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James Durbin to Perform at Tallahassee Community College
American Idol Star and Quiet Riot Singer visits the Capital for Series of Programs

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In March, James Durbin announced via his Facebook page that he had joined *Quiet Riot*, as their new lead singer, stating: "Well...The rumors are TRUE TRUE TRUE!! I am the official singer of Quiet Riot!!!! Words I never imagined I would utter."

The singer, songwriter and guitarist from Santa Cruz, California, who gained fame following the 2011 season of *American Idol* and is now the lead vocalist for the heavy metal rock band *Quiet Riot*, will be performing in Tallahassee on Friday, October 27 at 6 PM in the TCC Student Union Ballroom at Tallahassee Community College.

James Durbin performance tickets are free and available through Eventbrite.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/james-durbin-at-tallahassee-community-college-tickets-37541217793?aff=eac2>

Durbin is no stranger to the stage, having toured the world on the *American Idol's Live Tour* across the US, Canada, and the Philippines. He has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and worked with musicians including Stevie Wonder, Bob Babbitt of The Funk Brothers, and Sheryl Crowe.

Durbin starred in the 2011 documentary film, "Different is the New Normal: Living a Life with Tourette's." His latest album, "Riot on Sunset," debuted in Summer 2016. In March, Durbin joined *Quiet Riot* with plans to release their next album in 2017.

In a 2016 *People Magazine* article, Durbin discussed living with Tourette syndrome and autism. "When I was a kid, I knew I was different. I hated it and wished it would go away. But now I want to be living proof that different is awesome."

VSA Florida, the statewide organization on arts and disability, received a 2017 Challenge America grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and contracted Durbin to perform and speak about facing challenges and advocating for inclusion. He will share his motivational story and road to success at multiple outreach events in Tallahassee including dates at Florida State University, Tallahassee Community College, and Nims Middle School.

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