

SPF 2016 showcases expanse of arts throughout September

Florida's always-artful St. Petersburg hosts event-packed arts-and-culture month – “SPF” – with different arts themes every week this September

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (July 7, 2016) -- **September is Arts Month in St. Petersburg**, Florida. The second annual **SPF** brings dozens of wide-ranging arts events, covering a spectrum of creations and experiences, showcasing a diverse array of local and national artists, organizations, and St. Pete style.

From **renowned street art** to surprise **pop-up performances**, SPF involves and is not nearly limited to: **galleries, music, robots, fashion, culinary, photography, ballet, comedy, glassblowing, art-in-business, magic, literature, drum circles, chalk art, parties, openings**, several festivals throughout the month, family friendly events, adult friendly events, and many **free** activities.

Several events are simultaneous or ongoing. And several events are mobile – dotting St. Pete’s mix of historic and modern backdrops and venues, across the City’s five unique arts districts, all comprising the “Open-Air Museum” that is St. Petersburg. Just a few specific events (further details available):

"Shine" Mural Festival
Pop-up Performing Arts
in area restaurants
Gallery tours

Art-biz collaborations
Abbreviated **Shakespeare**
Graffiti exhibitions
Read and Write-in

Robot Exchange
Arts Caravans
Mobile Hot Glass Shop
Mobile Dance Tour

Music events range from jazz to opera, orchestras to tributes, encompassing copious notable musicians.

Central Avenue Solstice is another highlight. St. Pete’s coast-to-coast Central Avenue, with several themed districts and attractions, will hold this eight mile-long street festival along the only road in St. Petersburg that hosts both sunrise and sunset (all-day events begin at dawn, with the finale at dusk).

Over a hundred St. Pete museums, **venues**, and art-minded business will host activities – such as:

Florida Holocaust Museum
Museum of Fine Arts
The Dali Museum
Morean Arts Center

African-American Museum
Museum of History
Florida CraftArt
American Stage

Palladium Theater
Studio @620
USFSP campus
Creative Clay

St. Petersburg has a long/**storied** and rapidly evolving reputation as a top **arts** and cultural **destination**.

The **arts and creative-mindedness** are widely recognized as critical components of a thriving city.

The month-long SPF is presented by the **Suncoasters of St. Petersburg**, and produced by the **St. Petersburg Arts Alliance** with support from the **City of St. Petersburg**.

Details, dates/times, updates and more information are available at SPFestival.com.