

## DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

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**Hispanic Heritage Month**  
September 15 to October 15 recognizes the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The theme for 2024 is **“Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together.”** [Info](#)

**Hispanic Heritage Block Party  
A Celebration of La Cultura**  
Friday Sep 13  
3:00 pm County Bldg  
4:00 pm March to City Hall  
Enjoy delicious food from vendors, music by Banda Light, and special performances by Rochester Latino Theatre Company.

**Hispanic Heritage Link  
Gallery Opening Reception**  
Wednesday Sep 18 5:30 pm  
City Hall Link Gallery  
An inspiring evening featuring the work of Manuel Rivera-Ortiz, a renowned Puerto Rican photographer. His social documentary photography captures the essence of life in less developed nations.

**2nd Annual Latino  
Philanthropy Day**  
Thursday Sep 26 5:30 pm  
Location: TBD  
Celebrate the spirit of giving at our "Celebrity Bartender" style event!

**Latino Giving Circle Grants Reception**  
Wednesday Sep 25 5:30-7:00  
RACF 500 East Ave  
Join Rochester Area Community Foundation's Latino Giving Circle as we celebrate the past year of grant-making in our community. [Info](#)  
Latino Giving Circle <https://www.racf.org/LGC>



**Ms. Mariposa Reading Adventures**  
Ms. Mariposa helps children spread their wings through interactive storytelling. Children will get to explore various cultures, see representations of diverse characters, and each story comes to life with audience participation and crafts!  
All children in attendance get to pick a book to take home!  
Sep 7 12:00 Central Library  
Sep 7 1:30 Lyell Branch  
Sep 14 12:30 Irondequoit Library  
Sep 15 11:00-3:00 Strong Museum  
Sep 21 12:00 Central Library

### DEI Book Club Summer Hiatus

We are looking for reading and watching recommendations (and moderators) when we pick back up in the fall. Drop me a line!



### DEIAB SPOTLIGHT: Mona Seghatoleslami



**Position:** Classical Music Director and Music Coordinator, Little Café

**How long have you worked at**

**WXXI:** Almost 13 years!

**Describe your job in 5 words:**

Music, music, music, music, music.

**Favorite cookie:** Ranger cookies

**Favorite restaurant:** Aş Evi

**What are you reading or watching:**

“Foucault’s Pendulum” by Umberto Eco.

### DEI Learning

Race and Anti-Fatness

Ask a Fat Girl: Fatphobia and Racism [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Anti-Blackness, Anti-Fatness, and Food Shaming [Podcast](#)

Sabrina Strings Explains How 'Fatphobia' is Rooted in Racism [Watch](#)

The Unique Experience of Navigating FATPHOBIA Within the AAPI Community [English](#) [Spanish](#)



## RADIO

### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON 91.5

#### WXXI Classical Daily Hosts

Brenda Tremblay 6:00 – 10:00 am  
 Steve Johnson 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
 Mona Seghatoleslami 4:00 – 7:00 pm

#### WRUR Daily Host

9-12 Opening Tunings with Scott Regan  
 Full schedule [here](#)

#### September is Classical Music Month!

Classical Music Month started in 1994 by President Bill Clinton and recognizes the study and beauty of classical music.

**Fiesta!** (Thursdays, 10 to 11pm) features the hottest Latin-American music from the 16th to the 21st centuries. Program host Elbio Barilari is your guide for this trip through the hidden treasures of Latino concert music.

**Tango with Cally** (Wednesdays at 10pm) is hosted by Saint Louis Symphony musician Cally Banham. She shares tango recordings from the late 1920s to today, along with stories about the history and culture of Tango music and dance.

**The Spanish Hour** (Mondays, 10 to 11 pm) with Candice Agree presents Iberian and Latin American composers, conductors and performers. Candice presents works from the Iberian Peninsula, the Americas, Mexico, and the Caribbean from the Middle Ages through the 21st century.



