INTERNATIONAL ARTS FOUNDATION

2026 International Arts Festival

New Orleans, Louisiana | 24–27 September 2026

Welcome to the 2026 International Arts Festival, a global symphony of music curated to celebrate the beauty of art through instruments, paintbrushes, voices, imagery and poetry.

This multi-day event spotlights New Orleans' own musicians alongside a carefully curated list of global stars, serving as a conduit between New Orleans and the sister cities and businesses attending. The goal is to present and celebrate authentic international culture while setting a business and economic agenda.

Schedule

Thursday, 24 September — TIFA Conference Day One & Reception

Location: The Public Market at South Shore Harbor

9:00am – 5:00pm: TIFA Conference

5:30pm – 7:00pm: Networking & Wine Tasting

> **Getting there** Shuttles depart the Hilton New Orleans Riverside at 8:00am. Return shuttles leave the venue at 5:00pm, with a later departure at 7:10pm for guests staying for the wine tasting.

Friday, 25 September — TIFA Conference Day Two

Location: The Public Market at South Shore Harbor

9:00am – 4:45pm: TIFA Conference

6:00pm – 11:00pm: Dinner & Concert featuring Peter White, Vincent Ingala, and Donald Harrison Jr.

> **Getting there** Shuttles depart the hotel at 8:00am. Return shuttles leave the venue at 5:00pm, with a later departure at 11:00pm for guests staying for dinner and the concert.

Saturday, 26 September — Festival at the Public Market

An unforgettable show featuring international music stars Seun Kuti, Regina Bell, Paul Taylor, Michail Lington and Irvin Mayfield.

Concert begins: 3:00pm

> **Getting there** Shuttles depart the hotel at 2:30pm and 5:00pm. Return shuttles leave the venue at 11:30pm.

Sunday, 27 September — Festival Day Two

An unforgettable show featuring international music stars Collie Buddz, Bushman, Alexey Marti, and Corey Henry.

Gates open: 12:00pm, mainstage at The Public Market

> **Getting there** Shuttles depart the hotel at 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Return shuttles leave the venue at 8:00pm.

Access

Wristbands are provided at check-in and are required for access to every event across the weekend. Guests are encouraged to dress comfortably for the full New Orleans festival experience.

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