

ArtsFest 2025 Events Calendar

Extended Events:

April 1-30: Art Club Food Drive

The Art Club is conducting a Food Drive to benefit those in need living in our area through the East Texas CARES Food Pantry. Non-perishable donations may be dropped off in the Jenkins Hall Art Department Lobby or pick-ups may be scheduled by calling (903) 510-2233.

April 1-30 and ongoing through 2025: The Beauty of Art and Medicine VIII Exhibition, RNHS Bldg., Faulconer Floor.

Art exhibited by TJC's fulltime art faculty members. Derrick White, Paul Jones, Chance Dunlap, Paula McDermott, Amanda Slaughter, and Rebecca Hollen. A collaboration between TJC, Valerosa Gallery, and the Tyler Museum of Art.

April 7-30: Los Weirdos Texinos: The Amazing Hancock Brothers & Carlos Hernandez Exhibition

Glass Case Gallery (Jenkins Hall Art Department Hallway). Texas Outlaw Printmakers visit behind the Pine Curtain.

March 31-April 3: Annual Art Club Silent Auction (auction closes April 3 at 2:00 p.m.)

Works by students, art faculty, and local artists will be displayed in the Glass Case Gallery and the Art Department Hallway of Jenkins Hall. Silent auction bid sheets accompany each piece allowing viewers to outbid the last assigned offer. Winners will be notified after the close of the auction. Proceeds help fund art scholarships, allows the art club to make charitable donations, pay for field trips and events, and buy supplies.

April 1: Inflatable Pop-up Exhibition by Jeffie Brewer, Tyler Museum of Art Front Lawn, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nacogdoches-based sculptor Jeffie Brewer, previously featured in *A Pop of Color*, returns to the TMA! Swing by the Tyler Museum of Art's Front Lawn and enjoy a rare look at some of his larger-than-life creations.

April 2-5: Theatre production of Antigone, Jean Browne Theater, 7:30 nightly

Written by Denise Weatherly-Green, this adaptation of Sophocles' classic tale of grief and defiance follows the devout and unwavering Antigone. In order to uphold the honor of family and the unwritten commandments of the gods, she defiantly rebels against prideful rule and man-made law.

April 3-5: Apache Belles Spring Show: Note to Self, RPPAC, 7:30 nightly and a 2:00 matinee on the 5th

The Apache Belles have been entertaining audiences for over 75 years. Please join us as they perform their annual Spring Show on April 3rd, 4th and 5th featuring our 77th and 78th lines. "Note to Self" will be a captivating showcase that is presented as a note or lesson learned along the way. It will reflect a different chapter of the Apache Belles' lives through a blend of contemporary, tap, hip hop, high kick and jazz! We hope to see you there!

April 3: Student Public Reading, Jenkins 1109, 3:30-4:30

Students are encouraged to read their original work. Come inspire and be inspired by their writing!

April 4: Tuba and Euphonium Studio Recital, Ornelas Center for Band, Belles, Dance – Band Hall, noon

The TJC Tuba and Euphonium Music Majors perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 8: Spring Critique Night, Tyler Museum of Art Lobby, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we take a look at what several regional artists have been creating and help provide feedback. Light refreshments will be provided.

April 8: Woodwind Studio Recital, Ornelas Center for Band, Belles, Dance - Band Hall, 6:00

The TJC Woodwind Music Majors perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 9: Ocean Pollution Awareness, Jenkins Hall Bell Tower Courtyard , 2:00–3:30

Yamilette Gandarilla will host this event, complete with a recycled sculpture competition.

April 9: Reading Process Panel, Jenkins 1109, 3:30-4:30

A panel of professors primarily teaching literature courses will each give a 10-minute discussion on their passion for reading and their reading process. The panel members may also include a sample text to discuss with time for Q&A.

April 10: The Freshman (1925 film, 76 minutes), Genecov 204, 4:30

Harold Lloyd's biggest box-office hit was this silent comedy gem, featuring the befuddled everyman at his eager best as a new college student. Though he dreams of being a big man on campus, the freshman's careful plans inevitably go hilariously awry, be it on the football field or at the Fall Frolic. But he gets a climactic chance to prove his mettle—and impress the sweet girl he loves—in one of the most famous sports sequences ever filmed. This crowd-pleaser is a gleeful showcase for Lloyd's slapstick brilliance and incandescent charm, and it is accompanied here by a new orchestral score by Carl Davis.

April 10: Trombone and French Horn Studio Recital, Jean Browne Theater, 6:00

The TJC Trombone and French Horn Music Majors perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 11: Trumpet Studio Recital, Jean Browne Theater, 1:00

The TJC Trumpet Music Majors perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 11: TJC and UT Tyler Combined Orchestra Concert, RPPAC, 7:30

The TJC and UT Tyler String, Wind, and Percussion studios combine to present a full orchestra performance—the first of its kind on the TJC Campus!

April 12: Helen Elbert Collaborative Concert, RPPAC, 5:00

A collaborative experience featuring performing groups that range from duos to full ensembles.

April 14: Honors Recital, Jean Browne Theater, 6:00

The TJC Music Honors students present their solo performances in a lecture-recital format

April 14: Robert Boren Voice Studio Recital, RPPAC - Recital Hall, 7:30

The vocal students of Professor Robert Boren perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 15: Spring Fling, Intramural Field 11:00-3:00

April 15: Brass Chamber Ensembles Concert, Jean Browne Theater, 6:00

This concert features the Tuba & Euphonium Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, Horn Choir and Trombone Choir.

