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The Palladium at St. Petersburg College Opens Applications for its Creative Fellowships

Historic Downtown Theatre Cultivates Diversity and Artistic Expression Among Local Performers

September 18, 2025 (St. Petersburg, FL) – [The Palladium at SPC](#) is excited to announce that applications are now open for the highly anticipated 2026 [Palladium Creative Fellowships](#). This innovative program nurtures culturally diverse performing artists by providing them with financial support and access to a full-service theater as a space to create, develop, and share their work.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit mypalladium.org/creative-fellowships for further information and submission guidelines. Applications must be submitted by **November 10, 2025**, and awardees will be notified in early 2026.

The Palladium Creative Fellowships provide up to \$2,500 in direct support to local artists, enabling them to embark on transformative journeys in collaboration with the Palladium. Fellows are empowered to create new works, advance existing projects, explore new media, and expand their artistic voices.

“Our mission with this program is to provide artists from diverse backgrounds with the space and resources they need to flourish and share their distinctive voices with our audiences,” says Paul Wilborn, Executive Director of the Palladium. “We look forward to uncovering the remarkable talents within our community and supporting their artistic endeavors.”

Artists residing in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Manatee, and Sarasota counties are eligible to apply. Eligible project genres include jazz, blues, dance, opera, classical, chamber music, contemporary music, world music, pop/rock, and singer/songwriter.

Applications are due by November 10, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://mypalladium.org/creative-fellowships/>.

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Upcoming Performances by Palladium Creative Fellows

Several current and past Palladium Creative Fellows are featured in the Palladium's 2025-26 season, including:

- **Sept. 18:** [Temporal Taal Collective Presents Spice & Sound: An Immersive Musical Experience](#), curated in collaboration with 2025 Creative Fellow Ella Fredrickson.
- **Sept. 19:** [The Latin Side of Swing](#) featuring Bryan J. Hughes & the Crew with special guest Gumbi Ortiz.
- **Sept. 26:** [Hot Tonic reIMAGINES The Beatles](#), with new arrangements by 2025 Creative Fellows Josh Hindmarsh, Mark Griffith, and Victoria Woods.
- **Sept. 27:** [Alejandro Arenas: Mixtura – A Multicultural Journey in Sound](#), the culmination of Arenas' 2024 Palladium Creative Fellowship.
- **Oct. 25:** [Simon Lasky Group](#), featuring the British jazz pianist/composer and an all-star Tampa Bay band.
- **Nov. 16:** [Fran Snyder's Song Connections](#), the culmination of Snyder's 2025 Fellowship.

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[The Palladium at SPC](#) is proud to operate as a department of [St. Petersburg College](#). With two venues - the 815-seat Hough Concert Hall upstairs, and the intimate, award-winning Side Door Cabaret downstairs - the Palladium fosters artistically and culturally diverse performing arts, educational programs, and community events that bring artists and audiences together in an affordable, welcoming setting. [Capital Campaign funding](#) will transform the historic building into a world-class venue, ensuring its future as a cultural and educational anchor for decades to come.