

Fall Arts



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2026 Montgomery College Arts Institute



Dear Friends of Montgomery College Arts,

Welcome to fall 2026 at Montgomery College! In Dean Trezza's extended absence, Dean Erik Swanson and I are eager to see the arts flourish at MC and in the community.

The beginning of a new academic year always brings renewed energy to our stages, galleries, studios, and classrooms. This semester's calendar reflects that spirit through a wide range of performances and exhibitions that invite our students to experiment, collaborate, and share their creative voices with audiences across Montgomery County.

Students are at the heart of this season. The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Department of Visual and Performing Arts Student Exhibition offers an opportunity to experience the work of MC's emerging visual artists in the King Street Gallery. Onstage, students will bring their talents to *Love's the Thang!* in October and Paula Vogel's *Indecent* in November. The semester also features performances by the MC Chorus and Chamber Singers and the MC Chamber, Jazz, and World Ensembles. In December, *The Beat Goes On: A Song and Dance Spectacular!* will unite the MC Musical Theater Ensemble, Spotlights, and the Montgomery College Dance Company for a joyful conclusion to the season.

These events are much more than performances and exhibitions. They are an essential part of our students' education, giving them opportunities to build confidence, develop their craft, work alongside their peers and faculty mentors, and connect with the community. We are proud to celebrate their imagination, discipline, and accomplishments.

I am deeply grateful to the faculty, staff, and students whose creativity and hard work make this calendar possible. Their dedication allows Montgomery College to offer an arts community that is welcoming, adventurous, and accessible to all.

In addition to our arts events and a full complement of classes for academic credit, we offer noncredit courses in every discipline through our Community Arts program at montgomerycollege.edu/communityarts.

If you would like to support our students in the form of a scholarship donation, visit montgomerycollege.edu/onlinegiving, select "other" under "Give to a program fund or different area of support," then type in "Carol Trezza Scholarship for the Arts."

I invite you to explore the calendar, discover something new, and join us in celebrating the creativity and achievements of our students. Your presence at these events is a meaningful part of their experience, and we look forward to welcoming you this fall.

Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you at one of our events very soon.

Elizabeth M. Benton

Dean of English and Reading

Acting Dean of Visual, Performing, and Media Arts

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Discover the Arts at Montgomery College

At Montgomery College, students get a great education at a fraction of the cost of four-year colleges, universities, and art schools. We offer degrees and programs in the visual and performing arts, including classes in: studio art, graphic design, TV and radio broadcasting, music, theatre, dance, photography, game design, and animation. If you would like to learn more about studying the arts at Montgomery College, please visit montgomerycollege.edu/arts or visit the various art department sites. You can also visit the Arts Institute site at montgomerycollege.edu/artsinstitute for news and information.

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Visual & Media Arts

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SEPTEMBER

Exhibition

**TAKOMA PARK/SILVER SPRING
DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL AND
PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT EXHIBITION**
May 21-September 11

King Street Gallery
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

TPSS Fall 2026 Artist-in-Residence

VANESSA VILLAREAL

Open Gallery Exhibition: September-December
Workshop and Artist Talk:
Thursday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.

Mixed-media, fiber, and assemblage artist Vanessa Villareal will be the Fall 2026 Artist-in-Residence of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Using denim as her primary material, Villareal creates works that embody, narrate, and honor Black life, including hers.

Open Gallery
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Exhibition

**57TH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE AND
GERMANTOWN ART DEPARTMENT
FACULTY AND STAFF SHOW**

September 1-25
Opening Reception:
Tuesday, September 8, Noon-1 p.m.

Sarah Silberman Gallery
Paul Peck Art Building
Rockville Campus

OCTOBER

Exhibition

**JU YUN, MALIK GREENE, AND ASHLEY
JA'NAE GUNTER**

October 1 - November 6

Reception: To Be Announced

King Street Gallery
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Rockville/Germantown Collaborative Artist-in-Residence

**AMIR HARARI: PROVISIONAL FUTURES:
BUILDING AS REVISION**

October 6-30

Opening Reception and Artist Talk:

Tuesday, October 6, Noon-2 p.m.

Closing Reception:

Monday, October 26, Noon-2 p.m.

Sarah Silberman Gallery | Paul Peck Art Building
Rockville Campus

Visiting Artist

KEIKO HARA

Demonstration/Artist Talk:

Thursday, October 15, 2 p.m.

