This year we are celebrating the importance of collaborations. Join us as MDC faculty, students, and esteemed guests explore the creations that result when artistic forces are joined. Drop in and discover fine musicians, published poets, and visual artists working together to produce new and unique works, some right before your eyes! Explore the arts with hands-on activities that place you at the center of the creative process.

ON GOING EVENTS

Poster Exhibit
Arts & Letters Day Poster Contest Finalists
Library, Second Floor, Building 2
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Winners of Arts & Letters Day Poster Contest

1st Place - Stephanie Rodriguez
2nd Place - Benjamin Aetiles
3rd Place - Damaris Alvarez

We Wish to Thank

Dr. Lourdes Oroza, Kendall Campus President, Dr. Alicia Giovannazzo, Academic Dean, John Adkins, Associate Academic Dean, and Leslie Wilson, Director of Student Life, for their assistance and support; Irene Muñoz, Director of Public Affairs, for her patience and assistance; Christine Lorente and the Graphic Department staff for creating dozens of advertising posters for Arts & Letters Day; Paola Fernandez Rana of The Center at MDC for her support; Duane Summers, Mike Perozo, and Lucas Romano for help with sound engineering; and the many staff members and students who performed volunteer tasks, too numerous to mention.

Sponsors

Books and Books, Booksellers
The Center for Literature and Theatre at MDC
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This award-winning poet and MDC professor will talk about his work. His poems have been published in numerous anthologies and have been praised for their depth and insight. His recent book, "Cuba," (1993), was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His poetry is also included in "The Norton Anthology of Poetry" (2007). "Pritable Hunter" (2008), and "Man," (2014), all from Carnegie Mellon University Press. Read more about him at www.ametazia.com.

Location: Room B403

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

A Bookmobile for Dreamers, Keynote Speakers Elizabeth Brown and Michelle Selby-Berge. A Bookmobile for Dreamers is a 40-minute multimedia presentation by professors Elizabeth Brown and Michelle Selby-Berge. We expect that this will be a remarkable show. Art viewers will be invited to participate in the project by writing their own ideas on clay. They will also place their shard within the designated area around the head. Coordinated by Ray Morales and students. Location: McCarthy Auditorium, Room 6120.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Kids’ Choice Story Contest: Kids do the judging! Children (ages 5-11) are welcome to this story contest where the kids will choose the best of original stories by MDC students. Storybook characters will be performed. Afterwards, an open mic for poetry, interpretive dance, coordinated by Michelle Selby-Berge and students. A Bookmobile for Dreamers along with students will work with students to create a makeshift shipping container. This work of sculpture will depict the explorable conditions that humans endure when their kidnappers transport them in order to sell them into slavery. Visitors to the installation will be able to listen to students’ stories and learn more about the problem of human trafficking.

Location: Library, second floor, Building 2

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Duo: Professor Dave Brubeck on trombone and professor Tim Lippincott on guitar will collaborate to display jazz music in an informal and relaxed setting. Enjoy a cup of coffee and great music!

Location: Kendall Koffeehouse, Room D106

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

The Night Time Jazz Band, directed by Jim Broderrick

The big band sound of the Night Time Jazz Band will delight lovers of jazz with vocal and instrumental performances of classic and contemporary jazz standards, big band and small ensemble music. Ed Call on saxophone, Steve Quino on piano, and Richard Rose on bass.

Location: Café Plaza, Building 8

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Beat Poets would gather at the Café Trois in San Francisco to discuss the world around them and their families. Michel de Bargery, contemporary literature specialist, as he works perhaps inspired by encounters at the Café Trois. Accompanied by Richard Rose on bass, Steve Quino on piano, and Bill Kester on drums.

Location: Café Plaza, Building 8

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Miami Dade College Kendall Campus Dance Program "Walls of Respect: A Creative Celebration of MDC's Arts Community" will be performed. Afterwards, an open mic for poetry will be performed. Afterwards, an open mic for poetry, interpreted dance, coordinated by Michelle Selby-Berge and students. A Bookmobile for Dreamers along with students will work with students to create a makeshift shipping container. This work of sculpture will depict the explorable conditions that humans endure when their kidnappers transport them in order to sell them into slavery. Visitors to the installation will be able to listen to students’ stories and learn more about the problem of human trafficking.

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12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Great Jazz Music. Music professor Matt Bonnelli will direct the Kendall Campus Jazz Band.

Location: Rock N Roll Kitchen, outside the Koffeehouse

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Rhythm of the World

Pianist Steve Quino will perform his original compositions.

Location: Café Plaza, Building 8

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Burden of Dreams: The Making of "Fitzcarraldo"

Artist John Bailly: On his Collaboration with Werner Herzog

The collaboration between Blanco and Bailly explores the traditional parameters of the text-to-image relationship. Rather than having text provide ideas for imagery or vice versa, this text, these works are juxtaposed in an indirect manner. Often subtle and understated yet clearly obvious, the relationship between the poems and paintings are for the audience to deduce. Addressing issues of self-reflection (and cultural opposite) Blanco and Bailly aim to stimulate viewers into their own reflections, in much the same way that they search the paintings and poems for meaning.

Location: McCarthy Auditorium, Room 6120

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Musical Collaboration for Everyone with Bill Wallich

Learn how to make music solo or with others, and just for fun. Open to both human and non-human participants.

Location: Room B121

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7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Aretha Franklin, John Cougar Mellencamp, Gladys Knight, Vanessa Williams and others.

Open Rehearsal: Spring Awakening

Directed by Sean Paul Byrnes.

Location: Campus Theater, M113

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Miami Dade College Miami West Campus Concert in Concert!

Talented commercial music students will perform original compositions and electrifying versions of your favorite songs.

Location: McCarthy Auditorium, Room 6120

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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