

## MSU to showcase the arts during 48-hour Arts Marathon Weekend April 18-20

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University will sponsor its first Arts Marathon Weekend April 18-20, featuring 48 hours of continuous arts programming. The weekend will showcase the best of the MSU arts scene and offers a unique opportunity for mid-Michigan audiences to see uninterrupted performances, exhibitions, films and readings.

The event begins at 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by MSU Provost Kim Wilcox in the courtyard between Kresge Art Center and the MSU Auditorium. The marathon concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 20. In between, more than 90 separate events will be held, including a public rally in support of the arts at the State Capitol Building in downtown Lansing at noon Saturday, April 19.

Most events are free; all are open to the public. A complete schedule is available online at <http://48hours.cal.msu.edu> [<http://48hours.cal.msu.edu>]. For further information, call (517) 355-5633.

The event has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=15106022246](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=15106022246) [<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=15106022246>].

"Arts Marathon Weekend is a wonderful opportunity for MSU students and the mid-Michigan community to share in the university's rich artistic traditions," said Rob Roznowski, assistant professor of theatre and an organizer of the event. "Over one weekend, you can sample nearly every kind of creative endeavor, from live theater and digital filmmaking to poetry slams and jazz."

"This weekend of more than 90 separate events represents the coming together of several MSU colleges and departments and a diverse range of programs," said MSU Provost Kim Wilcox. "The energy of this single weekend is in many ways a compressed version of the university's Year of Arts and Culture – a Weekend of Arts and Culture."

Highlights include:

### Friday, April 18

- Michigan Indie Music (Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium, 5 p.m. - midnight): A diverse selection of Michigan's best independent music.
- Ceramics Open House and Pottery Sale (Kresge Art Center Ceramics Studio, 5 p.m.): Stop by for studio tours, throwing demonstrations, a wood kiln fire and the MSU Ceramics Club Pottery Sale.
- Creating a Character: Acting Workshop (Room 12, MSU Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.): Join in this workshop devoted to creating an individual character for theatrical performance.
- 48-Hour Animation Slam (246 Communication Arts and Sciences Building, 6 p.m.): Participants create short 3D animation movies in 48 consecutive hours.
- Residential College in the Arts and Humanities Poetry Slam (RCAH Theatre, Snyder-Phillips Hall, 7 p.m.): Interactive celebration featuring the competitive art of live poetry performance.
- PLUS: College of Music Jazz Spectacular; plays, improv comedy, and readings throughout the night at the Arena Theatre and Studio 49; "Avenue Q" and "Babes in Arms" at the Wharton Center; experimental video; Israeli folk dancing; a drawing marathon; Chinese culture presentations; music recitals; Department of Art and Art History Undergraduate Exhibition; museum exhibitions and events related to human rights throughout the world.

### Saturday, April 19

- The Arts in Contemporary Russian Film (235 MSU Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.): Showing and discussion of "The Russian Ark" (2002; directed by Alexander Sokurov) with faculty members and students from the Department of Linguistics and Languages.
- Children's Activities (Room 12, MSU Auditorium, all day starting at 9 a.m.): Creative dramatics, face painting and theatrical storytelling, activities for children.
- Comics and Animation Workshops (Writing Center, Bessey Hall, 10 a.m.): Demonstrations of creative software for producing comics and digital movies. Panel discussions of comics and graphic novels and author signings at 11 a.m.
- Rally at the Capitol (noon): Rally on behalf of the arts in Michigan; State Rep. Mark Meadows will offer a proclamation celebrating MSU's commitment to the arts and their importance to the mid-Michigan community.
- A Literary Marathon (LookOut! Gallery, Snyder-Phillips Hall, from noon to midnight): Literary classics read nonstop around the clock by students in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities.

### Related Links

- [Events schedule](http://48hours.cal.msu.edu) [<http://48hours.cal.msu.edu>]
- [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=15106022246) [<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=15106022246>]
- [Arts and Culture](http://www.artsandculture.msu.edu) [<http://www.artsandculture.msu.edu>]

- Popular Songs in Ojibwe (Studio 49, MSU Auditorium, 7 p.m.): Learn simple songs in Ojibwe language.
- PLUS: Seminars on theatrical costuming, lighting and scene design; seminars on puppet-making, stage combat, dialects and tap dancing; plays throughout the day in the Arena Theatre; dance; jazz workshops and ensemble performances, music recitals; 20th-anniversary taping of "The SHOW," a college-based sit-com; musical theater open mike; Muse fashion show at the Lansing Center; Be-Bop Spartans; Your Mom Improv.

### Sunday, April 20

- Shakespeare Marathon (Room 144, MSU Auditorium, midnight): Participate in reading of some of Shakespeare's most famous texts in this late-night reading of the bard's works.
- Power, Justice and the Media (108 Kresge Art Center, 11 a.m.): Film screenings, with audience discussion, on philosophy as critique of society.
- "Waking Beauty" (Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium, 1 p.m.): A children's play by MSU faculty member Anne Levy performed by the Phoenix Players, a performing arts troupe from South Lyon.
- Student Film and Video Festival (Studio D, Communication Arts and Sciences Building, 2 p.m.): MSU students will present their film and video projects.
- 24-Hour Theatre Performance (Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.): View the culmination of the 24-Hour Theatre marathon – a show written and performed by theater students entirely during the Arts Marathon.
- PLUS: Scene painting workshop, children's drama activities; art exhibitions; chamber music recital; German for children.

This event is a highlight of the university's 2007-08 Year of Arts and Culture. For information, visit [www.artsandculture.msu.edu](http://www.artsandculture.msu.edu) [<http://www.artsandculture.msu.edu>].

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