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.
OPEN MIC NIGHT PB
This event is open to performers and spectators of all ages. Instrumentalists, singers, dancers, storytellers, poets, jugglers, magicians, and others are welcome.
Feb. 1 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION:
“Enjoy the Winding Roads,” w/ Todd Marshall, Ph.D., Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer at MVCC
Dr. Todd Marshall will share how being adventurous, courageous, and willing to take risks helped shape his life journey. He will weave his personal experience in world travel and 30 years of work with international students into his presentation, which will highlight the need for cultural competency.
Feb. 3 • Thurs. • 2:30 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

LECTURE: “Run Against Racism,” w/ the Utica Roadrunners Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
The “Run Against Racism” highlights events in the Black history of Utica. Created in 2020 and inspired by the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, folks were invited to walk or run all or parts of an 8.5-mile route, stopping at various historical sites along the way to read about events that occurred there. They also will talk about the importance of diversity in the running community and how events like the “Run Against Racism” can help. After the talk, the signs will be available to view.
Feb. 7 • Mon. • 4:30 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

ART EXHIBIT OPENING AND RECEPTION:
“Faculty Select Student Show”
The on-campus return of our Annual Student Showcase, featuring highlights of student artwork selected by faculty in MVCC’s School of Art. Exhibit will run until Friday, March 11.
Feb. 8 • Tues. • 1 p.m. • Utica • Juergensen Gallery, WH

WORKSHOP: “Commercial Jazz Class,” w/ Maria Barresi, of Maria Christina’s School of Dance $
Commercial Jazz is a style of dance that uses a mixture of sharp and fluid movements full of popping and animated expressions like what you see on music video clips. Dance experience is NOT required to take this 90-minute class. Please bring sneakers or jazz shoes if you have them.
Feb. 8 • Tues. • 6:30 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

GAMESHOW: Black History Month Kahoot Trivia (PB)
Test your knowledge of Black history with Black History Month Kahoot Trivia!
Feb. 8 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

E-SPORTS GAMING TOURNAMENT: SMASH BROS.
This tournament will involve eight players, 1 vs. 1, until down to 32 players, then full tournament until down to the top six, followed by a best of three. A total of $250 in prizes! Contestants must register in advance at playex.gg/college.
Feb. 10 • Thurs. • 4-7 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

COMEDY: Comedian Josh Blue $
Following his third-place finish on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” Josh Blue is hitting the road with his “As NOT Seen on TV Tour.” After his groundbreaking win on “Last Comic Standing” in 2006, Blue has risen through the ranks to become a well-established headliner at venues throughout the world. His stand-up routine is in a constant state of evolution and his off-the-cuff improvisational skills guarantee that no two shows are alike. Critics have said Blue is not a cerebral palsy comic; he’s a comic who happens to have cerebral palsy. Visit joshblue.com.
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY
Feb. 12 • Sat. • 7 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH • $20 general • $15 MVCC employees

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON PB $
Guest speakers will discuss Black history.
Feb. 16 • Wed. • noon • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

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MOVIE: “King Richard” $44
A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after the coaching of their father, Richard Williams.
2021 • PG-13 • 138 minutes • Biography, Drama, Sport
Feb. 16 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
Feb. 16 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

GAME SHOW: “Jeopardy” $44
“Jeopardy!” is a classic game show, with a twist. The answers are given first, and contestants supply the questions for the chance to win up to $300 in prizes.
Feb. 17 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

GAME SHOW: “Minute to Win It” $44
Fully interactive live game show, with trivia and physical challenges, where contestants have the opportunity to win up to $300 in prizes.
Feb. 24 • Thurs. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

MOVIE: “Eternals” ($)
The saga of the Eternals, a race of immortal beings who lived on Earth and shaped its history and civilizations.
2021 • PG-13 • 157 minutes • Action, Adventure, Drama
Feb. 23 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Rome
Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
Feb. 23 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Utica
Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

WORKSHOP: “Cheese and Charcuterie Board Design & Theory,” w/ Vincent Petronio,
Director of Hospitality Programs at MVCC and Executive Chef at motus Utica $44
In this hands-on workshop, Vincent Petronio will be teaching the art of charcuterie. In the French tradition, charcuterie is the art of preparing and assembling cured meat, cheeses, and garnishes. Limited tickets available.
March 3 • Thurs. • 6 p.m. • Rome
Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

LECTURE: “Horrors of the Genocide in Bosnia: Universal Lessons in Rhetoric, Rage, and Resilience,” w/ Author Jordan Steven Sher
Jordan Steven Sher, author of “And Still We Rise: A Novel about the Genocide in Bosnia,” will share both the history behind the genocide in Bosnia and the universal lessons it teaches going forward. He also will look at what it may take to move beyond the tension that is entrenched in Bosnia. Signed copies of the book will be available for sale.
March 4 • Fri. • 1 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ & CONVERSATION:
“Many Cultures, One Community — Building A Welcoming Community in Utica”
Since 1980, The Center, formerly the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, has welcomed more than 17,000 refugees to the City of Utica. For this event, a representative from The Center will talk about how you can be a part of creating welcoming spaces, a champion of inclusivity, and a partner in building a community of many cultures.
March 8 • Tues. • 2:30 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

