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Galactic Brings the Funk to St. Petersburg's State Theatre

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Downtown St. Petersburg has always been known for its fashion-forward art district, eventful nightlife, and most fortunately for me, a fantastic live music scene.

A couple Fridays ago was no exception, as I made sure to stop at [Daddy Kool Records](#) to pick up two hardcopy tickets to see Galactic live at St. Petersburg's [State Theatre](#).

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I try to buy my tickets downtown before the show because they are typically cheaper than purchasing them online. There is nothing convenient about paying a \$15.00 convenience fee. I actually prefer to buy hardcopy tickets if they are offered because I keep all of the stubs and add them to a shadowbox where I display all of my live music adventures.

Galactic? Sounds Big.

[Galactic](#) is a New Orleans based jazz and funk band consisting of a guitar, a bass, a keyboard, a saxophone, a harmonica and a drum set. I had seen them perform live at [Bear Creek Music Festival](#) before and assured my friends that they wouldn't be disappointed; I mean, doesn't their name say it all? The line to enter and purchase tickets was half-a-block long when we arrived around 9:30p.m. Happy to have my tickets in hand we entered the theatre with ease and promptly made our way to the upstairs balcony. After waiting impatiently for what seemed like forever, the lights dimmed down, the audience grew quiet and the show had finally begun!

For the rest of the evening the State Theatre temporarily morphed into Bourbon Street's Mardi Gras celebration as the infectious musical styling's of Galactic brought what seemed like the entire venue to their feet.

Fans old and new were letting loose in proper TGIF spirit while dancing and bouncing around, childish grins of excitement radiated from their faces.

There is something delightful about the way the band plays together live.

The group was created in 1994 as Galactic Prophylactic. Originally an octet, the six musicians and even the guest performers seemed to vibe off one another as if they had been playing together their entire lives.

Galactic first-timer and acclaimed new fan, Jordan Schleimer chuckled as he stated that their performance was, “Out of this world!”

St. Petersburg’s Stellar State Theatre

My favorite moment of the show was when they performed a personalized cover of “I am the Walrus” by The Beatles. There are very few bands I would enjoy seeing more than getting a chance to see The Beatles in concert so anytime I get to see a live rendition I am thrilled.

The State Theatre is a unique and intimate place to watch bands perform. There is truly no bad seat in the house and one would be surprised to see the number major label artists that have performed and continue to perform at St. Petersburg’s State Theatre. If funk, hip-hop, jam and jazz is not your style, you can rest assured downtown St. Petersburg has a dive bar or theatre with live music equipped to meet your all of your aural desires.

Locals should take advantage of this year’s impressive list of talent. Use the New Year to make a resolution to go see live music! Support your favorite artists and get to know your thriving community!

Check out Song Kick’s list of [upcoming shows](#) in St. Petersburg, or share what you know and post a comment below.



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About the blogger



Hello, This is your fellow student, Courtney Barnes. I am a senior at USFSP and currently studying to complete a double major in Mass Communication and Psychology. In between taking five classes, you

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