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State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) fine and performing arts department serves as a cultural epicenter for an area with a deep appreciation for art, music and theatre. SCF offers the community a variety of entertainment — photo, ceramic and art displays, theatre productions and music concerts — through venues on campus.

Most large-venue events are held at SCF Bradenton while many visual arts, graphic design, music classes, concerts and film screenings are offered at SCF Venice.

SCF Bradenton is home to Neel Performing Arts Center where many students, faculty and other professional artist showcase their talents. The recent opening of two new wings of Neel Performing Arts Center — the Music and Theatre Building at the west entrance and the Fine Art Gallery at the north entrance — enrich students’ educational experience while allowing the public to enjoy state-of-the-art facilities.

Students, faculty and guest artists display work in the new 1,200-square-foot Fine Art Gallery, which recently exhibited “The Art of the Costume,” a variety of 20 costumes designed exclusively for plays presented at the Asolo Repertory Theatre.

Student choral ensembles tour and perform throughout the United States and abroad. Student music groups include Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Gospel Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, College Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Vocal Performance Workshop.

Also in the music and theatre wing, the David S. and Anne V. Howard Studio Theatre serves Studio 84 Productions, a student group that performs comedies, dramas, mysteries and musicals. The black box theatre seats about 118 guests and features a scene shop, dressing rooms and makeup counters to provide students a full theatre experience. Theatre students take annual trips to New York or London to experience professional theatre firsthand.

SCF’s digital media/multimedia program gives students an opportunity to produce films. An active SCF Film Club sponsors film screenings, concerts and other activities.

In launching SCF’s new book and author series, the SCF Library selected Del Jacobs, professor and digital media/multimedia program manager, as the first featured author. His new book, “Interrogating the Image: Movies and the World of Film and Television,” explores the effects of living in a media-saturated world.

SCF students gain valuable, hands-on experience whether they are pursuing cultural studies as a profession or hobby. SCF graduates have reaped rewards of their work with more than 50 alumni landing full-time jobs in theatre, film and television.

Upcoming Events at SCF

- Jan. 11 – Feb. 27, Women Contemporary Artists juried exhibition at SCF Venice Library. Opening reception 5 – 7 p.m., Jan. 15. FREE.
- Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Melodie Dickerson & Friends. Neel Performing Arts Center, SCF Bradenton. General admission $8; $4 for students and SCF employees.
- Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Faculty Artists Recital at Neel Performing Arts Center, SCF Bradenton. General admission $8; $4 for students and SCF employees.
- Feb. 19-20, 25-27, 8 p.m., Feb. 21, 28, 2 p.m., Dracula, Howard Studio Theatre, SCF Bradenton. General admission $10; $5 for students and SCF employees.

Neel Box Office: 941-752-5252
Fine Art Gallery: 941-752-5225

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