April 15: Harmony Spring Show, RPPAC, 7:30

The Harmony ensemble performs a selection of your favorite tunes!

April 16: Speech and Debate Team Showcase, Jean Browne Theater, 5:30

The Showcase is where talented TJC students, who have been competing in Speech/Debate tournaments, will perform some of their award-winning events. Come and enjoy the tremendous level of talent of these individuals

April 17: John Tyler Lecture Presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Washburn, "Directing Their Own Change: The Chickasaws and the New American South.", Genecov 204, 4:30

The John Tyler Lecture Series is a scholarly presentation on a historical topic hosted by the Social Sciences Department.

April 17: Flute Studio Recital, RPPAC Recital Hall, 5:00

The TJC Flute Studio presents their solo and ensemble music for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 17: Percussion Ensemble Concert, RPPAC, 7:30

The Percussion students perform their second Ensemble concert of the season, featuring a huge range of percussion instrumentation!

April 21: TJC Music Faculty Recital, RPPAC Recital Hall, 7:30

Come to see our TJC Music Faculty showcase their skills!

April 22: International Day, RSC Apache Rooms, 11:00-2:00

Come join us for a day filled with acts and performances, along with exhibits representing countries from all over the world, in a festive environment. There will also be door prizes, free food, drinks and more.

April 22: Bell Tower Arts Journal: Launch Party, RPPAC Lobby, 2:00-4:00

Join us as we celebrate the latest publication of the Tyler Junior College *Bell Tower Arts Journal*. The journal exists to highlight the literary and artistic works of TJC students. Friends, family, and faculty are welcome to attend as we honor those who made the journal possible.

April 22: TJC Guest Artist Masterclass and Recital Performance Series – David Esteban, Tenor, Jean Browne Theater, 7:30

Italo-Ecuadorian tenor David Esteban made his recent role debuts as Cavaradossi Tosca, Alfredo La Traviata and Peter Grimes with Schleswig-Holsteinisches Landestheater. Don't miss this amazing Tenor on his way through Tyler, Texas!

April 23: Julianne Casey Voice Studio Recital, Jean Browne Theater, 6:00

The vocal students of Professor Julianne Casey perform their solo selections for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 24: The Plot Against America (2020 film, 60 minutes), Genecov 204, 4:30

The Plot Against America "imagines an alternate American history told through the eyes of a working-class Jewish family in Newark, New Jersey. In this story, Franklin D Roosevelt was defeated in the 1940 United States presidential election by Charles Lindbergh, an aviator-hero and xenophobic populist, who after becoming president turned the nation toward fascism." Episode 1 of 6 will be shown.

April 25: Percussion Studio Recital, RPPAC Recital Hall, noon

The TJC Percussion studio performs their solo pieces for the Spring 2025 semester.

April 25 & 26: Theater Student Playwright Reading of *trying* and 2nd Stage Production of *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*, Jean Browne Theater, 3:00 on the 25th and 7:00 on the 26th.

Trying introduces the audience to Ella, a young woman sitting in her first therapy appointment, who struggles with feelings of weakness and reaching out for help. Deep diving into the past couple of years of the trauma that she has experienced, she opens up from a hard shell of a human being into realizing that her recent experiences have made her stronger than she will ever know.

Having opened in 1988 and still playing today as the longest-running show in Chicago history, *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* is an ensemble experiment in presenting "30 plays in 60 minutes".

April 26: Jazz Ensembles Concert, RPPAC, 7:30

The TJC Jazz Bands present a collection of your favorite jazz tunes!

April 28: Gateways to World Music: Azerbaijani Traditional Mugham Musical Concert and Lecture, RSC Apache Rooms 1 & 2, 3:00

Participants will learn how music plays an important role in politics, protests, upheavals, and revolutions in the region. Azerbaijani artist, Imamyar Hasanov, will present a concert and lecture on Azerbaijani music. He will perform instrumental solo improvisations based on traditional Azerbaijani mugham, played on kamancha - skin face spike fiddle. Sponsored by the International Education Club.

April 28: Musical Theatre Showcase, Jean Browne Theater, 7:30

Our Musical Theatre majors perform your favorite show tunes, don't miss their beautiful voices and fun choreography!

April 28 & 29: The Amazing Hancock Brothers & Carlos Hernandez workshop, TJC art department and UT Tyler art department April 28th (TJC, Jenkins 303 12p.m. – 3p.m.) & April 29th (UTT, Printmaking Studio 12p.m. – 3p.m.)

April 29: Journalism Photography Showcase and Art Sale, Jenkins Hall Bell Tower Courtyard , 11:00-2:00

Mass Communication students will host a photography showcase and art sale.

April 29: Symphonic Band Concert, RPPAC, 7:30

The TJC Concert Band does its second program of the Spring semester!

April 30: Thunderdome Art Competition, Jenkins Hall Bell Tower Courtyard, noon

Original art pieces competing against each other, only one winner. Your art wins or is destroyed by the annihilators and the Screaming Amazon. Winner receives \$200 cash (with a chance to double or nothing) and receives the surviving artwork from the faculty round.

April 30: Piano, Strings, and Guitar Studio Recital, RPPAC Recital Hall, 7:30

Music Majors from the Piano, Strings, and Guitar studios get to perform their solo pieces for the Spring 2025 semester.