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## **Patel Conservatory students in Youth Play Festival** ***Tragedy Tomorrow...Comedy Tonight!***

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TAMPA, Fla. – Patel Conservatory students ages five to 17 enrolled in selected theater classes will perform in a Youth Play Festival with the theme *Tragedy Tomorrow...Comedy Tonight!* on Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in the TECO Theater at the Patel Conservatory at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center).

This play festival will provide the opportunity for students who are studying acting to apply the skills they have developed in their classes to a staged performance.

“Students will perform material they have developed and rehearsed. They will also have the chance to see others take their places on the stage and share their many talents,” said Jean Calandra, lead Patel Conservatory theater instructor.

About 60 students from various theater classes will perform. “The theme of *Tragedy Tomorrow...Comedy Tonight!* reflects the enthusiasm our students share for comedy and their growing appreciation for the dramatic form, both comic and tragic,” Calandra said.

Regularly priced tickets, soon to be on sale for the Friday, April 30, 6 p.m. performance, will start at \$8 in advance and \$10 day of show and may be purchased by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside Tampa Bay, in person at the TBPAC Ticket Office or online at [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org).

As part of the non-profit David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, the Patel Conservatory offers classes for children and adults of all experience levels in all kinds of dance, music and theater. More information is available by calling 813.222.1002 and by visiting [www.patelconservatory.org](http://www.patelconservatory.org).

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