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For Immediate Release
**Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg Announces
Fall 2026 "Art After Dark" Evening Lineup**



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Thursday night programming features GRAMMY-winning music, swing dancing, trivia nights, book clubs, workshops, and culinary pop-ups.

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (August 31, 2026) – The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) today announced the upcoming fall schedule for its popular *Art After Dark* series. Held Thursday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm, *Art After Dark* offers discounted admission, engaging docent-led tours, live music, workshops, social events, and special programming designed to provide exciting new ways to explore the MFA and its collection.

"*Art After Dark* is about bringing the museum to life in fresh, surprising ways," said Ivy Bealyer, MFA Community Engagement Manager. "Whether it's through live music, hands-on making, or unique social events, every program gives visitors a new reason to explore and connect with the MFA."

A highlight of the schedule is live music, anchored by an evening with GRAMMY Award-winning guitarist and composer **Andrew York** on October 22 at 7 pm. Internationally recognized for his expressive performances and acclaimed original compositions, York brings a captivating program that showcases the breadth of his artistry, from lyrical melodies to virtuosic passages. Presented in the Marly Room, the performance offers a rare opportunity to experience one of today's most distinguished classical guitar artists in concert.

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Additional musical performances in the MFA's Mary Alice McClendon Conservatory include **Summer Sessions with DJ Jdog** (Sept. 3), **Chaunces Trio** (Sept. 10), **Classical Revolution** (Sept. 24 and Dec. 17), **Sundé** (Oct. 8), **Fern & Friends** (Nov. 12), and **Bryan J. Hughes & the Crew** (Dec. 10).

Interactive programming continues with monthly **Trivia Nights** hosted by St. Pete native **Max Blowers**, featuring pop culture challenges and gallery-based clues (Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3). Dance enthusiasts can participate in **Swing Dance** nights, which will launch with a Lindy Hop lesson led by **Kalz Daniel and Dominic Hallworth** before opening into a social dance with no partner required (Sept. 17 and Oct. 15).

In conjunction with the exhibition *New African Masquerades: Artistic Innovations and Collaborations*, the MFA will host the four-part "**Book + Belonging**" club in partnership with Book + Bottle. Each session features a facilitated discussion, gallery talk, paired wine, and popcorn. The book club covers *Open Water* by Caleb Azumah Nelson (Sept. 3), *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones (Oct. 1), *Friday Black* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah (Nov. 5), and *Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm* by Laura Warrell (Dec. 3).

The MFA offers a range of hands-on and creative experiences throughout the fall, including **writing workshops** (Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 12), a **ceramic workshop** (Oct. 15), and a **T-shirt screen printing pop-up** (Oct. 22). Additionally, guests can discover the museum's darker side through eerie docent tours, hands-on activities, trick-or-treating, and after-hours gallery access during the **Art After Dark Spooky Edition** (Oct. 29).

Visitors can complete their evening with culinary offerings from **Café Clementine**. The café's *L'Apéro* hours feature organic wines, local Green Bench beer, and an array of sweet and savory delights. Select evenings will also feature wine tastings and special culinary experiences, including a honey tasting hosted with **Noble Nectar Apiaries** (Sept. 17). **Lost Coast Oyster Co.** returns with a raw bar pop-up featuring oysters, custom mignonettes, and house-made toppings (Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10).

Admission and Pricing

- Art After Dark Admission: Free for MFA Members, \$16 for Not-Yet-Members, 17 and under free
- Trivia Nights: \$5 add-on fee per person
- Workshops and Featured Concerts: Pricing varies by program; check the MFA website for the most up-to-date prices and dates
- Museum Admission Regular Hours (Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm): Free for MFA Members, \$24 for Not-Yet-Members, 17 and under free

Fall Art After Dark 2026 Schedule

Thursday, September 3

Art After Dark: Summer Sessions with DJ Jdog

Café Clementine hosts Lost Coast Oyster Co.

Book Club | *Open Water* by Caleb Azumah Nelson (6 pm - 8 pm): \$25 MFA Members, \$35 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

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Thursday, September 10

Art After Dark + Jazz Night with Chaunces Trio

Café Clementine hosts Lost Coast Oyster Co.

Thursday, September 17

Art After Dark: Swing Dance the Night Away

From Hive to Bite: A Honey Tasting & Flight of Bites (5:30 pm - 7 pm): \$40 MFA Members, \$55 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Writer's Workshop | Ekphrasis in Motion (5:30 – 7:30 pm): \$10 MFA Members, \$20 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, September 24

Art After Dark with Classical Revolution

Thursday, October 1

Art After Dark: Trivia Night with Max Blowers

(Trivia begins at 6 pm)

Book Club | *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones (6 pm - 8 pm): \$25 MFA Members, \$35 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, October 8

Art After Dark featuring Sundé

Café Clementine hosts Lost Coast Oyster Co.

Thursday, October 15

Art After Dark: Swing Dance the Night Away

Writer's Workshop | Black-Out Poetry (5:30 pm - 7:30 pm): \$10 MFA Members, \$20 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Ceramic Workshop with KIND STUDIO (5 pm - 7:30 pm): \$60 MFA Members, \$75 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, October 22

Art After Dark: T-Shirt Screen Printing Pop-Up with Sick Dope Fresh

Price for T-shirts: \$20 MFA Members, \$25 Not-Yet-Members

Café Clementine Wine Tasting

Marly Music Presents Andrew York (7 pm): \$15 MFA Members, \$35 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, October 29

Art After Dark: Spooky Edition

Café Clementine Wine Tasting

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Thursday, November 5

Art After Dark: Trivia Night with Max Blowers

(Trivia begins at 6 pm)

Book Club | *Friday Black* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah (6 pm - 8 pm): \$25 MFA Members, \$35 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, November 12

Art After Dark + Jazz Night with Fern & Friends

Café Clementine hosts Lost Coast Oyster Co.

Writer's Workshop | Experimental Poetry (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm): \$10 MFA Members, \$20 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, December 3

Art After Dark: Trivia Night with Max Blowers

(Trivia begins at 6 pm)

Book Club | *Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm* by Laura Warrell (6 pm - 8 pm): \$25 MFA Members, \$35 Not-Yet-Members; includes gallery admission

Thursday, December 10

Art After Dark + Jazz Night with Bryan J. Hughes & the Crew

Café Clementine hosts Lost Coast Oyster Co.

Thursday, December 17

Art After Dark with Classical Revolution

Café Clementine Wine Tasting

[For images, click here.](#) Complete event information and tickets can be found at mfastpete.org.

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About the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg

As the first art museum in St. Petersburg, the Museum of Fine Arts serves as the cultural anchor of a vibrant arts city, uniting a diverse community of artists, residents, and international visitors. The museum's global collection, spanning nearly 5,000 years, acts as a catalyst for connection and conversation. By bridging historical perspectives with contemporary discourse, the museum broadens the artistic canon while elevating the voices and stories of historically marginalized artists. Within the museum's holdings are exemplary works by Georgia O'Keeffe, Claude Monet, Berthe Morisot, Auguste Rodin, Kehinde Wiley, and Élisabeth Vigée-LeBrun. The museum also houses one of the largest and most well-respected photography collections in the Southeast, featuring iconic visionaries such as Ansel Adams, Edward Steichen, Julia Margaret Cameron, Carrie Mae Weems, James Van Der Zee, and Aaron Siskind. Through dynamic exhibitions and inclusive programming, the museum engages with more than 100,000 people annually, including thousands of students through a dedicated partnership with Pinellas County Schools. Committed

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to fearless creativity, the museum fosters a welcoming environment where all are empowered to explore untold stories and challenge conventions.

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