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SPRING EVENTS

February 24 – March 5

2023





PRE-FESTIBA EVENTS

Monday-Tuesday, February 13-14

THE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN ARTS: A LA MÚSICA 2023

Featuring Flamenco Dance Artist Daniel Caballero direct from Madrid, Spain in his latest work with live musicians and performances by Flamenco dancers from Spain and our UTRGV Ballet Español Students.

Dates/Times:

Monday, February 13 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14 at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex

and the South Texas Literacy Coalition to present the South Texas Literacy Symposium, a professional development conference for local literacy providers. This free conference is sponsored by Literacy Texas. This symposium is offered free of charge to educators, volunteer tutors, ESL teachers, and other library and nonprofit professionals who work in the fields of adult and family literacy.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Ballroom

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

To register, visit literacytexas.org/SouthTX.

Friday, February 24 at 6-9 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Liberal Arts Building South (ELABS)

THE CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN ARTS: CIRCA: CONJETURAS EN PAPEL BY ANGELA V. SCARDIGNO

Date: February 15-March 5

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Library First Floor, behind the elevators

INTANGIBLE By Carlos Limas

Date: February 20-March 8

Location: UTRGV Brownsville Rusteberg Art Gallery

Opening Reception: Thursday, February 23 at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 24

FESTIBA 2023 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Join us for this fun community event, which will feature an amazing list of family-friendly events including a variety of author presentations, book signings and distributions, musical performances, children's activities, book and art displays. Free books will be distributed by the South Texas Literacy Association!

Location: Dustin M. Sekula Memorial Library, 1906 South Closser Boulevard, Edinburg

Time: 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 25

SOUTH TEXAS LITERACY SYMPOSIUM AT FESTIBA 2023

FESTIBA's Librarians and Educators Day collaborates with Texas Literacy,

FESTIBA 2023 ART EXHIBITS

EARTHCLOUDS BY NANCY MOYER, PROFESSOR EMERITA OF ART

Opening Reception:

Tuesday, February 28 at 6 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex Exhibit Hall

VISUAL ARTS BUILDING GALLERY: KAYLEE HERNANDEZ MFA THESIS EXHIBITION

March 6-10

Opening Reception:

Friday, March 3 at 6-8 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Visual Arts Building (EVABL)

CHARLES & DOROTHY CLARK GALLERY: JUAN DE DIOS MORA GUEST ARTIST

Closing Reception & Artist Talk: February 6-28

Monday, February 27

THE FREDDY GONZALEZ' LETTERS PROJECT: BUILDING MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITING SKILLS WITH AN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Description: In 2020, Ms. Dolia González, the mother of Sgt. Freddy González, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, donated over 150 letters to the Museum of South Texas History. These letters allow the reader a personal look into the life of this young Edinburg service member serving his country during the Vietnam Conflict. The Museum of South Texas History, in partnership with the Edinburg CISD Social Studies Department, will integrate these personal letters in a writing curriculum framework for middle school students. Using letter writing to explore this time-period serves as an opportunity for students to gain an historical perspective through Sgt.



González's personal viewpoint while serving as an ideal resource for language development. Killed in action in Hue City, Vietnam, on February 4, 1968, Sgt. González was, posthumously, awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor for military valor in Vietnam. He graduated from Edinburg High School in 1965. The Museum of South Texas History keeps a public exhibit of Gonzalez' uniform, weaponry, and meritorious honor medals on display.

Presenters: Edinburg CISD teachers and Dr. Francisco Guajardo, Chief Executive Officer, Museum of South Texas History

Location: MOSTHistory's Facebook @mosthistory

Time: 10 a.m.

TERRA PRETA: A PORCIÓN OF EDINBURG

Description: This presentation details the findings of this project in anticipation of the publication of the final report later this year and will cover a new direction for this course as we studied the Raygoza family of Edinburg which engages in organic, urban, and sustainable farming.