PERFORMANCE: World’s Foremost Mind Reader Robert Channing from NBC’s “America’s Got Talent” $44
As seen on NBC, ABC, CBS, Fox, and even QVC, this exciting, and entertaining mind-reading and ESP show will have you on the edge of your seat! Visit robertchanning.com.
March 8 • Tues. • 7 p.m. • Rome
Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

MARCH
GAME SHOW: Women’s History Month Kahoot Trivia  
Test your knowledge of women’s history by playing Kahoot Trivia with a strong emphasis on Women’s History Month. 
March 8 • Tues. • 8:30 p.m. • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC

LECTURE: “Women in STEM,” w/ Vida Tamoshunas, Director of Data & Analytics with Preferred Mutual Insurance Company  
Tamoshunas will talk about her journey as a woman in STEM, earning an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering and a master’s in business. Her interests in math and logic have led her to a career in which she engages with others to solve problems and educate people on how data and analysis can be leveraged to make better decisions. She’ll also share advice for women looking to find careers in historically male-dominated fields. 
March 9 • Wed. • 4 p.m. • Utica • Excellus Room 225, WH

DEAF HISTORY MONTH FACT & FILM: “Children of a Lesser God,” w/ Introduction by Todd Marshall, Ph.D., Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer at MVCC  
Starting his new job as an instructor at a New England school for the deaf, James Leeds (William Hurt) meets Sarah Norman (Marlee Matlin), a young deaf woman who works at the school as a member of the custodial staff. A romance slowly develops between the pair despite Sarah’s withdrawn emotional state due in part to her difficult relationship with her mother (Piper Laurie). Matlin, who is deaf in real life, won the Academy Award for Best Actress for this, her first film role. 
1986 • R • 119 minutes • Drama, Romance 
March 9 • Wed. • 6 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH 
$5 general, $2 MVCC employee

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PERFORMANCE: “Cromania!” w/ Deaf Comedian Crom Saunders  
This event will be verbally translated for the hearing abled. “Cromania!” features skits that incorporate pop culture, impersonations, improvisation, puns, and physical feats. Visit thecromsaunders.com. 
MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY 
March 11 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC 
$10 general • $5 MVCC employee

DOCUMENTARY: “Picture a Scientist”  
This film chronicles the groundswell of researchers who are writing a new chapter for female scientists. Biologist Nancy Hopkins, chemist Raychelle Burks, and geologist Jane Willenbring lead viewers on a journey deep into their own experiences in the sciences, ranging from brutal harassment to years of subtle slights. Along the way, they encounter scientific luminaries who provide new perspectives on how to make science itself more diverse, equitable, and open to all. 
2020 • NR • 103 minutes • Documentary 
March 21 • Mon. • 5 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC

MANDALA OF COMPASSION: Venerable Tenzin Yignyen  
The Venerable Tenzin Yignyen will create a sand mandala based on the theme of compassion over a series of four days. He is a Professor of Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Hobart William Smith Colleges. He was ordained by the Dalai Lama and received the highest degree with honors from Namgyal Monastery in Dharamsala, India. 
March 21-24 • Mon.-Thurs. • 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. • Utica • Library, PH

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON  
Guest speakers from diverse backgrounds will discuss the obstacles they have overcome. 
March 23 • Wed. • noon • Utica • Snack Bar, ACC 
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH FACT & FILM: “Harriet,” w/ Introduction by Todd Marshall, Ph.D., Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer at MVCC  
From her escape from slavery through the dangerous missions she led to liberate hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad, this film tells the story of heroic abolitionist Harriet Tubman, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. 
2019 • PG-13 • 125 minutes Action, Biography, Drama 
March 24 • Thurs. • 6 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH 
$5 general, $2 MVCC employee

DISMANTLING OF MANDALA OF COMPASSION CEREMONY: Venerable Tenzin Yignyen  
This ceremony begins in the Library, Payne Hall second floor, Utica Campus, at 10 a.m. and proceeds to the nearest body of water. This ceremony involves a walk; boots, hats, and gloves are recommended. 
March 25 • Fri. • 10 a.m. • Utica • Library, PH

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CONCERT: Danielle Bradbery $  
Stepping into her own lane with sophomore album “I Don’t Believe We’ve Met” in 2017, pop country singer Danielle Bradbery introduced her story into her songs for the first time – penning seven of the album’s 10 tracks, including the GOLD-certified “Sway.” Kicking off a new chapter last year, Bradbery infused her own personal stories into releases “Never Have I Ever” and “Girls In My Hometown.” With her latest single, “Stop Draggin’ Your Boots,” she shows a side of herself we haven’t yet seen in a fiery coming-of-age declaration. Since winning Season 4 of NBC’s “The Voice,” Bradbery has earned multiple award nominations and toured the globe with Kane Brown, Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley, Miranda Lambert, and more.