Many thanks for the opportunity to attend the Ron Carter performance at the Hochstein. It was a stunning experience! I show. Enjoy! Angela Kelly

**Classical Blog and Arts Features**  
[CD Spotlight: Rooted](#)

[Back to the Future?](#)

[Takumi Kato and Peaceful Forest spread joy through taiko drumming](#)

[A gospel choir is telling the story of house music with reimagined dance classics](#)

[Sharing in the magic of summer at Interlochen](#)

**WXXI Classical Presents...Choral Singing in America**

Saturday, September 7 3:00 pm  
 The Little  
 Experience this movie about the power of singing in community.  
[Info](#)



Move to Include is a national initiative that uses the power of public media to promote inclusion. Project Manager Sarah Abbamonte [Move to Include](#)

#### Move to Include on Television

##### Name Me Lawand

Monday, September 9 10:00 pm  
 Lawand, deaf from birth, seeks a fresh start with his family in the UK after a traumatic year in a refugee camp. [Info](#)

#### Move to Include on Radio

Tune in to *Connections with Evan Dawson* on Friday, 9/13, noon - 2 pm  
 We'll be discussing Disability Voting Rights and the Direct Support profession

#### Fine Tastings for AI Sigl Community

Thursday, September 12  
 5:30 pm - 8:30pm  
 Monroe Golf Club  
 Join us to celebrate 20 Years of Fine Tastings for AI Sigl Community [Info](#)

#### Walking on Sunshine with Mary Cariola Center

Sunday, September 22  
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Penfield Veterans Memorial Park  
 Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with activities involving everyone in the Cariola Community. [Info](#)

#### [The Woman Who Could Smell](#)

##### [Parkinsons](#) (NYT podcast)

Sher first noticed the scent on her husband. Now her abilities are helping unlock new research in early disease detection.

#### FROM AROUND THE WEB

##### Standard vs. Integrated Audio

This short video introduces the practice of integrated audio description and what differentiates it from standard audio description. It also provides tips on how to write integrated audio description for your videos. [Watch](#)

##### How relaxed screenings are increasing cinema accessibility

A relatively new concept in exhibition, these neurodivergent-friendly events aim to widen cinema participation – but there's still a long way to go. [Read](#)



[WXXI Main](#) [WXXI World](#) [WXXI Create](#)

[WXXI Kids 24/7](#) [WXXI Passport](#)

### Never Drop the Ball

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9pm

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Discover how the Negro Leagues shaped a global game for generations to come! [More info](#)

**Did you know** that the New York Black Yankees were a professional Negro League baseball team who were eventually based in Rochester, New York? [Watch](#)

### American Experience "Roberto Clemente"

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Roberto Clemente is an in-depth look at an exceptional baseball player and committed humanitarian who challenged racial discrimination to become baseball's first Latino superstar. [More Info](#)

### VOCES American Historia: The Untold Stories of Latinos

Starting Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9pm

Inspired by John Leguizamo's own multi-faceted style, each episode will combine cultural travel segments as well as entertaining interstitials, unveiling Leguizamo's passionate revelations about his favorite Latino figures. [More info](#)

### Celebrate Visions of America

Come celebrate Visions of America: All Stories, All People, All Places as we consider the significance of this nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and what it means for our nation. [Watch](#)

### 37th Annual Hispanic Heritage Awards

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10pm

The HHAs, supported by 40 national Hispanic-serving institutions, were established by The White House in 1988 to commemorate the creation of Hispanic Heritage Month in America. [More Info](#)

### Independent Lens "One Person, One Vote?"

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10pm

At a time when many Americans question democratic institutions, OPOV unveils the complexities of the Electoral College, the uniquely American and often misunderstood mechanism for electing a president. [More Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)

Click to see [Music in the café](#)

### Sing Sing

Divine G, imprisoned at Sing Sing for a crime he didn't commit, finds purpose by acting in a theatre group alongside other incarcerated men in this story of resilience, humanity, and the transformative power of art. [Info](#)

### Close To You

Opens Friday, August 30

A trans man returns to his hometown for the first time in years. On his journey, he confronts his relationship with his family, reunites with a first love, and discovers a newfound confidence in himself. [Info](#)

