

St. Petersburg

Festival of the Arts



Weekend 1:

CUTTING EDGE ART - THE VISUAL WORLD

September 7 – Artful Cocktails – Festival Kickoff

Invitational sponsor & media reception

Location to be announced

Producer: Suncoasters of St. Petersburg

Contact: - www.suncoasters-stpete.com

Admission: Invitation only

September 9 – Second Saturday ArtWalk

Meet the artists and gallery owners during this casual, festive evening as over 40 studios and galleries in the Waterfront Arts, Central, EDGE, Grand Central and Warehouse Arts Districts come together as one arts destination. ArtWalk is Opening Night where many galleries and studios premiere works. It's impossible to take in the entire ArtWalk in one night! Plan to drive, walk, or take the free trolleys to visit the districts of your choice.

Producer: St. Petersburg Arts Alliance

Contact: John Collins – 727-518-5142

info@stpeteartsalliance.org - www.stpeteartsalliance.org

Admission: Free

September 9 - Creative Clay Celebration in their new home!

Creative Clay - 1846 1st Ave. S.

- Ribbon Cutting by the Mayor at 5pm To be confirmed
- Live Music by Chant the Trees
- Champagne and cupcakes by Swah-ray, To be confirmed
- Creative Thrift store grand opening
- Tours of our new space
- The Good Folk Show Invitational, opening reception, featuring art by regional folk artists and the studio artists of Creative Clay
- “Telling Stories” with Don Stone, Winter Haven folk artist, presents 2 folk art workshops – contact Creative Clay for more information.

Producer: Creative Clay

Contact: Jody Bikoff, 727-825-0515, jody@creativeclay.org

<https://www.creativeclay.org>

Admission: Free

September 7 & 9 – Conversations in Art+Innovations with Nobuho Nagasawa

Nobuho Nagasawa Presentation

Pinellas Park Auditorium (7690 59th St N)

Thursday, September 7, 7 to 9pm

RSVP at <http://creativepinellas.org/>

Conversation and Reception

Morean Art Gallery (719 Central Ave.)

Saturday, September 9, 4 to 5pm

Creative Pinellas presents conversations in Art+Innovations -- An opportunity to explore the ideas of the most forward thinking and creative people working today. Sponsored by the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance, Clearwater Arts Alliance, Tampa Bay Businesses for Culture and the Arts and the Morean Arts Center.

This event will create a dialogue on the newest ideas and most compelling expressions between art + place + people. The Thursday night event is a formal presentation and talk.

The Saturday early evening event is a more informal <> meet and greet.

Based in New York City since 2001, Nobuho Nagasawa was born in Tokyo, and raised in Europe and Japan, and received her MFA at Hochschule der Künste in Berlin. She came to the United States as a visiting scholar through the invitation of California Institute of the Arts in 1986, where she studied visual art, critical theory and music. She is an interdisciplinary artist whose site-specific work explores the places, politics, ecology and psychological dimensions of space and people. Her work involves in-depth research into the cultural history and memory, and extensive community participation.

Producer: Creative Pinellas

Contact: Barbara St. Clair – [727-460-5477](tel:727-460-5477)

RSVP at www.CreativePinellas.org

Admission: Free

September 9 - Art of Remembrance - Day of Service Honoring 9/11

Veterans Art Center of Tampa Bay - 6798 Crosswinds Dr. North, B106, St.

Petersburg **Time?**

This year, [AARP Tampa Bay](#) is making its Day of Service an event to honor veterans and first responders. By working with the [Veteran's Art Center of Tampa Bay \(VACTB\)](#) and other community partners, AARP hopes to bring awareness to the effectiveness of art therapy. Saturday's events will focus on music therapy and fine arts therapy and a very special Trolley Art Unveiling! At 4 pm, AARP will unveil the award-winning work of Kenny Maguire, a new artist to the growing St. Pete arts scene and a Marine Corps veteran. His artwork was selected from a countywide competition, and it will now be seen by thousands as it is transferred to the side of a Trolley!

Producer: AARP

Contact: Colleen Krepstekies – 727-592-8022

Email: ckrepstekies@aarp.org

Admission: Free

September 9 –The Holocaust & the Book of Fire

The Florida Holocaust Museum – 55 5th St. S, St. Petersburg – 5:30 pm

Join Keep St. Pete Lit at The Florida Holocaust Museum where nine writers will perform their short stories, poems, and imaginings inspired by the new exhibition *The Holocaust and the Book of Fire* by Murray Zimiles.