Student presenters: Jackie Moran, UTRGV Graduate Student Art & Design/3D Studio Design; Diego Rivera, UTRGV Graduate Student of Mexican American Studies; Leonardo Rodriguez, UTRGV Graduate Student of Mexican American Studies; Stephanie De La Rosa, UTRGV Graduate Student of Anthropology

Faculty Advisor: Roseann Bacha-Garza, UTRGV CHAPS Program Director/Lecturer Anthropology

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, ESTAC 1.112

Time: 12:30-1:30 pm

NUCLEAR COLONIALISM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY

Description: Dr. Myrriah Gómez will focus on how illiteracy plays a role in the displacement of ethnic minorities per her research and book *Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos*.

Presenter: Dr. Myrriah Gómez, University of New Mexico Honors College, author of *Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos*.

Presider/Organizer: Dr. Noreen Rivera, Associate Professor, Dept. of Literatures and Cultural Studies, UTRGV

Zoom link:

<https://utrgv.zoom.us/j/8289511284>

Time: 1-2:15 p.m. CST

A TALE OF A COMMUNITY'S TRANSFORMATION THROUGH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: THE GILDED AGE IN ALBANY, NEW YORK

Featuring Luz Rodriguez, Historian/Archivist Intern, The Gelman Stained Glass Museum

Presenters: The Gelman Stained Glass Museum in collaboration with UTRGV History Internship Program, Dr. David Fisher (US History II Class)

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Liberal Arts Building South Room 255

Class Discussion: 5-5:45 p.m.

WRITING WORKSHOP WITH ANDREA "VOCAB" SANDERSON, SAN ANTONIO POET LAUREATE 2020-2023

Description: A generative writing & performance workshop facilitated by Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson, followed by a reading of the generated work for those interested in sharing.

Bio: As San Antonio Poet Laureate, Vocab leads poetry workshops, mentors, builds up and encourages artists to pursue their art, and gives them platforms to showcase their talent. Her debut book entitled: *She Lives In Music*, published with FlowerSong Press, was released on Valentine's Day 2020. Her album *She Tastes Like Music*, is available on all music streaming platforms.

Presenters: Emmy Pérez, Jo Reyes-Boitel, and Gallery Magazine staff

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Borderlands Room, EEDUC 3.204

Time: 6 p.m.

UTRGV WIND ORCHESTRA AND UTRGV SYMPHONIC WINDS

Presenters: UTRGV School of Music with Conductor Dr. Saul Torres

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, UTRGV Performing Arts Complex

Time: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

GEAR UPS DAYS AT FESTIBA 2022

Description: FESTIBA partners with the Region One GEAR UP program to host hundreds of public school Gear Up students at the UTRGV Edinburg campus. The students attend inspirational presentations and sessions on the power of creativity, development of literacy skills and



self-expression for life success, and tips on college-readiness.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex

Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

JORNADAS LITERARIAS LIBRO ABIERTO: MUJERES Y ESCRITURA A CONVERSATION WITH CARMEN POSADAS

Featuring award-winning Uruguayan-Spanish writer Carmen Posadas

Presenters: Dr. Elvia Ardalani, UTRGV, and Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra, Southeastern Louisiana University

Time: 10 a.m. (CT)

Zoom link: Contact

elvia.ardalani@utrgv.edu to request Zoom link.

STORYTELLING WITH ARTIFACTS

Description: Behind every museum exhibition is hours-long research into an artifact and its provenance.

Crafting the major theme of exhibit requires storytelling techniques and choosing other artifacts to supplement. MOSTHistory's Exhibits & Collections Coordinator Melissa Peña will share details on building spotlight exhibits.

Presenter: Melissa Peña, Exhibits & Collections Coordinator, MOSTHistory

Location: MOSTHistory's Facebook @mosthistory

Time: 11 a.m.

GRIS MUÑOZ, Frontera Storyteller, Poet, & Biographer

Plática on writing and performance with Gris Muñoz of El Paso, author of *Coatlicue Girl*, a bilingual poetry & short story collection. She is a co-founder of the digital map and

storytelling project, GeoTestimonios Transfronterizxs. Poetry performance to follow at 12:30 p.m.

Host: Emmy Pérez

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Borderlands Room, EEDUC 3.204

Time: 11 a.m.

