CULTURAL SERIES

The MVCC Cultural Series brings world-class lectures, concerts, comedy, theater, and more to the entire community. This series is brought to you by the Cultural Events Council and Program Board with significant support from the student activity fee. All events are free for current MVCC students unless otherwise noted.

Because of COVID-19, the schedule of events is subject to change. If our community sees an increased infection rate, select Program Board (PB) events may become open to MVCC students only. Make sure to check mvcc.edu and the MVCC Cultural Series Facebook page for any such changes and the most up-to-date schedule.

NOTE: If in-person events are not permitted or if capacity restrictions make events impracticable, virtual options and/or postponements will be listed on the MVCC Cultural Series Facebook page.
PERFORMANCE: Hypnotist Eric Mina
Award-winning hypnotist Eric Mina has developed a passion for mental clarity and personal performance. He shares practical goal-setting and motivational tips with dozens of audiences across North America each year, demonstrating how they can use the power of their minds to achieve new heights. Visit ericmina.com.
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Aug. 28 • Sat. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECEPTION
Meet and greet the international students who have come to MVCC from around the world.
Sept. 7 • Tues. • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Utica
Outside/Lobby, PH

COMEDIAN: Chris Alan
Chris' conversational yet laid-back style coupled with his quick wit keeps audiences on their toes.
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Sept. 7 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m.
Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

GAMESHOW: The “Price is Right” Comedy Game Show
The game show that you know and love where contestants compete for a chance to win more than $300 in prizes.
Sept. 9 • Thurs. • 7 p.m.
Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees

MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOP: “Make Your Own Needle Felted Pumpkin” w/ Erin Gardner of Grey Fox Felting
Come and learn how to transform bits of fluffy wool into sculptural works of art in this beginner needle felting workshop. Join Erin for 90 minutes in a relaxed, supportive environment and learn how to make your own needle felted pumpkin from start to finish. No experience is necessary. All materials are included. Ages 12 and up are welcome.
Sept. 14 • Tues. • 6 p.m. • Utica
Excellus Room 225, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees
Oct. 5 • Tues. • 6 p.m. • Rome
Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees
SPECIAL EVENT: “An Evening with Actor, Comedian, Writer, Producer, and Director Rob Riggle,” Moderated Q&A with Bill Keeler of WIBX’s “Keeler in the Morning” 

Rob Riggle has been a staple in comedic films and television for more than 15 years. Riggle is known for his memorable characters in comedy hits like “The Hangover” and “Step Brothers,” as well as his stints on “Saturday Night Live” and as a correspondent on “The Daily Show” with Jon Stewart. In two strong dramatic turns, Riggle also recently appeared in Warner Bros.’ war drama “12 Strong” and Open Road Films’ “Midnight Sun,” the latter of which he received critical acclaim for his performance. On the small screen, Riggle currently stars as the co-commentator on ABC’s “Holey Moley,” produced by NBA All-Star Stephen Curry. “Holey Moley” is currently airing season 3 and recently premiered an Australian version. Riggle also created and stars in Sony Crackle’s “Rob Riggle’s Ski Master Academy.” Riggle spent eight years on Fox NFL Sunday, doing his “Riggle’s Picks” segment during the pregame show. As he broke into comedy, Riggle was still on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, which he had joined at age 19. Rising through the ranks, he served in various countries including Albania, Kosovo, Liberia, and Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Riggle retired from the Marine Corps Reserve, having served 23 years total and earned more than 22 medals and ribbons, including the Combat Action Ribbon. Visit robriggle.com.

A limited supply of free tickets will be made available to MVCC students.

MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Sept. 17 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Utica • Field House, JC
$25 general • $20 MVCC employees

MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOP:
“Watercolors and Pressed Flowers,”
w/ Marissa Perkins of Creative Roots Design

Create a small work of art with watercolors and pressed/dried flowers. This workshop is perfect for beginners and all artistic levels. You will learn the basics of watercolors and how to preserve flowers, then combine the two into a unique personalized work of art. Flowers and materials are included. Visit facebook.com/creativerootsdesign.