The paintings, drawings, prints, and artist's books by Murray Zimiles are graphic statements meant to engage and propel the viewer into a whirlwind of fire and devastation. Zimiles deals with the perceived absence of God and the absence of civilization during the Holocaust. Presented in conjunction with Keep St. Pete Lit and the Second Saturday ArtWalk. Complimentary refreshments. □

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/230110407551366>

<https://www.thefhm.org/event/exhibition-opening-holocaust-book-fire-murray-zimiles>.

Producer: The Florida Holocaust Museum & Keep St. Pete Lit

Contact: Kristin Wright – kwright@thefhm.org

Admission: Free. To reserve your seat, call 727-820-0100 x 301

September 10 – Opera On Tap - 7-10 pm

Iberian Rooster – 475 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Saint Petersburg

Beneath the world famous Iberian Rooster is a cozy speakeasy called "Subcentral" that hosts some of the most eclectic and fun events in the Tampa area! On the second Sunday of every month, a bunch of crazy opera singers get together and have a party singing, enjoying cocktails, with you. Come join in the fun!

Producer: Iberian Rooster

Contact: Russell Andrade – 706-372-5645

russell@iberianrooster.com

www.iberianrooster.com; <https://www.facebook.com/Iberianroostersubcentral/>

Admission: Free

Weekend 2:

PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC! THEATRE! FOOD & FASHION!

September 14-16 – SPF 17 Pop-up Performances

17 St. Petersburg Restaurants, 17 Performers!

Artists spontaneously performing in 17 St. Petersburg restaurants! Watch for fun surprises popping up in selected venues around town – 7:30-8:45 pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 14-16. Performing artists of all ages and genres will pop up and perform in area restaurants and public places over the Performing Arts weekend of the Festival of the Arts.

Artists include:

Students from Arts Conservatory for Teens
Fran Snyder – Acoustic singer-songwriter
Henry Ashworth, Jr. – Jazz Sax
Sierra Davis – Vocals
Synia Carrol – Jazz Vocalist
Russell C. Andrade – Opera/Musical Vocals
Johanna Fincher – Opera/Musical vocals
Colleen Cherry – Vocals
James Suggs & John Lamb – Jazz trumpet & bass
Stephanie McCrainie – Opera/Musical vocals
Aeon Life Theater – Musical Theatre
Soaring Sounds Tampa – Acappella Group
Joy Leitner – Opera/Musical vocals
Suzuki Students - Violins

Restaurants include:

The Hangar at Albert Whitted Airport
400 Beach Seafood & Taphouse on Beach Drive
Parkshore Grill on Beach Drive
Iberian Rooster
Souzou Asian Kitchen
La V
The Oyster Bar
The Birchwood
Ruth's Chris Steak House
Sea Salt St. Pete
Cassis American Brasserie
Gratzzi Italian Grill

Producer: St Petersburg Arts Alliance
Contact: Rändi Hillesø – 206-909-2420
Email: randi@stpeteartsalliance.org

Admission: Free

September 14-17 - Webb's City – The Musical

The Palladium - 253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

The hit musical written and directed by Bill Leavengood with music, lyrics and musical direction by Lee Ahlin about St. Pete's famous drug store returns to the Palladium in a concert format.

Producer: Bill Leavengood, American Stage Theatre Company and The Palladium Theatre of SP College

Contact: Box office: 727-822-3590

<https://www.mypalladium.org>

Admission: Ticketed event. Contact box office for prices.

September 16 – St. Pete Arts & Fashion Week

Annual Designer Runway Show Benefiting the Warehouse Arts District

St. Petersburg Women's Club – 40 Snell Isle Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg

The main event of St. Pete Fashion Week and runway fashion show featuring 8 Florida designers, select artists, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

6:30 pm - Doors open

6:30-7 pm - Red Carpet Photos

6:30 -8 pm - Art and vendors on display

8:15 pm - Fashion Show

10 pm - Event ends

Admission: Ticketed event. Contact for prices.

