

Fall FESTIBA 2023-2024

Inspiring Hope and Prosperity through Arts and Literacy

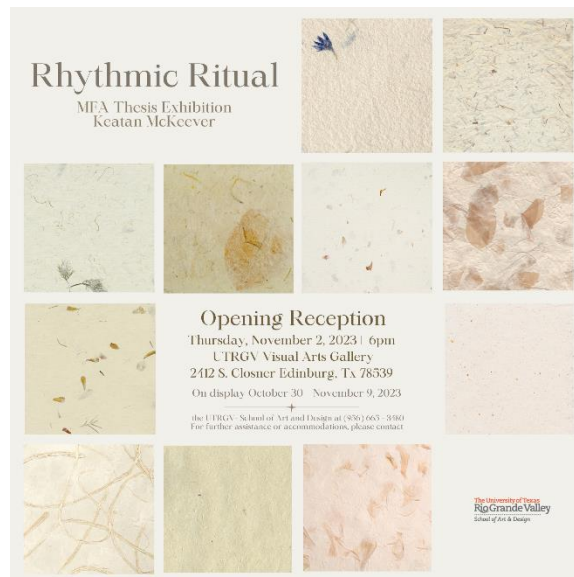
The Festival of International Books and Arts (**FESTIBA**) was established in 2006 to promote the importance of literacy, culture and the arts to students, parents, educators and community members throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

FALL FESTIBA 2023 will feature a Gear UP Day on November 1st, 2023. The mission this year is to explore the theme of *Inspiring Hope and Prosperity Through Arts and Literacy*.

The imagery for FESTIBA 2023-2024 is the hummingbird, which has fascinated humans since ancient times, thus becoming a powerful symbol. Hummingbird symbolism, both spiritual and physical, is found in cultures all over the world. Encountering a hummingbird is seen in many cultures as an indication of good news and impending positive changes. Characteristics associated with hummingbirds include endurance, eternity, good luck, health and vitality, and divine messages. These beautiful and unique birds are associated with life, love, beauty, joy and freedom. They remind us to forever seek out the good in life and beauty in each day.

Fall FESTIBA 2023 Schedule

FESTIBA EXHIBITS



Keatan McKeever MFA Exhibition

The School of Art and Design Faculty welcomes students to explore a wide range of media for the purpose of developing effective communication skills through the conceptual and analytical comprehension of images. We believe expression of the visual arts serves humanity. This creative endeavor promotes the development of critical observation, a strong foundation for communication skills and encourages the investigation of the natural world and the multicultural, social and political elements of a global society, and also encourages students to explore both traditional and contemporary fields.

Dates: October 30th - November 9th, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Opening Reception: Friday, November 2nd, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Visual Arts Building Gallery, Edinburg

COFA Display Exhibit Case

In celebration of Fall FESTIBA and in collaboration with the UTRGV Research and Instructional Services Department, the College of Fine Arts will be featured in a display exhibit on the 3rd floor of the UTRGV Library Brownsville Campus.

FESTIBA: Inspiring Hope & Prosperity through ARTS & LITERACY

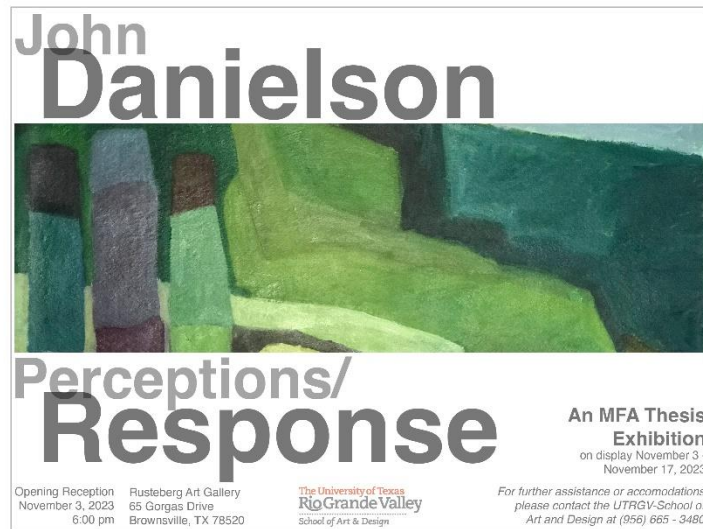
A work of art has the power to move, whether it is a song, a play, a poem, a novel, or a painting. When we are touched, we are moved; we are transported to a new place as we become aware of a feeling that may not be unfamiliar to us but which we did not actively focus on before. This transformative experience is what art is constantly seeking. The creative and cultural arts represent one of the few areas in our society where people can come together to share an experience, even if they see the world in radically different ways. The important thing is not that we agree about the experience that we share, but that we consider it worthwhile sharing an experience at all. In art and other forms of cultural expression, disagreement is accepted and embraced as an essential ingredient. In this sense, the emotions and experiences created by the creative and cultural arts is potentially a great source of inspiration for bringing people together and transforming communities.

College of Fine Arts Programs: Art and Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, and Theater.