Sept. 21 • Thurs. • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees

Sept. 30 • Tues. • 6 p.m. • Rome
Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees

MOVIE: “A Quiet Place Part II” 

Following the events at home, the Abbott family now faces the terrors of the outside world. Forced to venture into the unknown, they realize the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats lurking beyond the sand path.

Oct. 1 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Rome
Festine Auditorium, PC
PG-13 • 1h 37min • Drama, Horror, Sci-Fi
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees

Sept. 30 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Utica
Schafer Theater, WH
PG-13 • 1h 37min • Drama, Horror, Sci-Fi
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

A mystery dinner is a popular type of dinner theater in which the play is a murder mystery that the audience is invited to solve as they eat and watch the play. Murder is in the air. Everyone is a suspect. Will you be the person who solves it? Come find out! This fully interactive murder mystery is fun for all involved. Don’t just come to see the show, come and be the show. The dinner menu is listed on the ticketing site.

Sept. 18 • Sat. • 5 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$50 individual • $40 MVCC employees • $30 MVCC students
LIVE COOKING DEMO: Chef Dustin Swiss, Technical Assistant, Hospitality Department at MVCC $ Join Chef Dustin Swiss as he cooks up a delicious fall-themed dish. Audience members will be invited to participate.

Oct. 6 • Wed. • 6 p.m. • Rome Community Hall/Room 150, PC • Free tickets RSVP/ticket required

MOVIE: “Cruella” $ A live-action prequel feature film following a young Cruella de Vil.

Oct. 7 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH • PG-13 2h 14min • Comedy, Crime $5 general $2 MVCC employees

Oct. 12 • Tues. • 7 p.m. Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC PG-13 • 2h 14min Comedy, Crime • $5 general $2 MVCC employees

MOVIE: “In the Heights” $ A film version of the Broadway musical in which Usnavi, a sympathetic New York bodega owner, saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life.

Oct. 8 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH • PG-13 2h 23min • Drama, Music, Musical • $5 general $2 MVCC employees

EXHIBIT: Coming Out Day LGBTQ+ visibility is an important part of the fight for equality. Come see and hear the coming out stories of MVCC LGBTQ+ students and staff at this drop-in event and learn how to support those who are still in the process of coming out.

Oct. 11 • Mon. • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Utica • Lobbies, WH

PERFORMANCE: Haydini, The Illusionist P8 Haydini is a 22-year-old magician from Charlotte who specializes in the art of illusion and, since the age of 10, has worked his way up from busking the streets of uptown Charlotte to headlining venues in the bustling venues in the Charlotte area. Visit haydinimagic.com.

MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Oct. 12 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

GAMESHOW: “Jeopardy!” $ “Jeopardy!” is a classic game show – with a twist. The answers are given first and the contestants supply the questions and compete for a chance to win more than $300 in prizes.

Oct. 15 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC $5 general • $2 MVCC employees

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION: “Expected and Unexpected Consequences,” w/ Professor Tomonari Nishikawa

Professor Tomonari Nishikawa’s films explore the idea of documenting situations/phenomena through a chosen medium and technique. His films have been screened internationally, and he is currently teaching in the Cinema Department at Binghamton University. He will talk about his experience at MVCC and other institutions, as well as how he makes decisions when working on film projects.

Oct. 20 • Wed. • 2:30 p.m. • Utica • Excellus Room 225, WH

PSYCHIC READINGS $ Readings are limited, so it is advised that tickets are purchased in advance. You must have a ticket to get a reading, and appointments will be first come, first served.

Oct. 19 • Tues. • 9 a.m. - Noon • Rome Room 119, PC • $5 general $2 MVCC employees

Oct. 19 • Tues. • 3 - 6 p.m. • Utica Excellus Room 225, WH • $5 general $2 MVCC employees

MOVIE: “Black Widow” $ A film about Natasha Romanoff in her quests between the films “Civil War” and “Infinity War.”