Producer: St. Pete Art & Fashion Week

Contact: Dona Crowley – 727-580-9328

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stpeteartandfashionweek.com/

Weekend 3: FAMILY ARTS FESTIVAL

September 23 – Arts Alive! Free Museum Day

Various, St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg celebrates the Arts! Visit 9 museums for free! Contact each museum for more information:

- **Chihuly Collection (Admission \$1:00)**

720 Central Ave.

(727) 896-4527 – <http://www.moreanartscenter.org/chihuly/>

- **Creative Clay Cultural Arts Center**
1846 First Ave South
727-825-0515 – www.creativeclay.org
- **Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum**
2240 Ninth Ave. S
727-323-1104 - www.woodsonmuseum.org
- **Florida CraftArt**
501 Central Ave
727-821-7391 – www.floridacraftart.org
- **Florida Holocaust Museum**
55 Fifth Street S
727-820-0100 - www.flholocaustmuseum.org
- **Morean Arts Center**
719 Central Ave
727-822-7872 – www.moreanartscenter.org
- **Morean Center for Clay**
420 22nd St. S
727-821-7162 – www.moreanartscenter.org
- **Museum of Fine Arts**
255 Beach Dr. NE
727-896-2667 - www.mfastpete.org
- **The Dali**
1 Dali Blvd (Pinellas County residents only)
727-823-37- www.thedali.org
Admission: Free for Pinellas County residents

September 23 – Florida Björkestra: BUFFYFEST

The Palladium - 253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

Expect to be immersed in full Buffydom mood, myth and experience when the entirety of the Palladium will be transformed by not only 12 band members and 8 vocalists of the massively talented, all-star Florida Björkestra, but also visual and spoken word artists, stage and interior scenic, and other iconic elements from the show. BUFFYFEST is an inspired multimedia event with musicians, artists, makers and cosplayers all cleverly rallying around the iconic Buffy The Vampire Slayer theme.

Producer: Florida Björkestra

Contact: <https://www.mypalladium.org/> - 727-822-3590

Admission: Ticketed event. Contact box office for prices.

September 24 – The Florida Orchestra Sampler

Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, 2 pm

2 short programs: Horn Quintet – The Science of Sound plus, a String Quartet

Producer: The Florida Orchestra

Contact: Erin Horan – 727-362-5440

ehoran@floridaorchestra.org - www.floridaorchestra.org

Admission: Free for the concert only. Does not include Museum admission.

September 23-24 – St. Petersburg Jazz Experience 2017

Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr. Ne., Saint Petersburg

Billed as the #1 Jazz Festival in Tampa Bay, this event provides a platform for our city's aspiring musicians who may not have the means or opportunity to showcase their talent to larger audiences. It is their sincere hope that by creating such an avenue for our youth, they can open pathways for greater opportunities locally, nationally and internationally. The international aspect allows them to showcase talents from various countries, working along with tourism departments from various countries, highlighting the cultural impact on or community. This project provides scholarship funding to our youth art programs for equipment, books, upgrades on facilities and travel when necessary.

WORLD MUSIC DAY – Saturday, September 23

12:00 Gibbs marching band

12:30 Boca Ciaga Jazz Band

1:00 Lakewood High Band

International world music day

1:30 TBD

2:00 TBD

3:00. Trinidad.

3:45 Columbia

4:15 Africa

5: 15 Frankie Ruiz Porto Rico

6:15 Alison Hinds Barbados

7:30. Arturo Tappin Barbados

8:00 Christopher Martin Not confirmed

JAZZ EXPERIENCE – Sunday, September 24

1:00. Natalie

1:45 Jazz Dad

2:30 Frankie Pineiro

3:15. Dara Carter Josiah Reynolds

4:30 City Groove

5:30 Siobhan Monique

6:15 Fashion Show

7:00 Down To The Bone

8:15 InnerCity Energy Band

8:15 Norman Brown, Kirk Whalum & Rick Braun. Not confirmed

Producer: Bunny Arthur

Contact: (727) 481-9280 – **bunnyarthur@outlook.com**

Admission: Ticketed event. Contact <https://squareup.com/store/stpetejazzexpl> for prices.

September 24 – Gypsy Jazz

The Side Door at The Palladium - 253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg – 3 pm

The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association presents: **Hot Club of SRQ** - Plays Gypsy Jazz that is deeply rooted in the style of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. This music simply swings and is full of beauty and romance! We emulate the style of what the French call "Jazz Manouche" and "Le Jazz Hot" in the style of Sinti virtuosos and the "Quintette du Hot Club de France" circa 1934-1948.

Keven Aland- violin/vocals

Rodney Rojas- reeds

Jon McLaughlin- guitar

Nikola Baltic- guitar

Glenn Stevenson- bass

Producer: Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association

Contact: Bette Gregg - <mailto:bg4adtbja@aol.com>

Admission: Ticketed event. Contact box office for prices.

<https://www.mypalladium.org/> - 727-822-3590