Dates: October 30th-November 10th, 2023

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: UTRGV BLIBR University Library, Brownsville



John Danielson MFA Exhibition

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Dates: November 3rd - 17th, 2023

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Opening Reception: Friday, November 3rd, 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

Location: Rusteberg Gallery, Brownsville

Ancient Landscapes of South Texas Exhibition

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Dates: November 1st - 22nd, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Charles and Dorothy Clark Art Gallery

Student, Faculty and Guest Presentations

Monday, October 30th, 2023



High School Choir Invitational

Directed by Dr. Matthew Coffey, he is Assistant Professor of Choral Studies at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley where he conducts the University Choir and teaches coursework in conducting and secondary choral methods.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Complex, Edinburg

Monday, October 30th - November 1st, 2023



ire'ne lara silva

ire'ne lara silva is the author of four poetry collections, *furia*, *Blood Sugar Canto*, *CUICACALLI/House of Song*, and *FirstPoems*, two chapbooks, *Enduring Azucars* and *Hibiscus Tacos*, and a short story collection, *flesh to bone*, which won the Premio Aztlán. ire'ne is the recipient of a 2021 Tasajillo Writers Grant, a 2017 NALAC Fund for the Arts Grant, the final Alfredo Cisneros del Moral Award, and was the Fiction Finalist for AROHO's 2013 Gift of Freedom Award. ire'ne is currently a Writer at Large for Texas

Highways Magazine and is working on a second collection of short stories titled, the light of your body. A new poetry collection, the eaters of flowers, is forthcoming from Saddle Road Press in January 2024.

October 30, 2023

Reading and Platica on artistic practice

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Cortez Hall 118, Brownsville

October 31, 2023

Reading, Q & A and reception

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: 2412 Bus. 281 (Closner) EVABL 1.125, Edinburg

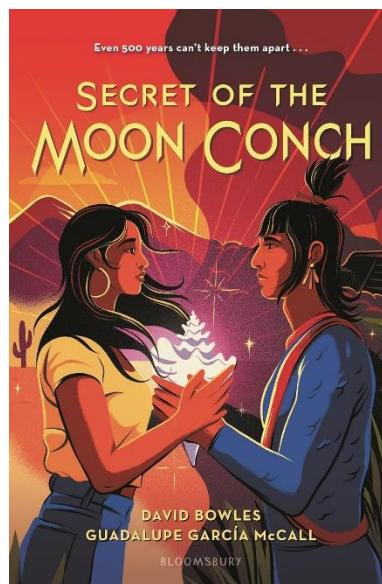
November 1, 2023

Reading, Q & A, book signing & reception

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Center Lobby, Edinburg

Region One "Pathways" Gear Up at UTRGV



Presentations by Luis Corpus (artist), Daniel Garcia Ordaz (McAllen Poet Laureate); Guadalupe Garcia McCall and David Bowles (Young Adults Authors), and Brian Warren (Department of Theatre faculty).

Time: TBA

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Center/Student Union Theatre/Albert Jeffers Theatre, Edinburg

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

Piano Area Concert - 20th to 21st Century Modernism



This year's UTRGV Piano Area recital will feature works written in the 20th and 21st centuries that highlight the aesthetic changes that took place at the turn of the century, including among others a break away from tonality, rhythmic symmetry and standard musical form.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Complex, Edinburg

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

**Non-Judgemental and Acceptance Literature:
The Case of Eloy Moreno**

Dr. Sánchez-Conejero, by means of Eloy Moreno's literature (selected works), explores how literature can contribute to society offering a more understanding and accepting view of individuals and different human experiences.

Presenters: Dr. Cristina Sánchez-Conejero, Department of Spanish, UTRGV

Location: Edinburg Campus / ELABS 259

Time: 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, November 4th, 2023



Juan Pablo Andrade, piano

A piano recital featuring works by Latin American composers, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and Chopin.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: TSC Performing Arts Center, Brownsville



Jazz Festival

UTRGV Jazz Festival will feature the Corona Jazz Combo, Harlingen HS Honors Jazz Ensemble, UTRGV Jazz Ambassadors, RGV Jazz Orchestra.

For questions, please contact the School of Music at (956) 665-3881 or (956) 882-7025

Time:

5:00 pm - Corona Jazz Combo

5:25 pm - Harlingen HS Honors Jazz Ensemble

6:00 pm - UTRGV Jazz Ambassadors

6:30 pm - RGV Jazz Orchestra

7:15 pm - Grande Finale (All Performers Above)

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Complex, Edinburg

Sunday, November 5th, 2023



Distinguished Artist Series - Tito Puente Jr, Latin Jazz Artist

The comparison is inevitable. How could it be otherwise? Tito Puente Jr carries his father with him - imprinted on his physical being and locked in his soul. It's in his looks, his joy, and his music. Tito, Jr is on a passionate mission. The younger Puente is determined to nurture the musical legacy left by his father. He refuses to let his father become a distant memory. "He was just too vibrant, too exciting. There was magic in the music my father made. It made people happy all over the world."

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Performing Arts Complex, Edinburg