Oct. 26 • Tues. • 7 p.m. • Rome Festine Auditorium, PC PG-13 • 2h 13min • Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi $5 general • $2 MVCC employees

Oct. 26 • Tues. • 7 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH PG-13 • 2h 13min • Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi $5 general • $2 MVCC employees
MVCC THEATRE PROGRAM & DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION: “Quintessentially Odd Ball: Three One-Act Comedies,”
Written by David Lindsay-Abaire and Directed by Paul Cruskie

As Black Book says, “It’s a raucous, foot-stomping evening which redefines fresh.” In “Crazy Eights,” Connie comes home late one night and finds her parole officer waiting in her apartment with a torte and a long list of questions. The interrogation/courting dance that follows is complicated by the after-hours arrival of Connie’s charming card-playing buddy. In “Baby Food,” an off-kilter couple is desperately searching for godparents for their newborn infant. Little do they know that the friends they’ve chosen are less than adventurous diners and on the verge of a divorce. And in “That Other Person,” tonight is the night Ginge and Kevin are going to tell their respective spouses the marriage-shattering secret they’ve been keeping from everyone. But their bombshell gets put on the back burner when a gorgeous peeping-tom with secrets of her own falls in the pool and nearly drowns. Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Oct. 21-23 • Thurs.-Sat. • 7 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH • $5 general • $2 MVCC employees

PERFORMANCE: Open Mic Night
This event is open to performers and spectators of all ages. Instrumentalists, singers, dancers, storytellers, poets, jugglers, magicians, and others are welcome.
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Oct. 26 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

DRAG SHOW: Glam Drag Performers Summers and Myles
Drag involves so much more than slipping into a dress and pasting on thick eyelashes. It is a persona, it is a performance, and it is art and culture. Drag shows have become more popular with the documentary “Paris is Burning” and shows like RuPaul’s “Drag Race.” Films such as “The Birdcage” and “To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar” have popularized drag culture too. If you have never been to a drag show, you’ve been missing out. This performance will include song and dance.
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Oct. 28 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Utica
Schafer Theater, WH
$10 general • $5 MVCC employees

NOVEMBER

ART PRESENTATION/DEMONSTRATION: “The Pottery Wheel,” w/ Vartan Poghosian, Artisan and Executive Director of 4 Elements Studio
4 Elements Studio was founded by ceramic artist Vartan Poghosian. His passion for the arts and arts education in the community was the main goal for establishing 4 Elements Studio, an arts center dedicated to engaging and educating the community through a range of artistic experiences and programming. They strive to provide opportunities and resources to artists, the community, and individuals of all abilities by offering workshops, gallery space, exhibitions, workspace, and equipment to the public.
Nov. 4 • Thurs. • 6 p.m. • Rome • Community Hall/Room 150, PC
Nov. 10 • Wed. • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

FAMILY FUN SERIES:
Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway
Peter just can’t shake his mischievous reputation but soon finds he must decide what kind of bunny he wants to be. Film will be followed by activities and snacks.
Nov. 6 • Sat. • Noon • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
PG • 93min • Animation, Adventure, Comedy
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees/children under 12
Nov. 6 • Sat. • Noon • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
PG • 93min • Animation, Adventure, Comedy
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees/children under 12

MUSICAL PRODUCTION: “Cinderella,” Presented by The Panto Company USA
Bullied by her two mean stepsisters, Cinderella’s future looks bleak until her Fairy Godmother casts a spell and sends her to the ball. How will the Prince ever find her when she flees at midnight, leaving behind a single glass slipper? True to the story, bringing to life this tale for all time, this show is a slice of amazing Panto Company USA fun — full of original modern songs, bursting with more hilarity than you can imagine and of course a happy ending. An additional meet-and-greet ticket, for up to 4 people, will be available for $20.
This event is sponsored by Broadway Theatre League of Utica.
Nov. 7 • Sun. • 2 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$20 general • $12 MVCC employees/children under 12
MOVIE/DISCUSSION: “Coded Bias”
“Coded Bias” explores the fallout of MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini’s startling discovery that facial recognition does not see dark-skinned faces and women accurately, and her journey to push for the first legislation in the U.S. to govern against bias in the algorithms that impact us all. There will be a discussion immediately following the movie screening. Visit codedbias.com.

Nov. 15 • Mon. • 3 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION: MVCC’s International Students
Students from around the world will share stories of their countries and presentations on their unique cultures.

Hybrid: Utica/Online • Nov. 17 • Wed. • 2:30 p.m.
Excellus Room 225, WH / Virtual information at mvcc.edu

CONCERT: Ryan Montbleau Solo
The desire for connection, for a true human bond, is a recurring theme in Montbleau’s writing and his songs have a way of weaving themselves into the fabric of his listeners’ lives that way, offering up hope and light in moments of darkness and doubt. Montbleau’s live shows are nothing if not communal affairs, reaching out a helping hand out for anyone struggling through hard times. Visit ryanmontbleau.com.

Nov. 20 • Sat. • 7 p.m. • Utica
Schafer Theater, WH • $20 general
$10 MVCC employees

CONCERT: SoCal ’90s Power Punk Band Lit
Lit is considered one of the preeminent bands to have come out of the post-grunge era of the late ’90s and helped define an entire generation of SoCal power punk with hard-charging hits like “My Own Worst Enemy,” “Miserable,” “Zip-Lock,” and “Lipstick & Bruises.” The band has released six studio albums worldwide, including their platinum “A Place in the Sun.” They are currently writing and recording new material. Visit litband.com.

This is a rescheduled event; tickets purchased for original date will be honored.

Nov. 11 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH • $15 general • $10 MVCC employees

VIRTUAL EVENT: “World AIDS Day,” w/ Artist Hunter Reynolds
Hunter Reynolds is a visual artist and AIDS activist who uses photography, performances, and installations to express his experience as an HIV-positive gay man living in the age of AIDS. His 30-plus years of work addresses numerous issues, including gender identity, political, social, sexual and personal histories, mourning and loss, survival, hope, and healing. He will share his experiences and his story through his art.

Dec. 1 • Wed. • 3 p.m. • Virtual (more information at mvcc.edu)

FAMILY FUN SERIES: “Holiday Cookie Decorating” w/ Santa Claus
Come celebrate the holidays by decorating cookies with Santa Claus! Santa will also read a children’s book to all attendees with individual photos to follow.

Dec. 5 • Sun. • Noon • Rome • Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employees/children under 12

Dec. 5 • Sun. • 3 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC • $5 general • $2 MVCC employees/children under 12
Job Corps Scholars

Job Corps Scholars is a grant-funded opportunity for young people to earn an MVCC career certificate at no cost in less than eight months from the start. In addition to skills training, students receive individualized personal and employment counseling to prepare them for placement in their chosen field.

Students can choose to earn a certificate in:
- Administrative Assistant
- Airplane Mechanic-FAA certification
- Carpentry & Masonry
- Chef Training
- CNC Machinist Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Finance
- HVAC
- Law Enforcement
- Mechatronics/Advanced manufacturing (Cree)
- Tractor Trailer (CDL A license)
- Welding (Briggs & Stratton)

Eligibility Requirements:
- Be 16-24 years old
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or citizen of a U.S. territory
- Be a first-time college enrollee or dropout
- Qualify as low-income

Students who complete their program will receive SUNY-recognized certificates* and be guaranteed job interviews with local companies, such as Briggs & Stratton in Sherrill (Welding), Cree Wolfspeed in Marcy (Mechatronics), and CTM (CNC Machinist).

*Students must have a high school diploma or its equivalent to receive an MVCC certificate.

Starting dates:
- Fall: Aug. 30, 2021
- Spring: Jan. 19, 2022

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Seats are limited!