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# Jannus Live: a breath of fresh air from your typical music venue

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Umphrey's McGee at Jannus Live

*We want the Umph, gotta have that Umph!"*

The crowd chanted as the set crew scrambled around the main stage piecing together audio equipment and tuning the multiple guitars and microphones adorning the stage at Jannus Live, in downtown St. Petersburg.

Umphrey's McGee, a six person funk and jam band was making their first appearance in St. Petersburg. Umphrey's consists of two guitarists, a keyboard, percussions, drums and a bass. Most of the members contribute to the vocals and the group has been together for over 13 years.

The vibes at Jannus Live were infectious and everyone there seemed to be beaming from ear to ear. The crowd was immensely excited for his or her favorite band to be finally performing within a day's drive from the Tampa Bay and their anticipation was evident.

Jannus Live is a hidden gem. A relatively smaller venue with a stellar résumé of performing artists, it hosts an even more unique viewing experience as the stage and the pit are predominantly outside.

The electronic duo, Break Science opened for Umphrey's McGee during their Florida run. Break Science is a Brooklyn based group consisting of a drummer, Adam Deitch along with a keyboard and laptop controlled by Borahm Lee. Both groups were nothing short of impressed with the venue.

*At the end of their set Umphrey's McGee even stated on stage that they would most definitely be back to St. Petersburg soon. How cool is that?*

These guys have performed at Red Rocks Ampitheatre in Colorado, they have headlined at Bear Creek Music Festival and a host of other large festivals, and yet St. Pete still charmed them.

I felt so flattered to be a local and the show was absolutely incredible. The band has such a high energy and the members are so genuinely talented that I dubbed it as one of the best concerts I have ever seen at Jannus Live. Ryan Stasik, Bass Guitarist of Umphrey's McGee, took the time to step off stage at the end of the show and took pictures with some of the fans! I was lucky enough to have had a friend spot him out in the crowd and I was able to get the chance to meet him and compliment his performance. It was truly a magical night!

If you missed the Umphrey's show at Jannus, the rest of the summer has your back. Jannus Live is hosting an incredible lineup of artists within the next few months.

I sincerely recommend you check out The Wailers on Thursday, April 25, Sound Tribe Sector 9 on Saturday, April 27 and Slightly Stoopid on Friday, May 3.

But, if finals have you locked down this weekend too, check out Jannus Live's upcoming events for next week and the rest of Summer.

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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 can typically find me at concerts and events around the area! I love live music and really any excuse to get outside and be social. Catch me on campus this semester any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.