

Arts Festival



THE SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS | MARCH 27- APRIL 14, 2023

ARTS FESTIVAL



RECLAIMING THE NATIVE SOUTH

Featuring Joy Harjo, U.S. Poet Laureate (2019-22)

SoAL's 2023 *Reclaiming the Native South* Arts Festival seeks to re-orient our understanding of "the South" by exploring the rich, deep roots of Native American culture and arts in the Middle Georgia region and beyond. The festival will feature acclaimed Indigenous literary, visual, and performing artists. All events are free and open to the public. Check out the full Arts Festival schedule below.

Schedule of Events

MGA Student Art Exhibition Opening (exhibition runs through April 6)



Monday,
March 27

Time: 6pm

Location: Peacock Gallery | Cochran Campus

Description: The 2022-2023 Student Art Exhibition is a juried exhibition featuring Middle Georgia State University art students. In addition to the opening in Cochran, there will be an opening and awards celebration in Macon on April 10th to reveal winners in categories such as 2-D design, 3-D design, student choice, as well as best of show.

Contact: [Dr. Sherree' Keith](#) [FLYER](#)

Reclaiming the Native South Humanities Panel



Wednesday,
March 29

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

Description: Experts on the Indigenous Southeast will gather to share their work and reflect on recent scholarly trends in a lively and entertaining session.

Panel:

Dr. Matt Jennings, Historian, MGA Professor

Tracie Revis (Yuchi/Muscogee), Director of Advocacy for Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative

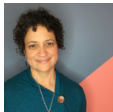
Dr. Jace Weaver, Religious, Literary, and Law Scholar/University of Georgia

Beau Carroll (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Archeologist, EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office, University of Tennessee

Dr. Robbie Ethridge, Historical and Environmental Anthropologist, University of Mississippi

Contact: [Dr. Matt Jennings](#) [FLYER](#)

Film Screening with Historian and Documentary Film Producer, Dr. Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina)



Monday,
April 3

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

Description: Join us for a screening of Dr. Malinda Maynor Lowery's short films *Real Indian* (1996) and *Sounds of Faith* (1997), followed by a Q&A with Dr. Lowery.

Contact: [Dr. Matt Jennings](#) [FLYER](#)

Lecture and Recital by MGA Professor Giuliano Graniti,
Ombaska: Composers of Native American Music against Cultural Stereotypes



Monday,
April 3

Time: 7:00pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Description: The lecture-recital will explore the fusion of European contemporary classical music techniques and Native American music idioms in the works of Louis Ballard and Alberto Ginastera.

Contact: [Prof. Giuliano Graniti](#) [FLYER](#)
Lecture and Reading by [Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle](#) (Eastern band of Cherokee Indians)



Wednesday,
April 5

Time: 4pm
Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus
(followed by a reception in the Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall)
Description: Clapsaddle is author of the novel [Even as We Breathe](#), which tells the coming-of-age story of Cowney Sequoyah, a nineteen-year-old Cherokee boy who finds himself entangled in dangerous mysteries in Asheville's grand Grove Park Inn in the midst of World War II. Author Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle will read from and discuss writing this award-winning novel, and she will also be available to sign books.

Contact: [Dr. Monica Miller](#) [FLYER](#)
Demonstration by [Randy Kemp](#), Member of the Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, and Euchee Nations



Monday,
April 10

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Description: Multidisciplinary artist Randy Kemp will give a screen-printing demonstration.

Contact: [Dr. Sheree Keith](#) [FLYER](#)
MGA Student Art Exhibition Opening and Awards (exhibition runs through April 14)



Monday,
April 10

Time: 6pm
Location: SoAL Building Lobby | Macon Campus
Description: The 2022-2023 Student Art Exhibition is a juried exhibition featuring Middle Georgia State University art students. The opening and awards celebration in Macon will reveal winners in categories such as 2-D design, 3-D design, student choice, as well as best of show.

Contact: [Dr. Sheree Keith](#) [FLYER](#)
Presentation and Performance by [Randy Kemp](#) (Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, and Euchee Nations)



Monday,
April 10

Time: 6:30pm (immediately following the April 10th MGA Student Art Exhibition Opening)
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Description: Kemp will give a Native American flute, storytelling, and visual arts performance.

Contact: [Dr. Amy Berke](#) [FLYER](#)
Art & Advocacy in the Native South

Join us for presentations and performances by Tracie Revis (Muscogee (Creek), Euchee), Randy Kemp (Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, Euchee), and MGA's own Dr. Giuliano Graniti.

Tuesday,
April 11

Time: 11am
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus

Contact: [Dr. Amy Berke](#) [FLYER](#)
Joy Harjo - CANCELLED

We regret to announce that poet Joy Harjo has cancelled her event at Middle Georgia State University scheduled for April 11th. The School of Arts and Letters is working to replace this event with other dynamic speakers.

Tuesday,
April 11

Time: 11am
Location: MGA Recreation & Wellness Center | Macon Campus

Contact: [Dr. Amy Berke](#) [FLYER](#)
Fall Line Review: Release Party



Wednesday,
April 12

Time: 2:00pm
Location: SoAL Building Lobby | Macon Campus
Description: Join us for the release of MGA's annual journal dedicated to highlighting the literary and artistic achievements of Middle Georgia State University students.

Contact: [Dr. Kelly Whiddon](#)
Jazz Band Concert

Wednesday,
April 12



MGA Jazz Knights
 Time: 4:30pm
 Location: Walker Auditorium | Cochran Campus
 Description: This spring, the student fronted jazz ensemble is expanding their repertoire to include jazz-rock along with the classics. One of the hottest shows on campus!

Contact: [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#)
 Student Production: *The Thanksgiving Play* by MacArthur Fellow Larissa FastHorse



April 12, 13, 14

Description: *The Thanksgiving Play* satirically explores production of a Thanksgiving pageant. *The Thanksgiving Play* is coming to Broadway this spring.

Times and Location for Cochran Campus:
 April 12: 7:00pm
 April 13: 7:00pm
 April 14: 7:00pm
 Location: **Russell Hall Theatre | Cochran Campus**

Times and Location for Macon Campus:
 April 12: 7:30pm
 April 13: 5:30pm
 April 14: 7:30pm
 Location: **Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus**

Contact: [Dr. Sherce' Keith](#)
 Percussion Ensemble Performance

Thursday, April 13



Time: 7:30pm
 Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
 Description: The percussion ensemble always delivers an exciting show to hear and watch! This semester they will present a show of Latin and modern percussion music, from the timpani to the steel drums and everything in between.

Contact: [Dr. Rebecca Lanning](#) [FLYER](#)

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