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CALL TO ARTISTS: BOOKER CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL

EDGE District, St. Petersburg

(St. Petersburg, Florida) — The Call to Artists is now open for the inaugural Booker Creek Arts Festival, which will take place in the historic EDGE District of St. Petersburg. The festival debuts Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 15, 2026, and will be a four-day immersive arts experience celebrating creativity, culture, and community. “Our vision is to transform the EDGE District into a destination where art, culture, business, and community intersect in dynamic and unexpected ways,” said Leslie Curran, festival committee chair.

The festival was inspired by Booker Creek, the historic urban stream that winds through the EDGE District and downtown St. Petersburg. Juried works by hundreds of Florida artists will be displayed throughout participating venues in the EDGE, competing for up to \$50,000 in awards — among the largest prize purses for an inaugural arts festival in the region. Florida artists may apply to participate in the festival until August 14, 2026, and can do so on the festival website, BookerCreekArts.com.

The Booker Creek Arts Festival will bring residents, tourists, collectors, and families into the EDGE District to experience its transformation into a walkable living gallery, featuring visual art, live mural painting, glass blowing, dance, music, and children’s activities. Cultural travelers from across Florida and beyond are expected to attend. All festival visitors will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite artwork for the People’s Choice Award, and have the opportunity to meet artists in person, learn about their creative processes, and purchase original works.

In addition to showcasing artists, the event is designed to support hotels, restaurants, galleries, and independent businesses throughout the district and surrounding community. “We want visitors to experience the creativity and energy that make St. Pete one of the country’s most exciting arts communities while creating new opportunities for artists and local businesses alike,” Curran said.

For more information on the Booker Creek Arts Festival, go to www.bookercreekarts.com or email info@bookercreekarts.com.