ANDREA "VOCAB" SANDERSON & GRIS MUÑOZ, POETS

Poetry performance and Q&A featuring two visiting dynamic poets. Vocab is San Antonio's Poet Laureate & author of *She Lives in Music*. "Rock-n-roll curandera" Gris Muñoz of El Paso is the author of *Coatlicue Girl*.

Host: Emmy Pérez

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Borderlands Room, EEDUC 3.204

Time: 12:30 p.m.

EARTHCLOUDS

Nancy Moyer, Artist, Professor Emerita of Art

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex Lobby

Time: 6 p.m.

ROBERT SATTERLEE, PIANO

Description: Robert Satterlee is an internationally renowned pianist. A recent CD of his was selected by the New York Times as one of the outstanding classical recordings of 2014.

Presenter: Dr. Brendan Kinsella, UTRGV

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex

Time: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

JORNADAS LITERARIAS LIBRO ABIERTO: MUJERES Y ESCRITURA A CONVERSATION WITH SILVIA MOLINA

Featuring award-winning Mexican writer Silvia Molina

Presenters: Dr. Elvia Ardalani, UTRGV, and Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra, Southeastern Louisiana University

Time: 10 a.m.

Zoom link: Contact

elvia.ardalani@utrgv.edu to request Zoom link.

RICOCHET DOCUMENTARY SCREENING with MATT GONZALEZ, SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

Description: Matt Gonzalez was 1983 Senior Class President at McAllen's Memorial High School. Since then, he rose to prominence as a U.S. Vice Presidential and a San Francisco Mayoral candidate. Never afraid to take a hard stand as a politician and always eager to bring the Fine Arts to his workplace, he shows courage in *RICOCHET* in defending a Mexican migrant in a State case where the odds seemed stacked against him as the Trump campaign tries to use the case for its own political gain.

Presenters: Virginia Gause and Matt Gonzalez, who will introduce the film and conduct the Q&A

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Student Union Theater

Screening: 4-6 p.m.



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Featuring writer and professor Elvia Ardalani

Presenters: Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Lisa Viviani, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Western Ontario

Time: 1 p.m. (CT)

Zoom link: Contact

elvia.ardalani@utrgv.edu to request Zoom link.

A CELEBRATION OF ECO-WRITING by UTRGV STUDENTS

Featuring poems and other writings that address climate change and the ecological crisis.

Presenters: UTRGV MFA in Creative Writing Students and Undergraduates

Moderator: Dr. Steven Schneider

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Zoom link: Contact

steven.schneider@utrgv.edu to request Zoom link.

UTRGV WIND ORCHESTRA AND UTRGV SYMPHONIC WINDS

Presenters: UTRGV School of Music with Conductor Dr. Saul Torres

Location: TSC Fine Arts Center

Time: 7 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, March 1-2

FERNANDO FLORES

Description: Fernando Flores grew up in the RGV and is now a rising young fiction writer. His second collection of short fiction (2022) Vallesque—

yes, *our* Valley—has recently been favorably reviewed in the New York Times.

Presenters: Through collaboration with the Creative Writing Department and the School of Art and Design at UTRGV, Fernando Flores will perform readings of his work in the galleries of both Visual Art Buildings in Brownsville and in Edinburg.

Wednesday, March 1

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Brownsville Rusteberg Art Gallery

Thursday, March 2

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Visual Arts Building

Thursday, March 2

MATHEW BETANCOURT, AUTHOR

Description: Author, Screenwriter and UTRGV alumni Mathew Betancourt discusses graduate school, his creative work, and the writing process.

Presenters: Mathew Betancourt & Robert Paul Moreira

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, ELABS 304 & EMAGC 1.414

Presentation: 9:30-10:45 a.m.

at ELABS 304; 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at EMAGC 1.414

IMPACT OF CREATIVE PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC RELEVANT ON CULTURE

Description: Students of class piano will present their creative works of performance projects of music repertoire relevant to culture.

Faculty presenters & participants: Dr. Liudmila Varlamova and students of Class Piano II – MUSI 1115, Class Piano III – MUSI 2114

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, EPAC B1.131

Time: Class presentations:

9:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2 (piano lab), Zoom presentation.

