virginia Arts Festival:** The world-class Virginia Arts Festival premiered in coastal Virginia in spring 1997. Twenty-plus venues in nine cities from the Historic Triangle (Jamestown/Yorktown/Williamsburg) to Norfolk to the oceanfront resort, Virginia Beach, host over 50 performances by top-flight artists from around the world in classical music, dance, theatre, and opera. Signature events are the Chamber Music series, led by pianist André-Michel Schub, and the spectacle of music and might, the Virginia International Tattoo. The 11th annual Festival is slated for April 17-June 3, 2007. Season subscriptions are on sale now and single tickets will go on sale in February. Call 757-282-2800 or toll-free 1-877-741-ARTS (2787) or visit www.vafest.com.*