

UTRGV Festiba

ECHOES OF IDENTITY: VOICES THROUGH TIME AND CULTURE

2026 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



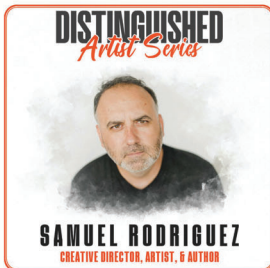
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5 | 6:00 P.M.

Free Event

CARMEN TAFOLLA

Presentation by State Poet Laureate of Texas 2015, Dr. Carmen Tafolla. The author of more than 40 books and many many writings spanning from short stories to historical non-fiction, and from poetry to children's books and novels-in-verse, Tafolla shares with us photos and stories of how a young kid from an impoverished barrio found her way to standing ovations worldwide.

Maria F. Monta, PhD Studio Theater ELABS 107, Edinburg



OPEN ALL OF FESTIBA

Free Event

DISTINGUISHED GUEST ARTIST EXHIBITION: SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ

The Art of Reading Exhibition curated by Samuel Rodriguez. This project is designed to bring the viewer closer to an experience of art and to the experience of literature. Everyone is welcome: students, libraries, teachers, authors, children, painters, artists, and everyone who needs to stimulate their imagination.

UTRGV Performing Arts Complex Exhibit Hall, Edinburg

The gallery is open from 5:00-10:00 p.m. only on evenings when an event is scheduled



ALEGRIA 2026 VALLEY FOLKLORICO

Ticketed Event

UTRGV Ballet Folklórico proudly presents Alegria, a breathtaking display of traditional Mexican dance and music that will leave you mesmerized! Directed by Miguel Peña, our talented dancers will bring to life the rich cultural heritage of Mexico through their graceful movements and vibrant costumes. Prepare to be captivated by their impeccable choreography and infectious energy!

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February 6-7 & 13-14 | 7PM

February 8 & 15 | 2PM

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Tickets at: utrgvarts.tiny.us/alegria



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25 | 7:00 P.M.

Ticketed Event

UTRGV SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - EDINBURG

UTRGV Symphony Orchestra is proud to present "Revueltas: La Noche de los Mayas" with special guests UTRGV Ballet Folklorico, Mariachi Nuevo Santander and Mariachi Aztlan! Don't miss this unique performance that combines traditional folkloric dance with an orchestral rendition of classic mariachi. Directed by Norman Gamboa, Director of Orchestral Activities at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28 | 7:00 P.M.

Ticketed Event

MARIACHI FESTIVAL GRAND CONCERT

Featuring Mariachi Los Camperos, Mariachi Aztlan and the winners of the middle and high school competitions.

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For more information and tickets visit: UTRGV.edu/FESTIBA