

PICCOLO SPOLETO FESTIVAL PROGRAMS AND SERIES

Piccolo Spoleto's varied program offerings include visual arts exhibitions and performances of classical music, jazz, dance, theatre, choral music, and ethnic cultural presentations, alongside poetry readings, children's activities, crafts, and film. Piccolo Spoleto offers something for everyone – from classical to contemporary, from traditional to cutting edge. Piccolo Spoleto prioritizes accessibility for both artists and performers, presenting professional work of the highest standard, while ensuring that nearly half of Piccolo's events are admission-free, and the balance are offered at affordable ticket prices.

Recurring performance and presentation series on the Piccolo Spoleto Festival include:

MUSIC

- **Chamber Music:** Showcasing exceptional chamber music performers and ensembles (two to ten players, no conductor) at paid-admission evening and matinee performances in intimate settings. *Spotlight Concert Series is a curated program with invitations extended at the music director's discretion; ensembles may also apply for general consideration and may propose to self-produce.*
- **Festival of Churches and Synagogues:** Presenting church choirs of all denominations and choral ensembles from Jewish synagogues and temples, as well as handbell choirs and auditioned choral groups. These afternoon and early evening concerts are admission-free with a good will offering collected during the performance and divided between the host venue and the performing ensemble.
- **L'Organo organ music recitals:** Featuring morning admission-free organ performances with a modest honorarium available to offset participating organists' direct expenses. *This application process closes annually in October.*
- **Early Music Series:** Offering afternoon paid-admission concerts highlighting musical traditions ranging from baroque to ancient ballads by local and invited virtuosi. *The Early Music Series is a curated program with invitations extended at the Early Music Series coordinator's discretion. Artists may also apply for general consideration and may propose to self-produce.*
- **Blues and Jazz performance series:** Evening paid-admission performances on board popular Harbor Cruises, and at other free-to-the-public special events (such as performances in parks), as appropriate.
- **Other Musical Highlights:** Including folk, bluegrass, gospel, roots and other forms of traditional and Americana music presented as paid-admission concerts. Preference to performances that are 90 minutes or less with no intermission. For 2017, in an effort to have a range of performers we are exploring additional venues and performance opportunities (in many instances off the downtown peninsula) for musicians to share a bill with other Piccolo Spoleto artists.
- **Youth Music programming:** Presenting free performances by musical ensembles and choirs whose members are 18 years of age and under, including elementary, middle and high school groups. Most Youth Music concerts occur on Memorial Day weekend.

FAMILY

- Family fare and children's programming: Typically presented free-of-charge in public settings and in partnership with local libraries and other community organizations.
- Past performances have included theatre and dance performances geared for children and families.

DANCE

- Either as mainstage paid-admission offerings in traditional venues or as free-to-the-public happenings in found spaces and unexpected settings.
- We typically do not have access to fully equipped production spaces due to the volume of festival events and the needs of Spoleto Festival USA. Previous participants have utilized found spaces, alternative venues, community events, and open air performances that generally do not require flooring or other specialized needs.

THEATRE

- Including mainstage productions, solo work, late night fare, and multi-media projects both from local Charleston ensembles and by visiting companies. Preference to performances that are 90 minutes or less.
- The Festival often utilizes shared spaces. As a result, your production should be able to set up and break down easily with minimal storage needs.

LITERARY

- The Sundown Poetry Series showcases local and regional poets with free evening readings.
- Author readings and Q & A's.
- Film screenings: Normally free-of-charge, typically on topical matters or areas of common concern.

VISUAL ARTS

- Exhibitions and installations proposed by host galleries or artist initiated proposals for temporary site-specific projects.
- Separate applications are utilized for the following events:
 - Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition applications will be available in the Spring online via Slideroom.
 - Outdoor Art Exhibition applications will be available in December.