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A Week of Art Without Borders: FLAE Turns Five

Orlando, FL – July 2025 — From September 22 to 28, Winter Park-based Open Scene returns with the fifth edition of its groundbreaking Latin Performing Arts Festival (FLAE), bringing together bold voices in contemporary theater, dance, and immersive art from across Latin America and the world. This year, in a visionary new partnership with AOA, a team of local imagineers specializing in immersive design and creative placemaking, and with the support of A&H Museums of Maitland, the entire museum campus will be transformed into an artistic, Instagrammable experience, blurring the boundaries between performance, installation, and audience.

The festival features international and national premieres, including the U.S. premiere of Souvenirs (France), the Orlando premieres of Drums of Fire (NYC) and a spectacular Cuban cabaret, and the Florida premiere of a flamenco—bolero fusion from Spain. Each evening includes a performance followed by artist talkbacks, all within an accessible and welcoming environment made possible through Al-powered translation in over 25 languages.

This year's immersive expansion of the festival is fueled by local and regional partnerships. Creative studio AOA brings its visionary placemaking to the museum campus, while local vendors provide delicious treats throughout the week. The festival is also made possible thanks to the partial support of the Orange County Cultural Tourism Grant, South Arts, and United Arts of Central Florida.

"FLAE is not just a festival, it's a movement," says Mariela Saad, General Producer at Open Scene. "And this year, it's entirely free, because we're celebrating our fifth anniversary, and milestones are meant to be shared. Thanks to the generosity of our funders and community partners, we're opening every door and lifting every curtain so everyone can experience world-class performances you won't find anywhere else."

FLAE 2025 at a glance:

Sept 22–28 | A&H Museums of Maitland

Live performances, international premieres, immersive screenings, and public art activations

Al-powered multilingual access

Campus transformed into a living artistic canvas

Free entry to all events

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