Zoom link: Contact

liudmila.varlamova@utrgv.edu to request Zoom link.

THE ART & DESIGN OF A WINDMILL

Description: Windmills are a South Texas tradition. Many ranches still use windmills to pump water, which can be utilized to irrigate land or provide to cattle. At the Museum of South Texas History, a towering windmill was placed in the Will Looney Legacy Park to honor the cowmen and ranch-hands in South Texas. Facilities & Security supervisor Johnny Gonzales will share the history of this windmill and its importance to the museum.

Presenter: Johnny Gonzales, Facilities & Security at MOSTHistory

Location: MOSTHistory's Facebook @mosthistory

Time: 10 a.m.

JORNADAS LITERARIAS LIBRO ABIERTO: MUJERES Y ESCRITURA "LAS POSIBILIDADES ESCÉNICAS DE LA VIDA COTIDIANA: TEATRO Y SOCIEDAD EN EL SIGLO XIX"

Featuring: Dr. Yolanda Bache, professor at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Presenters: Dr. Elvia Ardalani, UTRGV, and Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra, Southeastern Louisiana University



Time: 12 p.m. (CT)

Zoom link: Contact

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Zoom link.

REIMAGING THE ROLE OF THE AUDIENCE: AN INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE UTRGV NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Featuring: Dr. Anthony T. Marasco and students from the UTRGV Music Technology Program. The UTRGV New Music Ensemble will present an interactive concert and workshop promoting new approaches to making music designed around audience participation.

Presenters: Students in the UTRGV New Music Ensemble, directed by Dr. Anthony T. Marasco.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Center Lobby

Class Discussion: 2-3:15 p.m.

THE CULTURAL CORRIDOR

Description: Those of us who live here have traditionally lived in a "one river-one country" zone. The northern border cities of Mexico and the southern border cities of Texas...with a river in between.. but not blocking. Families have lived on both sides for generations, crossing back and forth daily for generations. The customs, the language twist, the art, the music...not quite Mexico, not quite US. Just uniquely 'border' and uniquely beautiful...and especially uniquely Texan! *The Cultural Corridor* is an initiative to provide artists and merchants safe spaces for creative work and businesses.

Presenter: Diane Milliken Garza, PhD, Commissioner, Texas Commission on the Arts

Location: Old Hidalgo Pump House, Hidalgo, Texas

Cultural Exhibit, Champagne &

Presentation: 6 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, March 2-3

READING ROCK STARS VISITS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH BOOK DISTRIBUTIONS

Description: "Reading Rock Stars" program in collaboration with the *Texas Book Festival*, is a popular mainstay of FESTIBA. Children receive a reading and signed book by an author of national repute.

2023 Reading Rock Stars Schools:

PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary, Hidalgo; Cesar Chavez Elementary, Pharr; Canterbury Elementary, Edinburg; Bryan Elementary, Mission; Dr. RE Margo Elementary, Weslaco; Guerra Elementary, Alamo

Authors: Xavier Garza, Erika Said, Marcelo Verdad, Karla A. Valenti, David Bowles, Ana Siqueira, Carmen Tafolla, Zara Gonzalez Hoang

LA FRONTERA INTERNATIONAL PIANO CONFERENCE:

EL PIANO LATINOAMERICANO

A piano festival exploring the rich and diverse heritage of Latin American piano music. For details and schedule, follow on Facebook or email juan.andrade@utrgv.edu.

Presenter: Dr. Juan Andrade

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JORNADAS LITERARIAS LIBRO ABIERTO: MUJERES Y ESCRITURA A CONVERSATION WITH ALICIA GIMÉNEZ BARTLETT

Featuring award-winning Spanish writer Alicia Giménez Bartlett

Presenters: Dr. Elvia Ardalani, UTRGV, and Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra, Southeastern Louisiana University

Time: 10 a.m. (CT)

Zoom link: Contact

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THE ARTIST-MOTHER

Featuring: Art-making and Sharing Workshop with Lizzete Rendon UTRGV Alumni/Graduate student.

Description: The artist's mother project is to start a conversation about those mothers who are ignored as artists and forced into motherhood expectations. This project aims for those artist mothers to come together to create a community work of art/ installation piece bringing awareness to a community that is rarely talked about.

