As the oldest and largest public college on Florida’s “Cultural Coast,” State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) has a longstanding commitment to arts education and performance. Fueled by students’ energy and faculty’s expertise, SCF produces and hosts a variety of entertainment — photo, ceramic and art exhibits, theatre productions, and music concerts — at beautiful campus facilities and at venues throughout the area.

Highly regarded faculty members are recognized for their professional contributions to area arts organizations such as the appointment of Robyn Wilkes, SCF’s director of instrumental studies, as director of the Sarasota Pops Orchestra.

Skilled music faculty members combine performance and teaching careers, guiding students through private lessons and directing ensembles that maintain an active performance schedule in the community and in the 839-seat Neel Performing Arts Center. Student music ensembles include the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Music Theatre Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra.

Studio 84 Productions is the student acting company that performs classic and contemporary comedies, dramas, mysteries, musicals, and new works by the Theatre faculty. All shows are directed by the Theatre faculty and presented in the David S. and Anne V. Howard Studio Theatre.

The Fine Art Gallery hosts exhibits by students, faculty and guest artists from around the world who mingle with the public at opening receptions. Visitors leisurely peruse the exhibits during gallery hours or prior to performances and shows.

SCF students gain valuable hands-on experience whether they are pursuing cultural studies as a profession or hobby through additional offerings that include art history, two- and three-dimensional design, graphic design, film production, and photography/digital imaging.

Just as SCF’s commitment to the arts community is reflected in an array of Visual and Performing Arts programs, the College’s partnership with and responsiveness to the business community is demonstrated by an expanded mission that includes more college workforce degrees along with a broad offering of noncredit classes, workshops, and seminars through the Corporate and Community Development division.

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