KEY + MAP

MVCC Utica: 1101 Sherman Drive
   AB: Academic Building
   JC: Jorgensen Center/Gym
   ACC: Alumni College Center
   WH: Wilcox Hall (Formerly IT)
   ST: Science & Technology Building
   QUAD: Quad/College Green
   STAR: Box Office Locations

MVCC Rome: 1101 Floyd Ave.
   PC: Plumley Complex
MVCC Education Outreach Center
   524 Elizabeth St., Utica
MVCC Carpentry and Masonry:
   335 Catherine St., Utica

Weekday Abbreviations:
   M: Monday
   T: Tuesday
   W: Wednesday
   Th.: Thursday
   F: Friday
   Sa.: Saturday
   Su.: Sunday

Symbols:
   FastTrack: Free Program (Non-Credit)
   $: Ticketed Event (Cultural Series)
   PB: Program Board (Cultural Series)
With events that include lectures, concerts, films, comedy shows, illusionists, dance and theatrical performances, art exhibits, and poetry readings, as well as make-and-take workshops and activities for kids, the MVCC Cultural Series has something for everyone — at an affordable price. Most Cultural Series events are $5 or less to the public and many are free. All events are free for currently matriculated MVCC students.

**JANUARY**

**PERFORMANCE:** Illusionist Stephen Knight $*

The theater grows dark, the music swells, and the audience begins a journey into a world of mystery and illusion that can only be described as pure magic.

Jan. 27 • F • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

**PERFORMANCE:** Sailesh, The Hypnotist PB

Dubbed “The World’s Best Hypnotist” by MTV Europe, Sailesh’s live show has been described as a cross between a concert and the best party ever! Visit saileshthehypnotist.com.

Jan. 31 • T • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

**GAME SHOW:** “Black History Month Kahoot Trivia” PB

Feb. 7 • T • 8:30 p.m. • Utica Snack Bar, ACC

**PERFORMANCE:** Eems PB

Blending styles from hip-hop, alternative, and pop, Eems is known for his versatile mashups and covers. Often playfully referred to as the “Black guy with the ukulele,” Eems’ unique sounds, voice, and sense of humor have taken audiences across the country by storm!

Feb. 9 • Th. • 12 p.m. • Utica Snack Bar, ACC

**WORKSHOP:** “Lacrosse Stick Skills and Shooting” $

In this 90-minute workshop led by MVCC Head Lacrosse Coach Nick Evanoff, boys and girls ages 7 to 16 years old will learn proper cradling, passing, catching, and shooting techniques. Boys are required to have a lacrosse stick, helmet, and gloves. Girls are required to have a lacrosse stick and goggles.

Feb. 11 • Sa. • 2 p.m. • Utica Field House, JC
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

**EXHIBIT:** Black History Month Networking Event PB

Network with local community members and local minority-owned business owners at this event hosted by Student Engagement. Light refreshments will be served.

Feb. 13 • M • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Utica Room 225 • WH

**FEBRUARY**

**ART EXHIBIT:** 2023 Faculty Select Student Show

Annual showcase featuring highlights of student artwork selected by faculty from MVCC’s School of Art. Exhibit will run from Feb. 7 – March 10.

Feb. 7 • T • 1 p.m. • Utica • Juergensen Gallery, WH

**MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP:** “Fused Glass: Spring Nite Lites” $

Penny and Marie Veschusio from Songbyrd Street Studios will lead participants through the process of creating a fused glass nite lite – cutting glass pieces and decorating yourself – a perfect way to add a little light to your home! The nite lites will be brought back to their studio to be fired in the kiln. Pickup will be the following week at the Utica Campus Box Office (Wilcox Hall Room 106). Tickets are limited.

Feb. 7 • T • 6 p.m. • Rome • Room 150, PC
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

**TICKETS**

mvcc.edu/tickets

Tickets for all events go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2023.