Workshop: Friday, October 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Visiting artist Keiko Hara, Professor Emerita of Art of Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, will present her work in Mokuhanga and monotype printmaking methods to students and guests during a two-day workshop event.

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Printmaking Studio-CF210
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

NOVEMBER

Exhibition

FACULTY SOLO SHOW: KATJA TOPORSKI

November 17-January 15

Opening Reception:

Tuesday, November 17, Noon-2 p.m.

Sarah Silberman Gallery
Paul Peck Art Building
Rockville Campus

Exhibition

NEW HERE/HERE NOW 2026

November 19-January 29

Reception: To Be Announced

King Street Gallery
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz
Foundation Arts Center
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Takoma Park Faculty and Staff Exhibit



Allen Bentley, *Moonlit Repose*



Alfonso Fernandez-Vazquez, *Hunted*



Music

SEPTEMBER

Guest Artist Series

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK **Saturday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.**

The Grammy-nominated African American vocal ensemble, *SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK*® marks its 50TH ANNIVERSARY in November 2023 with a powerful three-year celebration that will honor its storied past and set the course for the future of the group, which has been described as, "one of the most dynamic, versatile and still relevant musical collectives today." Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center | Rockville Campus mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/mclivearts

OCTOBER

MARYLAND BAND DIRECTORS BAND **FALL CONCERT**

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.

Experience contemporary and classic wind band music performed by Maryland music teachers and band directors. Cultural Arts Center | Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus montgomerycollege.edu/cac

WASHINGTON WIND SOLOISTS **Saturday, October 10, 5 p.m.**

The Washington Wind Soloists will present a diverse program of wind quintet repertoire, inviting audiences to experience the rich colors, expressive beauty, and remarkable versatility of the wind quintet. Music Building | Recital Hall | Rockville Campus

Guest Artist Series

NOBUNTU **Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.**

Nobuntu, the female a cappella quartet from Zimbabwe, has drawn international acclaim for its inventive performances that range from traditional Zimbabwean songs to Afro Jazz to Gospel. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center | Rockville Campus mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/mclivearts

Guest Artist Series

BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA: TRIBUTE TO SONGS **IN THE KEY OF LIFE** **Saturday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.**

The legendary Blind Boys of Alabama bring their transcendent harmonies and spiritual power to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Stevie Wonder's iconic album *Songs in the Key of Life*. Cultural Arts Center | Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus montgomerycollege.edu/cac

Guest Artist Series

CHARO **Friday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.**

Charo is an American music and pop culture icon who has entertained millions during her stellar 50-year career. Cultural Arts Center | Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus montgomerycollege.edu/cac

NOVEMBER

MARYLAND BAND DIRECTORS BAND **FALL CONCERT**

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Experience contemporary and classic wind band music performed by Maryland music teachers and band directors. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center Rockville Campus montgomerycollege.edu/pac

Guest Artist Series

RUBEN STUDDARD **Saturday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center
Rockville Campus
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World Arts Festival Concert

WAF PRESENTS STEELPAN VIRTUOSO DR. **JOSANNE FRANCIS: A CARNIVAL STORY** **Thursday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.**

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center | Rockville Campus montgomerycollege.edu/pac

College Music Series

MC CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS **Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Directed by Molly Donnelly
Christ Episcopal Church of Rockville
109 S. Washington Street, Rockville, MD 20850

DECEMBER

Guest Artist Series

ERIC BYRD TRIO: A CHARLIE BROWN **CHRISTMAS**

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

2026 Washington Area Music Award Winning Best Jazz Artist/Group of the year, The Eric Byrd Trio are internationally acclaimed jazz ambassadors whose sound blends swing, bebop, gospel, and blues with energy and soul. Globe Hall | Germantown Campus mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/mclivearts

College Music Series

MC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE **Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.**

Conducted by Aaron Spoor
Music Building | Recital Hall | Rockville Campus

Charo

Ruben Studdard

MC Jazz Ensemble

Music

College Music Series

MC JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Alvin F. Trask

Theatre Arts Arena | Rockville Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/pac

Guest Artist Series

CHERRY POPPIN' DADDIES HOLIDAY SHOW

Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

2026 Washington Area Music Award Winning Best Jazz Artist/Group of the year, The Eric Byrd Trio are internationally acclaimed jazz ambassadors whose sound blends swing, bebop, gospel, and blues with energy and soul.
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College Music Series

