The Music Scene

The State Theatre

Constructed in 1924, the State Theatre is an outstanding example of the adaptive reuse of a bank to one of the hottest music venues in the state. The 6,000 sq. ft. building made it one of the largest banks during its time, when in 1949 it was remodeled into the State Theatre. Today, it hosts some of the hottest emerging acts in music with wait lines a common occurrence at its ticket box office. http://statetheatreconcerts.com/index.php

Ignition March 16th
Hot Chelle Rae March 25th
The Pretty Reckless April 22nd

Jannus Live

Jannus Live, is the oldest outdoor concert venue in the state, located in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg entertainment district. Jannus hosts an eclectic array of touring talent as well as DJs, local acts, and other events. With a significant portion of the courtyard covered from the elements, all shows go rain or shine, with a max capacity of 2,000. In 2010, the venue received a $1M upgrade, featuring balcony suites, state-of-the-art track lighting and sound system, an elevated patio bar, and mega restroom facilities. www.jannuslive.com

St. Patrick’s Day Concert March 17th
Snow Patrol March 31st
Steel Pulse w/ SOJA April 24th

Van’s Warped Tour

An annual event, this highly acclaimed alternative rock music tour takes hold of Vinoy Park along the picturesque waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg. Since its inception, the Tour has attracted more than 100,000 patrons to a day of head bang’n, mosh jamm’n music with the city’s entertainment district within just steps for food and after Tour highlights. http://vanswarpedtour.com/

July 29, 2012
Ballyhoo! Dead Sara
Lost in Society Stepdad

Williams Park

In 2012, Backline Music Group is staging at least eight daylong music festivals in the urban park setting of downtown St. Petersburg. Williams Park is home to an authentic bandshell stage that transforms the sounds of the city when live bands take the stage. The first show is scheduled for March 31st with headlines such as Tonic and Sister Hazel. More announcements coming soon!

Tonic March 31st
Gary Sinise and Lt. Dan Band April 20th (Sunscreen Film Festival)
Sister Hazel at The Cappella Music Festival April 28th

A Taste of Pinellas and Ribfest

These two local youth fundraiser events bring in the headline acts with food and spirits purveyors, hosting a three days straight downtown party. The beautiful setting is Vinoy Park with hotels nearby for convenient access to the rotating bands playing on multiple stages. A Taste of Pinellas is in the Spring, May 4th—6th, 2012 www.tasteofpinellas.com and Ribfest is in the Fall www.ribfest.org.
The Studio@620

This creative artistic space, provides the backdrop for some of the most innovative programs and performances to engage all audiences. Season Three of the WMNF Radio Theater Project begins February 27, 2012 at 7pm for a two-month run. http://www.studio620.org/620/e_s620wmnfrtps3.php

American Stage Theatre Company

Founded in 1977, American Stage is the bay area’s best professional regional equity theatre. Its mission is to create the most satisfying live performance theatre in the area, serving the diversified interests of all members of the community. The 27th annual Stage in the Park series will take place April 11–May 13, 2012 with the performance of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.” http://americancstage.org/the-rocky-horror-show.php

NOVA535

This entrepreneurial, spirited open space, offers some of the most unique, entertaining, world-class events of the year. The 1920’s era building offering 7,000 SF of event space, is as adaptive as the creative bookings themselves. Don’t miss Singer Jun Bustamante joined by the Helios Jazz Orchestra for an evening of soulful jazz like non-other. www.nova535.com

FUBAR Downtown St. Petersburg

This raw and eclectic music bar offers an extreme blend of live musicians to rock on the nights into the early morning hours. In addition, the venue has special event nights like Turbo Tuesdays and First Fridays of each month. http://www.facebook.com/FubarDowntown

The Local 662

Located on the avenue of Central, directly across from the acclaimed State Theater and just down the block from Daddy Kool Records, this music/multimedia space is the bomb for bookings. Check out their popular Pelican Pop Fest! http://www.facebook.com/TheLocal662

The Palladium Theater—Side Door

The 850 seat historic Palladium Theater is consistently ranked as one of the Bay’s best, most affordable venues for music, theatre, opera, Celtic, comedy, dance, educational, literary, community events, and more. The club like atmosphere of the Side Door, which accommodates 150, provides an intimate evening setting for audiences to enjoy innovative art and music performances. www.spcollege.edu/palladium/index.php

The L-Train Theater and Lounge

This entertainment hall provides all it all, a lounge, performance theater, table games, and a diverse bar beer assortment along with free Wi-Fi. Their headline mix up spans from acting theater to musician call outs. http://www.facebook.com/Ltrainbar

Sunscreen Film Festival

The 7th annual Sunscreen will take place April 19-22, 2012, which pairs independent film screenings and live music parties with celebrity actor interviews. All events are hosted throughout some of the great venues in downtown St. Petersburg. With a ticket purchase, event happenings are open to the public to attend and enjoy! http://www.sunscreenfilmfestival.com

The Mahaffey Theater

The 2,031 seat Progress Energy Center for the Arts—Mahaffey Theater, is a professional full production facility hosting top-quality national and international artists and performances – Broadway, classical, pop, rock, comedy, and dance. The Florida Orchestra “Pops Series” is hosted annually and the reality show “America’s Got Talent” will be hosted and filmed live in April 2012. www.themahaffey.com and www.floridaorchestra.org

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