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OPEN MIC NIGHT
Open to performers and spectators of all ages. Instrumentalists, singers, dancers, storytellers, poets, jugglers, magicians, and others are welcome.
Feb. 21 • T • 8:30 p.m.
Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

FITNESS WORKSHOP: “Pound® Unplugged” $
This workout session will fuse cardio, Pilates, and yoga through continuous body motion using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix™. This special preview class will highlight the Pound® and Pound® Unplugged formats available in upcoming CCED classes. Those who purchase a ticket and attend this one-time introductory workshop will receive a promo code for $10 off the full CCED course.
Feb. 23 • Th • 5:30 p.m.
Utica • Room 115, JC
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

GAME SHOW: “Spin to Win” $
A spin-off of “Wheel of Fortune” where participants take turns to solve the toss-up, spin the wheel, and earn the most dollars. In this interactive game, players compete for a total of $300 in prizes.
Feb. 24 • F • 7 p.m. • Rome • Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

RESTORATIVE YOGA & DRUM CIRCLE $
Join Alex Kofi Dankwa, Therapeutic Arts Life Coach and Founder of DANKWA Designs, on a new journey where you’ll realize that putting yourself first is not a selfish act. Tickets are limited.
Feb. 28 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH
$10 general
$5 MVCC employee

MARCH

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH BRUNCH PB
Enjoy brunch while learning what it means to grow and prosper as women in Upstate New York. Tickets are limited.
March 8 • W • 11 a.m. • Utica Room 116, ACC

PERFORMANCE: Casey McQuillen from “American Idol” PB
Whether touring the U.S. and Europe, gaining a loyal fan base from the millions who watched her on Season 13 of “American Idol,” or having her most recent single played on CMT, MTV, and Sirius XM “The Pulse,” Casey has accomplished a lot in her short career. Visit listentocasey.com.
March 9 • Th. • 12 p.m. • Utica Snack Bar, ACC

KOREAN CUISINE DEMO: “Kimbap”
Explore the secrets of Korean cuisine and gain cultural insight into the land of K-Pop and kimchi by learning how to prepare Kimbap, one of Korea’s favorite snack dishes, with Christine Koh.
March 23 • Th. • 4 p.m. • Utica Room 116, ACC

PERFORMANCE: Drag Show $
Join CNY drag performers for a night of glam, music, dance, and fun. Stick around for a Q&A about drag and the LGBTQ+ community.
March 23 • Th. • 7:30 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

GAME SHOW: Women’s History Month Kahoot Trivia PB
March 7 • T • 8:30 p.m.
Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

INTERNATIONAL TABLETOP DAY
Come learn tabletop games from around the world — games that go far beyond your standard Monopoly. Presented by Strategic Gaming Club.
March 27 • M • 3-5 p.m. • Utica Room 116, ACC
Jim Coulthart, Local Aviation Historian and Adjunct Instructor at MVCC, will tell the story of CNY’s ambitious local regional airline, how it evolved, and significant events in its existence. Come and hear about the self-proclaimed “Route of the Air Chiefs.”
March 28 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC
March 30 • Th. • 6 p.m. • Rome Festine Auditorium, PC

COMEDY: Sydney Adeniyi PB
Sydney Adeniyi is a stand-up comic, actor, and improviser based in LA who startles the audience’s funny bone with satirical and curious material with a touch of mischief. Visit sydneyadeniyi.com.
March 28 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION: “Ukraine”
Professor Shoshana Keller from Hamilton College and Professor Peter DeSimone from Utica University will discuss background and history of Ukraine and the evolving conflict with Russia.
March 29 • W • 2:30 p.m. • Utica • Room 225, WH

COMEDY: Dan Smith $
Comedian Dan Smith has been seen on Comedy Central, HBO and the E! Network. He’s also toured with Bill Burr, George Lopez, and Bob Saget. Most importantly, Dan has been overseas to entertain our troops 25 times, including trips to Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Korea, and Afghanistan. MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY.
March 31 • F • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: Bunny-Themed ‘Spring’ Globe” $
A fun “springtime” twist on a traditional snow globe craft, these bunny-themed Spring globes are a great addition to your spring decor or to gift to a loved one! In this fun and relaxing hands-on workshop led by Sarah Dustin, Owner of The Adirondack Ink, participants will personalize their globes with bunny figurines, colorful flower confetti, sparkles, and more. No experience necessary.
April 4 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
April 6 • Th. • 6 p.m. • Rome • Room 119, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

