

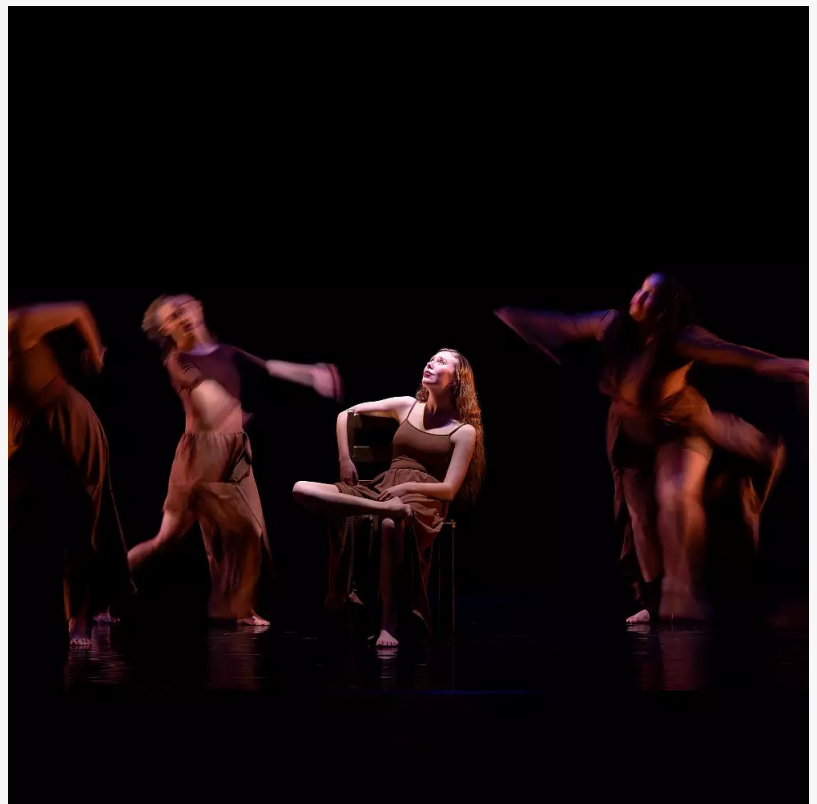
Sweet Briar College: A Thriving Hub for Creativity and the Arts

Sweet Briar College's fall arts season brought world-class performances, student showcases, and dynamic opportunities for creative growth.

AMHERST, VA, UNITED STATES, January 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Sweet Briar College's [Kelley and C.T. Fitzpatrick Center for Creativity, Design, and the Arts](#) was alive with artistic energy this fall, hosting an impressive lineup of visiting performances and campus productions. These events showcased the College's commitment to providing students with a rich, hands-on education in the arts, engaging both the campus and the broader community.

World-Class Performances and Visiting Artists-The semester featured the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, dazzling the audience with Beethoven, Dvořák, Barber, and Shostakovich pieces. West African musician Diali Cissokho inspired students through his classes, drum jams, and concerts. The Jazz Sundays series brought dynamic performances by Flat Five Jazz, featuring Sweet Briar's own Eric Hollandsworth. These experiences allowed students to connect with professional artists, enhancing their learning and creativity.

Student and Faculty Showcases: Sweet



Fall Concert Series.



The Richmond Symphony Orchestra performs on campus.

Briar's students and faculty demonstrated their talent and dedication in various performances. Highlights included the musical production *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812* and the Fall Dance Concert, featuring 12 original pieces. Additionally, the Sweet Tones captivated audiences with their Winter Concert, "Winter Songs from Around the World." At the same time, the College Choir and Daisy's Harp rounded out the semester with unique vocal and instrumental performances.

Opportunities for Student Creativity: Two senior students, Lilly Higginbotham '25 and Lee Stanley '25, had the chance to shine through their senior performances. Lilly choreographed a dance concert, and Lee directed *The Effect*, showcasing their artistic growth and leadership.

The Impact of the Arts at Sweet Briar College: The Kelley and C.T. Fitzpatrick Center for Creativity, Design, and the Arts provides Sweet Briar students unparalleled opportunities to explore artistic expression. From performing on stage to collaborating with renowned artists, students immerse themselves in creativity that prepares them for dynamic careers in the arts and beyond. These programs foster artistic excellence and cultivate critical thinking, leadership, and community engagement.

Sweet Briar College's emphasis on experiential learning makes it an ideal destination for students passionate about the arts. With state-of-the-art facilities, small class sizes, and access to visiting artists, students receive personalized mentorship and hands-on opportunities to excel in music, theater, dance, and visual arts.

For more information on the arts at Sweet Briar College, please visit <https://www.sbc.edu/admissions/> or contact the Office of Admissions at 434-381-6142.



The cast and crew of *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*.



The College Choir performs their fall concert.

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