Location: UTRGV Visual Arts Building, Student workroom

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



**JORNADAS LITERARIAS LIBRO
ABIERTO: MUJERES Y ESCRITURA
"LA REVOLUCIÓN MEXICANA:
UNA REVOLUCIÓN
NOVELADA"**

Featuring: Dr. Herminia Alemañy,
profesor, Universidad de
Puerto Rico-Aguadilla.
Presenters: Dr. Elvia Ardalani, UTRGV,
and Dr. Rodrigo Pereyra,
Southeastern Louisiana University
Time: 12 p.m.
Zoom link: Contact
elvia.ardalani@utrgv.edu to request
Zoom link.

**A READING AND DISCUSSION WITH
THOMAS RAY GARCIA AND ROBERT
PAUL MOREIRA**

Featuring: Thomas Ray Garcia, author
of THE RIVER RUNS, and Robert Paul
Moreira, author of DIG
Presenters: Thomas Ray Garcia &
Robert Paul Moreira
Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus,
Borderlands Room, EEDUC 3.204
Presentation: 7-9 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 3-5

UNIVERSITY PRODUCTIONS

Picasso at the Lapin Agile by Steve
Martin.
Description: Set in a bar in Paris in
1904, Einstein and Picasso debate
their work, the nature of creative
endeavors both scientific and artistic,
and trade witty banter. This comedy
classic was written by
actor/writer/musician Steve Martin.
March 3 at 7:30 p.m.
March 4 at 7:30 p.m.
March 5 at 2 p.m.

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus,
Albert L. Jeffers Theatre (Edinburg
Liberal Arts Building South)

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4

FESTIBA 2023 MARIACHI FESTIVAL

Featuring: Masterclasses,
Competitions & Concert
SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Maestro José Hernández
- Mariachi Sol de México
- Maestro Jorge Iván Velasco
- Dr. Diana Seitz
- Josué "Eddy" López
- Dr. Adolfo Estrada
- Charlie Borrego

\$45.00 registration fee includes
concert ticket. Individual Concert
tickets are \$10. Limited number of
seats available. For more information
and registration, visit:
www.utrgv.edu/festiba.

MARIACHI FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 3

11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Welcome;
Masterclass with Dr. Adolfo Estrada
12-1 p.m. - Masterclass with Eddy
López
1-2 p.m. - Lunch on your own
2-3 p.m. - Masterclass with Charlie
Borrego
3-7 p.m. - Group Competitions:
Middle & High School JV, High School
1-4A, 5A

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus,
Performing Arts Complex

Saturday, March 4

9 a.m. - Masterclass with Maestro
Jorge Iván Velasco (Harps in the
Lobby, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
10 a.m. - Masterclass with Dr. Diana
Seitz
11 a.m. - Masterclass with Maestro
José Hernández
12-1 p.m. - Lunch on your own
1-4 p.m. - Vocal Competition; High
School Group Competition: 6A
7 p.m. - FESTIBA 2023 Mariachi
Festival Grand Concert with Middle
School and High School Vocal
Competition winners, winners of
Middle School and High School Group
Competition, Mariachi Aztlán with
Jorge Iván Velasco, Mariachi Sol de
México de José Hernández
Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus,
Performing Arts Complex

Saturday, March 4

**200 AÑOS DE RELACIONES
DIPLOMÁTICAS MÉXICO-ESTADOS
UNIDOS**

A Reception & Panel in Honor of the
200th Anniversary of Diplomatic
Relations Between the United States
and Mexico
Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus,
Ballroom
Time: 5-7 p.m.
For more information, contact:
Events@UTRGV.edu.



Sunday, March 5

DANCE ADJUDICATION FESTIVAL

UTRGV Dance Program will be hosting the Dance Adjudication Festival Gala Concert. The objective of this Gala concert is to present the most outstanding performers/groups from the Dance Adjudication Festival.

Faculty Presenter: Miguel Peña with Ballet Folklórico UTRGV

Location: UTRGV Edinburg Campus, Performing Arts Complex

Time: 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 General Admission and \$5 students/children

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