

PICCOLO SPOLETO 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

OPENING CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 12:00 pm

The City of Charleston and Spoleto Festival USA kick off the festival with music, speeches, and special performances outside of Charleston City Hall.

SUNSET SERENADE

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 8:00 pm

Join us for Sunset Serenade on the steps of the landmark U.S. Custom House! This free concert launches the 2025 Piccolo Spoleto Festival featuring the Charleston Symphony and special guest soloists. Led by CSO conductor, Ryo Hasegawa, the program will feature familiar musical favorites. Guest artist Kyaunnee Richardson will thrill the crowd with works by George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and more.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY

May 24

Marion Square provides the perfect backdrop to usher in the Festival, punctuated at midday by the lively arrival of the Seed and Feed Marching Abominable. Enjoy the Charleston Farmers Market, the Outdoor Art Exhibition, and a festive atmosphere for all. Cap off the day at the U.S. Custom House, where Seed and Feed returns for a whimsical Pajama March.

SUNDAY

May 25

Mark your calendar for a full day of performances, including the Mt. Zion Spiritual Singers and Lowcountry Voices (ticketed). Listen to familiar patriotic tunes on the organ at Summerall Chapel at the Citadel. Bring the kids to the Charleston Museum for special festival programming, and don't miss the artisan booths at Marion Square.

MONDAY

May 26

At noon, attend the patriotic concert by Charleston Men's Chorus at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church (ticketed), or a free 3pm Memorial Day Concert at Hampton Park featuring the Charleston Concert Band. Head to Circular Church for a free performance by the New South Festival Singers, offering a cappella sacred music.

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

L'Organo Concert Series

Distinguished organists from around the country present mid-morning recitals in Charleston's historic churches—perfect for lovers of classical and sacred music.

May 26 – June 6

Music at Circular

Enjoy free noontime concerts at Circular Church, featuring local artists celebrating the festival. Ticketed events like the Charleston Musical Heritage Series also include special evening concert programs.

May 26 – June 6

Young Artists

Emerging artists from the College of Charleston showcase their talent and mastery across various genres and disciplines in this special series of noontime performances at CofC.

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Early Music Series

St. Mary's Catholic Church, with its beautiful acoustics and architecture, serves as a stunning venue for matinee performances of musical masterpieces from earlier centuries.

May 24 - June 7

Sundown Poetry

Ease into the evening with public poetry readings in charming Washington Square Park, weekdays during the festival.

May 27 – June 6

Sand Sculpting Competition

Head to the Front Beach on the Isle of Palms to take part in or watch artists transform the shoreline into temporary masterpieces. Six prize categories will be awarded.

June 7

Piccolo Fringe

From the sublime to the absurd, comedy, improv, and renegade theater take the stage nightly at Theatre 99.

May 24 – June 7

Juried Art

Dozens of South Carolina visual artists showcase recent works at City Gallery, including painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, and photography.

May 23 – June 8

Children's Programs at the Library

Free daytime programming for children at the Main Library branch, featuring the Dancing on Air Crew, the College of Charleston Opera, and the Anson Quartet.

May 27 & 31, June 3

Neighborhood Pop-Ups

Watch for surprise performances and exhibitions in local parks and greenways, showcasing a wide array of artistic talent.

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION

As surely as the swallows perch in Capistrano, the Lowcountry's most dedicated visual artists descend on Marion Square for the Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition. This beloved event brings together scores of local artists exhibiting and selling their work. Enjoy a leisurely stroll among the artists' tents, or catch one of the daily featured artist demonstrations scheduled throughout the Festival. Whether you're in the market for a new piece or simply window shopping, this is your chance to experience Charleston's vibrant creative community.

May 23 – June 7, Marion Square

FINALE AT HAMPTON PARK

Charleston gathers in Hampton Park for the Piccolo Spoleto Finale, the perfect culmination to another unforgettable festival. Spend the afternoon and evening with friends, family, and neighbors, enjoying an electrifying lineup of local and visiting musicians, food trucks, and picnic opportunities—all blended into an irresistible celebration.

Saturday, June 7

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