

Guidelines

RISING STARS PICCOLO SPOLETO A Showcase of Artistically Gifted Students

What is Rising Stars Piccolo Spoleto?

The goal of Rising Stars Piccolo Spoleto is to provide artistically talented youth of the US Southeast (SC, NC, GA, TN, AL, MS, and FL) with a high-profile performance venue that recognizes their exceptional artistic talent. The programs will be presented on Memorial Day and the 2 succeeding Saturdays during the Spoleto USA/Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

Each of the six Rising Stars programs will feature five to seven young artists and/or ensembles in a conversation and performance format. The programs will receive special recognition and be listed in the festival program. All the programs are presented at St. Matthew's Auditorium, which is located at 1 Vanderhorst Street in the heart of downtown Charleston across from Marion Square.

Who is Eligible?

The programs will feature students between the ages of 9 through 18 years of age who are not full-time college students who are residents of the Southeast US. Students who are gifted visual artists, actors, dancers, creative writers, solo musicians (instrumental and vocal)(classical preferred), and ensemble groups, of no more than 12 members (classical preferred), may apply.

How Can I Apply?

- Complete the online application form that applies to your arts area. Each solo/ensemble and arts area has a different application form. Be sure you have selected the correct application form before applying.
- Visual Artists should submit five to seven works of the following media: drawing, photography, painting, printmaking, or sculpture. Portfolios are **not** limited to only one of these media.
- Actors should submit up to ten minutes of monologues material and can include two different monologues to show contrasting styles.
- Dancers (soloists and ensembles) should submit up to ten minutes of dance that may be in two different styles. Due to limited performance space, ensembles are limited to 4 members.
- Writers should submit up to ten minutes of poetry or verse. Contrasting styles are acceptable.
- Musical soloists should submit up to ten minutes of musical performance consisting of no more than two different works.

- Musical ensemble groups should submit up to ten minutes, which may consist of two works. Groups should have no more than 12 members.

NOTE: if selected for a Rising Star program, your performance will be approximately six minutes.

Is There an Application Fee?

- Yes, there is a fee of \$35 per application.
- Waivers are available for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch or meet those standards. Contact jenny@palmettoartsed.org for further information.

When Are Applications Due?

Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2023. All applicants will be notified of their application status by April 2, 2023. Those selected to perform on the Rising Stars Programs will be notified at that time of the date and procedures for their performance.

If Selected?

- If selected, you will receive a letter of agreement to perform on a specific date.
- You will have seven days to return the letter accepting the performance date.
- All performers are responsible for their own travel to Charleston and lodging.*
- On the day of your performance, or in case of visual artists your conversation, you will arrive at the theatre 90 minutes before the performance for instructions and rehearsal before the performance.

Who Will Select?

A three-person panel for each of the arts areas will select those to be featured. Each panel is composed of representatives from higher education and professional artists.

What Assistance Will Be Provided?

- If needed, an accompanist will be provided.
- Music stands and piano will be provided.