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USFSP TO HOST 'ART AFTER DARK' MARCH 20-24



The inaugural "Art After Dark" festival, a weeklong celebration of fun and personal expression, will begin March 20. The event is dedicated to connecting businesses and individuals through artistic and creative perspectives using film, music, comedy, art and literature. The event, hosted by the University Student Center, will be free and open to the public.

On Monday, the Student Film Festival will feature films created by the USFSP Campus Movie Fest winners as well as an independent film by local filmmakers about a veteran who uses art therapies to combat post-traumatic stress disorder and homelessness. The presentation will be followed by a discussion panel on how to use art therapies in everyday life.

Other events throughout the week will include:

- **Battle of the Bands:** Some of the best local musicians go head-to-head for a chance to be crowned the winner
- **One Night Stand Up and Improv Comedy:** Featuring Cigar City Comedy and Unscripted Theatre
- **Speakers:** Author Greg Neri and comedian Juanita Lolita

"Art After Dark' promotes different art practices from a vibrant selection of artists, allowing our students to immerse themselves in the practice and the inspiration that comes through our themes of wellness and protest," said Warren Buchholz, multimedia program coordinator at the University Student Center. "Art is more important than ever in our current world climate, and the University Student Center, along with our Graphic Arts program and student organizations, want to expose students and the community to the best that art has to offer."

Although public art and film submission eligibility has ended, USFSP students are still eligible to submit a film for inclusion in the Short Film Festival.

For a full list of events or to make a submission to Art After Dark, visit usfsp.edu/usc/art.

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