MC WORLD ENSEMBLE WITH SPECIAL GUEST DR. JOSANNE FRANCIS

Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Directed by Victor Provost

Theatre Arts Arena | Rockville Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/pac

Theatre & Dance

SEPTEMBER

Guest Artist Series

SEASON KICK OFF PARTY & IMGE DANCE

Friday, September 18, 5-9:30 p.m.
IMGE Dance ("image") is a transcultural company that unravels traditional forms from Indian and American classical, folk, street styles, and contemporary to reinvent how movement connects our experience.
Cultural Arts Center | Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/cac

OCTOBER

Guest Artist Series

CIRQUE KALABANTE: WOW (WORLD OF WORD)

Saturday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.
Imagine a stage where ancestral African wisdom captivates the audience.
Cultural Arts Center | Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/cac

Guest Artist Series

LIGHTWIRE THEATER: THE ADVENTURES OF TORTOISE AND HARE: THE NEXT GEN

Saturday, October 24, 1 p.m.

Lightwire Theater has been featured as semi-finalists on NBC's America's Got Talent and winners of Tru TV's "Fake Off." The group combines theater and technology to bring stories to life in complete darkness and are internationally recognized for their signature brand of electroluminescent artistry.
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center | Rockville Campus
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College Performing Arts Series

LOVE'S THE THANG!

Wednesday-Saturday, October 21-24, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m.

Devised and directed by Leslie M. Scott Jones
Theatre Arts Arena | Rockville Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/pac

NOVEMBER

Guest Artist Series

VELVETEEN, A NEW MUSICAL

Saturday, November 7, 1 p.m.

Inspired by The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams, the magical new musical Velveteen introduces us to Lulu, her Gran, her beloved toys and a nest of legendary rabbits.
Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center | Rockville Campus
mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/mclivearts

College Performing Arts Series

INDECENT

Wednesday-Saturday, November 18-21, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 22, 2 p.m.

Written by Paula Vogel

Directed by Sasha Olinick

Theatre Arts Arena | Rockville Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/pac

DECEMBER

THE BEAT GOES ON: A SONG AND DANCE SPECTACULAR!

Friday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.

An evening of Song and Dance performed by the MC Musical Theater Ensemble, Spotlights, and the Montgomery College Dance Company.
Theatre Arts Arena | Rockville Campus
montgomerycollege.edu/pac

Velveteen, a New Musical



Summer Choral Institute Concert



IMGE Dance



Venues

Rockville Campus

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Media Arts Gallery | 240-567-7519

Technical Center, Room 106

Gallery Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

montgomerycollege.edu/mediaartsgallery

Music Recital Hall | 240-567-5209

Music Building, Room 126

Music Rehearsal Hall | 240-567-5209

Music Building, Room 124

Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center

240-567-5301

montgomerycollege.edu/pac

Sarah Silberman Art Gallery | 240-567-7655

Paul Peck Art Building, 2nd Floor

Gallery Hours: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

montgomerycollege.edu/artrockville

Theatre Arts Building | 240-567-5250

1st floor, Room 156-157

Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus

**King Street Gallery, Open Gallery,
Maze Gallery** | 240-567-5821

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz

Foundation Arts Center

930 King Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Gallery Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

montgomerycollege.edu/arts-tpss

Cultural Arts Center and Gallery

240-567-5775

7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Gallery Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

montgomerycollege.edu/cac

Germantown Campus

Globe Hall

20200 Observation Drive

Germantown, MD 20876

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The Arts at MC Need Your Support

During these difficult times, the arts are more important than ever. The exhibitions and performances produced at the College are essential to our students, the MC faculty and staff, and the greater Montgomery County community, yet we have never faced more challenges.

Your gift can provide life-changing support to Montgomery College students enrolled in arts courses on all three campuses. Your generous donation could supply scholarship funds, art supplies, and diverse learning opportunities.

For example:

- \$2,000 could help support guest artists to exhibit their work, offer workshops, or give guest lectures to our students.

- \$1,000 could provide for a student internship at a local arts organization.

- \$500 could pay for one three-credit course for a student.

- \$100 could pay for art supplies for one student each semester.

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Join us soon at an arts event!

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Maryland Band Directors Band



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Rockville, MD 20850



Vidya Vijayasekharan,
Balance is Not Still