### Mountains

Opens Friday, September 6

While looking for a new home for his family, a Haitian demolition worker is faced with the realities of redevelopment as he is tasked with dismantling his rapidly gentrifying Miami neighborhood. [Info](#)

### The Front Room

Opens Friday, September 6

Everything goes to hell for newly-pregnant Belinda after her mother-in-law moves in. As the diabolical guest tries to get her claws on the child, Belinda must draw the line somewhere. [Info](#)

### LYD

Monday, September 30 7:30 pm

A sci-fi documentary of a city that once connected Palestine to the world — what it once was, what it is now, and what it could have become. [Info](#)

### Rochester Fringe Festival

The Little is once again proud to be one of RIT's downtown venues for free, RIT-affiliated performances during the Rochester Fringe Festival. [Info](#)

RIT is renowned for intertwining the arts with technology and innovation. As a proud sponsor of the Rochester Fringe Festival, come see RIT's arts community come to life at the Fringe with numerous performances and exhibits.

All RIT performances and exhibits are free to attend. Interpreted shows are indicated on the Fringe website. [rochesterfringe.com](http://rochesterfringe.com)



## NEWS

### WXXI News

Executive Editor Denise Young  
News Director Randy Gorbman

### CITY MAGAZINE

Editor Leah Stacy

### Meet the Rochester 10

10 people who are giving back to the community, building a stronger city and making art in different ways.

[Ibero to use state money to restart its peer recovery program](#)

### Stories You May Have Missed

[Connections: How to improve quality of life for people living with ALS and their caregivers](#)

[HBCU game to be played in Rochester in September](#)

[Connections: How can peer advocacy help improve the mental health system for families of color?](#)

[UR Medicine launches hair equity program to properly treat all hair types](#)

[Connections: Why are Latinos still underrepresented in Hollywood?](#)

[Monroe County seeking input on trail use in the parks around Irondequoit Bay](#)

[Clarissa Street Reunion celebrates a rich cultural history, and looks forward to educating young people about that neighborhood](#)

[Inaugural Black Business Expo brings new entrepreneurs to the Public Market](#)

[CITY: R.G. Miller's harrowing paintings provide a journey toward healing](#)

[CITY: A live one](#)

[CITY: Spice of Life](#)

[Legal Aid Society program will help people who have experienced domestic violence](#)

## COMMUNITY

Find many more events in the [CITY Events Calendar](#)

### **Urban League of Rochester - Virtual Speaker Series**

Erin Thompson, Executive Director, M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence  
Friday, September 6 1:00-2:00  
Erin will discuss strategies to navigate conflict, recognize oppression, and confront injustice. [Register](#)

### **Building Foundations for Caregiving**

Thursday, September 19 6:30-8:00 pm  
Penfield Public Library  
Alzheimer's Association of Rochester and the Finger Lakes Region, will explore the role of caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing caregiver stress. [Info](#)

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### **The Civil Rights Movement: Why the Black Church?**

Thursday, September 26 6:30-8:00 pm  
Penfield Public Library  
The Black church's beginning in America was as a religious social protest movement. [Info](#)

### **Book Talk with Sidney Morrison, author of "Frederick Douglass: A Novel"**

Friday, September 27 2:00-4:00 pm  
Henrietta Public Library  
Join author Sidney Morrison for a talk about his new novel, a fictionalized account of the life of Frederick Douglass. [Info](#)

### **John Lewis: Good Trouble (Film)**

Friday, September 27 7:00p  
Smith Opera House (Geneva)  
An intimate account of legendary John Lewis' life, legacy and more than 60 years of activism. [Info](#)

### **An Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr.**

Friday, September 27 8:00p  
Kodak Hall  
Leslie Odom, Jr. is a award winning actor, singer, songwriter, and entertainer. He will perform songs from his five full-length albums [Info](#)

**Save the Date!** Action for A Better Community Signature Conference Series  
January 9, 16 and 24, 2025