March 25 • Fri. • 7 p.m. • Utica Schafer Theater, WH
$15 general • $10 MVCC employee

FAMILY FUN SERIES: “Sing 2” $  
Buster Moon and his friends must persuade reclusive rock star Clay Calloway to join them for the opening of a new show. The film will be followed by activities and snacks.

2021 • PG • 115 minutes
Animation, Adventure, Comedy
March 26 • Sat. • noon • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee/children under 12
March 26 • Sat. • noon • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee/children under 12

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: “Polymer Clay Earrings,” w/ Marissa Perkins of Creative Roots Design $  
Join us for a fun, easy, and trendy workshop designing your own polymer clay earrings. Each student will learn and complete a pair of clay earrings.

March 29 • Tues. • 6 p.m. • Rome Community Hall/Room 150, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
March 31 • Thurs. • 6 p.m. • Utica Room 116, ACC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

MVCC’S GSA CLUB DRAG SHOW  
You don’t have to be RuPaul to be a drag queen — just interested in style and performance — and there’s plenty of drag talent right here in the Mohawk Valley. Join students from the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club and local drag performers for a night of glam, music, dance, and fun.

March 30 • Wed. • 7:30 p.m. • Utica Snack Bar, ACC

MUSICAL PRODUCTION: “The Little Mermaid,” Presented by The Panto Company USA $  
The classic tale of the Little Mermaid — looking for a better life away from the water — is brought to life in this show, which is filled with opportunities for audience participation, eye-catching scenery and costumes, and original songs from the Disney production based on the Hans Christian Anderson story. This event is sponsored by the Broadway Theatre League of Utica.

March 27 • Sun. • 2 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$20 general • $12 MVCC employee/children under 12

ART EXHIBIT: “The Lyre and Line: Reflections”  
This exhibition continues to examine art inspired by poetry and poetry inspired by art created by faculty in MVCC’s Schools of Humanities and Art. Poets/artists include David Nackley, Brandon Shaw, Todd Behrendt, Ron Jones, Lew Kahler, Jed Kimball, Tom Townsley, Sean Usyk, and more. The exhibit will run from March 29 to May 6.

March 29 • Tues. • Open Hours • Utica • Juergensen Gallery, WH

MOVIE: “Spider-Man: No Way Home” $  
For the first time in the cinematic history of Spider-Man, our friendly neighborhood hero is unmasked and no longer able to separate his normal life from the high stakes of being a superhero. When he asks for help from Doctor Strange, the stakes become even more dangerous, forcing him to discover what it truly means to be Spider-Man.

2021 • NR • 150 minutes • Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi
April 6 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee
LECTURE: An Evening w/ Author and Ufologist Bill Birnes as seen on “UFO Hunters” $

Bill Birnes, the publisher of UFO Magazine, can be seen in the weekly series “UFO Hunters” on History Channel. Each week, he and his team of researchers travel to the sites of world-famous UFO events where they explore the encounter and arrive at answers about what really happened. Birnes is well-qualified to lead such a team, having written and edited more than 25 books and encyclopedias in the fields of human behavior, true crime, current affairs, history, psychology, business, computing, and the paranormal.

April 20 • Wed. • 7 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

FACULTY/STAFF POETRY READING

This annual poetry reading showcases the poetic talents of faculty and staff at MVCC.

April 21 • Thurs. • 5 p.m. • Utica • Room 116, ACC
April 27 • Wed. • 5 p.m. • Rome • Festine Auditorium, PC

PERFORMANCE: Pianist David Kim $

Pianist, composer, and instructor of piano and music theory David Kim will perform a selection of treasured works by Chopin, such as the deeply romantic Barcarolle, the vividly narrative third ballade, a nocturne, and some brilliant yet beautiful etudes. Works by Debussy, Liszt, or Scriabin will round out the recital. Visit davidkimpianist.com.

April 26 • Tues. • 6 p.m. • Utica • Schafer Theater, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee

DRONE FEST 2022

MVCC's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Club invites you to an afternoon of amazing interactive drone demos and networking opportunities, including racing drone and flight demos, hands-on racing simulators, and more. Come try flying a mini drone or visit the food truck on site! Rain date will be Sunday, May 1.

April 30 • Sat. • 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Utica • Campus Quad

MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP: “Origami,” w/ Anime Haven Club at MVCC $

Learn the Japanese art of paper folding and make your own origami creations to take home with you. Hosted by the Anime Haven Club, there will be a variety of options from simple to more complicated, and you'll learn some origami history as well.

May 2 • Mon. • 4:30 p.m. • Utica • Excellus Room 225, WH
$5 general • $2 MVCC employee