Reiki is a Japanese form of energy healing; a type of alternative medicine used to reduce stress, anxiety, physical pain, and past trauma. In this workshop led by Certified Reiki Masters Ashleigh Frank and Lynn Brooks, you’ll learn to channel life force energy through your hands onto another, removing the negative energy and techniques to clear energy pathways. Those who purchase a ticket and attend this one-time introductory workshop will receive a promo code for $10 off the full CCED course.
April 5 • W • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 225, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
April 19 • W • 6 p.m. • Rome • Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION: “United States and Nigeria”
Omobonike Odegbami, Director of International Student Services at Hamilton College, will discuss growing up in the U.S. and Nigeria and the ways that each country has shaped her life.
April 11 • T • 2:30 p.m. • Utica • Room 225, WH

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: “Make Your Own Japanese Paper Kites” $
In this hands-on workshop hosted by MVCC’s Anime Haven Club, participants will learn about the history of these kites and make their own to welcome Spring. No experience necessary.
April 11 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

PERFORMANCE: Drag Illusionist Victor Le’Yon PB
Known as the “Avant-Garde” mentalist and the nation’s leading drag queen hypnotist, Victor brings fashion, wit, and their charming personality to every show with hysterical and mind-blowing performances. Visit victorleyon.com.
April 11 • T • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

FITNESS WORKSHOP: “Water Aerobics” $
Water aerobics is a great way to get in shape as water is a natural aid in resistance training. Individuals who purchase a ticket and attend this one-time introductory workshop will receive a promo code for $10 off the full CCED course. Tickets are limited.
April 13 • Th. • 5 p.m. • Utica • Pool, JC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
POETRY PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP
Kofi Antwi, MVCC class of 2010, is a writer, poet, and educator. In this workshop, he will read from his book, “Tidal Wave,” share relevant experiences, and conduct a workshop for participants.
April 17 • M • 7 p.m. • Utica • Room 225, WH

GOLF CLINIC: “Swing into Spring” $
Dustin Jones, PGA Professional and Owner of Hole in One Golf Center, will lead this event covering all facets of golf with a focus on beginner to intermediate golfers. Tickets are limited.
April 18 • T • 6 p.m. • Utica • Field House, JC
$15 general • $10 MVCC employee

COMEDY: Derrick Knopsnyder PB
As a recent college graduate, Derrick uses his experiences to entertain this generation of college students in a hilarious way. Visit www.dkcomedy.com.
April 18 • T. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica
Snack Bar, ACC

TAKA-CON CONVENTION
Presented by the Anime Haven Club, this convention will include vendors, artists, lectures, games, and contests on various aspects of pop culture including anime, gaming, comics, and cosplay.
April 22 • Sa. • 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Utica
Room 225, WH

PERFORMANCE: Vocalist Danan Tsan and Pianist Sar Strong
Danan and Sar return to present a varied and exciting program of music from Broadway and the American Songbook.
April 25 • T • 4 p.m. • Utica
Schafer Theater, WH

MAY

MVCC FILM CLUB PREMIERE: “Between the Lines and Pages”
At the heart of this anthology film produced by the MVCC Film Club is a love story between young librarian Emelia and a nervous girl named Sara. Sara is afraid of admitting to Emelia how she feels and instead merely asks for book suggestions. Throughout the film, the stories within these books inspire Sara to overcome her fear. The screening will be followed by a panel and Q&A.
May 8 • M • 6:30 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
Rated PG-13 • 90 minutes • 2023

CONCERT: Murphy from “American Idol” PB
Murphy auditioned for “American Idol” and became a fan favorite with the performance of his original song “The Painted Man” and his distinctive style of folk, soul, rock and roll.
April 27 • Th. • 12 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

DOCUMENTARY: “Utica: The Last Refuge” $
This powerful documentary follows refugees settling in Utica and their impact on the community.
April 27 • Th. • 6 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

GAME SHOW: “The Feud” $
This high-tech game show spin-off of Richard Dawson’s “Family Feud” is an interactive game where players compete for a total of $300 in prizes.
April 28 • F • 7 p.m. • Rome • Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee