

FINE ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS



Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters





I am excited to present our 2025-26 season with offerings to entertain, educate and inspire. In addition to the lectures, exhibitions, performances and concerts that enrich our community with learning and entertainment, this year we will also feature the "Festival for America's 250th," a year-long celebration and

exploration of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Join us as we spotlight the Spirit of America collection and welcome incredible special guests to campus to mark the occasion. As always, I thank you for your crucial support that helps make these special events available to students and community patrons. Join us as we celebrate the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences!

- **MICHAEL J. HORSWELL**Dean, Dorothy F. Schmidt College

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Image: Department of Theatre and Dance production of 1776 The Musical. Music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards, Book by Peter Stone.



#### **UNIVERSITY GALLERIES** 2025-26

Since 1983, the University Galleries have been a vital center for contemporary arts in South Florida where exhibitions, scholarship, and community converge.

Through thoughtfully curated shows of regional, national, and international artists, we champion critical dialogue and amplify emerging visions. More than a gallery, we're a teaching museum – engaging students, artists, and audiences through hands-on workshops, artist talks, panel discussions, poetry readings, film screenings, and live performances. With new programming each week, there's always something to discover!

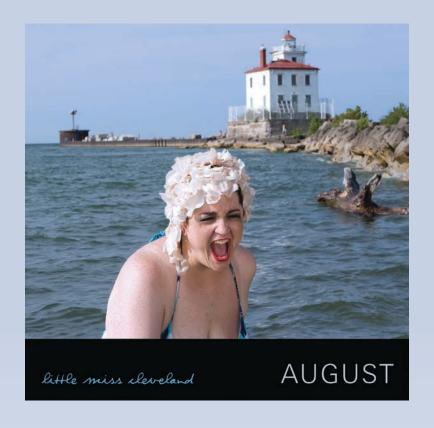
Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 – 4 pm | Saturday, 1 – 5 pm Closed on Sunday and Monday. Other times available by appointment. More information at **561-297-2661** or **FAU.edu/galleries** 

# Exhibitions

#### **SCHMIDT CENTER & RITTER ART GALLERY**

Admission is always free and open to the public.
Group and school tours are welcome by appointment.
Our award-winning arts education programs serve thousands annually, with activities designed to engage across ages and abilities. All spaces are wheelchair accessible, with additional ADA accommodation available on request. Visit us online at FAU.edu/galleries and join our mailing list to stay connected.

Image: Mangroves to Masterpieces, 2025, Schmidt Center Gallery.



#### SARAH PAUL, SELF STITCHED: ELECTRIC CARE

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY

On View: August 28 – October 10, 2025 Opening Reception: September 11, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

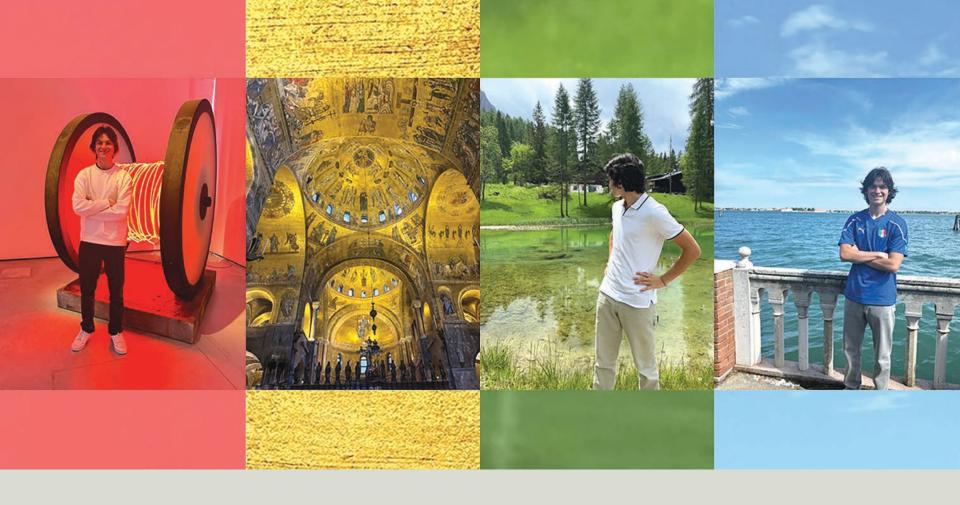
This solo exhibition on healing, power and the 'fabric of self' surveys the immersive, interdisciplinary practice of artist Sarah Paul, whose work transforms trauma into tactile, participatory environments. Using fiber, video, sound and light, Paul crafts spaces that hold both pain and possibility, inviting viewers to engage with the body as a site of vulnerability and resilience. Rooted in feminist, punk and queer traditions, her work explores themes of mental health, power and the physical and psychological labor of healing. From the enveloping architecture of "Fiber Chamber" to the performative journeys of "Little Miss Cleveland," Paul's installations challenge societal norms while offering space for reflection, reclamation, and radical self-definition.

Images: (above) Sarah Paul, "Little Miss Cleveland August," 2011; (right top) Sarah Paul, "Grrrl's Armor," 2025; (right bottom) Sarah Paul, "Golden Balls," 2017, video still, images courtesy of the artist.

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# A GLOBAL LENS: CAPTURING CULTURE THROUGH SUMMER STUDY

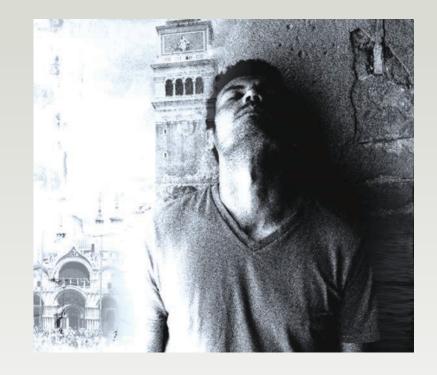
SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: August 9 – September 21, 2025 Opening Reception: August 28, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

The exhibition showcases projects and photographs created by students and faculty during Florida Atlantic's College of Arts and Letters summer programs on campus and abroad, notably in Ecuador and Italy. Through handson learning and cultural immersion, participants earn course credits while engaging with local traditions, landscapes and artistic heritage. This exhibition highlights their summer experiences, offering a glimpse into the transformative power of global education. Featuring images provided by students and faculty supervisors, "A Global Lens" celebrates the intersection of travel, learning, and creative exploration.

Images: (above) Achilles Imundi, "The Colorful Roots of Venice," photographic collage, 2024, image courtesy of the artist; (right bottom) Andres Acosta, detail of "Untitled," photograph, 2017, image courtesy of the artist.

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# UNEARTHED FUTURES: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF TOMORROW

RITTER ART GALLERY

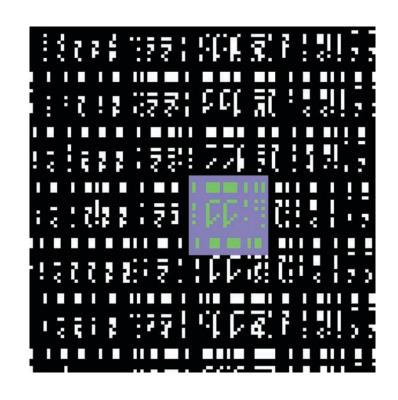
On View: August 28 – November 9, 2025 Opening Reception: August 28, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

An invitation into three chambers where imagined relics of the future offer a poetic critique of the past. In chamber one, Angelo Caruso constructs tactile, techinfused works destabilizing sensory expectations of "visual art." Second, Mariana Monteagudo excavates layered narratives, blending organic textures with digital aesthetics to evoke artifacts from yet-to-exist civilizations. In the final chamber, Al-generated texts re-imagine the contested histories of early 20th-century African and Oceanian objects – created for the tourist export market and now held in FAU's collections- using speculative history and sly humor to question collecting ethics and the fictions we tell about provenance. Together, these works suggest that the futures we unearth are never neutral - they are constructed, contested, and strangely familiar. With a cameo by renowned artist Matthew Angelo Harrison, whose sculptural practice interrogates cultural ownership and labor through the lens of postindustrial preservation, this is archaeology turned inside out.

Images: (above) Carved wooden mask from the Library Collection of Carved Wood; (right top) Artist Mariana Monteagudo with her sculptural works; (right bottom) Angelo Caruso, "Linguistics," matte photo print on aluminum dibond with tactile sculpture, 2025, image courtesy of the artist.

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#### ART AMIDST DARKNESS: HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES FROM THE YAD VASHEM COLLECTION

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: October 16 – November 27, 2025 Opening Reception: October 16, 6:15 pm

Virtual Presentation: October 16, 2025, 7:15 pm Art from the Holocaust featuring Liz Elsby, Yad Vashem Holocaust Educator

Collaboration between the Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education and the University Galleries. Between 1939 and 1945, artists created these artworks from the Yad Vashem Collection, representing a living testimony from the Holocaust and a declaration of the indomitable human spirit that refuses to surrender. The exhibition provides a glimpse into art created during the Holocaust in ghettos, camps, forests and while in hiding.

Registration Required for Reception and Virtual Program. Please contact the University Galleries for more information. fau.edu/galleries | 561-297-2661

Image: (right) Josef Kowner, "Self-portrait," watercolor on paper, 1941, image courtesy of the Yad Vashem Art Collection.





# A CENTURY OF JEWS IN BOCA RATON: HISTORY, COMMUNITY, LEGACY

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY

On View: October 27 – December 14, 2025 Opening Reception: October 27, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

This interdisciplinary cultural celebration traces the rich history and enduring contributions of the Jewish community in Boca Raton over the past 100 years. Through photographs, performances, historical documents and personal narratives, "A Century of Jews in Boca Raton" explores the cultural, social, and economic impact of Jewish residents, from early settlers to the thriving community of today. Highlighting stories of resilience, activism and tradition, the exhibition reflects on the evolving identity of Jewish life in South Florida and its lasting influence on the region's history.

Image: (left) Photograph of Congregation B'nai Isreal in Boca Raton.

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#### **FALL BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS EXHIBITION**

RITTER ART GALLERY

On View: December 4 - 17, 2025

Reception: December 4, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) exhibition is the culminating project for students earning this degree in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History. This semester, the graduating class, led by Associate Professor Corey Lamb, presents works in a variety of studio media.

Image: (top right) Jasmine Dulay, detail of "Tiger," relief woodcut, 2024, image courtesy of the artist.



#### THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: December 9 - 16, 2025

In recognition of World AIDS Day, the University Galleries is honored to display six panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt – the largest community art project in history. Now more than 35 years old, the quilt is composed of more than 50,000 hand-sewn panels, each one commemorating an individual lost to HIV/AIDS. The project began in 1985, when activist Cleve Jones invited participants in a candlelight march in San Francisco to honor those who had died by writing their names on placards. Arranged like a patchwork quilt, these placards became the inspiration for what would become the NAMES Project, first exhibited at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 1987.

Image: (above) Image detail of The NAMES Project 2024 in the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space; (bottom right) Nathan Hilu, "Untitled," illustration, image courtesy of Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates

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#### **NATHAN-ISM**

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: January 12 – 30, 2026 Reception: January 12, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

After the war, Allied powers – the United States, Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union – came together to form the International Military Tribunal (IMT). From 1945 to 1946, Nazi German leaders stood trial for crimes against peace, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing crimes. Nathan-ism captures the life and memories of Nathan Hilu, a Jewish artist whose recollections span historical milestones, including his role as a guard at the Nuremberg Trials. This experience fueled a lifetime of artistic inspiration for Nathan, a virtually unknown "outsider artist," who spent the next 70 years obsessively creating a visual narrative from his memories.





## AMERICA 250: WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS: WE WALK THESE GROUNDS



SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY AND PUBLIC SPACE

On View: January 22 – March 29, 2026 Reception: January 22, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

On the eve of the United States' 250th anniversary, "We Hold These Truths" brings together contemporary artists whose works examine the layered meanings of American identity, land and legacy. Through photography, fine craft, and installation, artists reimagine familiar symbols - apple trees, wild horses, longhorn steer, presidential portraits, and family heirlooms – as portals into personal and collective memory. Award-winning artists featured in the exhibition include, among others, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Doug Mills, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Artistic Innovation grantee John Hitchcock, and NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow Daesha Devón Harris. Rooted in the belief that patriotism can hold complexity, the exhibition invites viewers to reflect on what it means to love a place, what it took to build it, the spirits that haunt it, and what it will take to shape its future. In tracing the many paths that crisscross this nation, the exhibition reminds us that to walk these grounds is to participate in an ever-evolving story of what it means to be American. Part of the Festival for America's 250th, see p. 89 for more info.

Images: (above) Doug Mills, UPI; (top right) Daesha Devón Harris, "In tribute to Billie," archival pigment print, mounted, and archival ink on DTS printed plexiglass framed in ash, 2022, image courtesy of the artist; (below right) Daesha Devón Harris, "The Persistence of Spirit," sculpture/installation including apple tree, steel rod and plate, stamped steel leaves, aluminum screening, embroidered cotton gauze clouties, textiles, photographs, bottles, found objects, natural objects, beading and collected mementos; 2019; image courtesy of the artist.

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#### **INSECURITIES IN PARADISE**

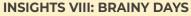
SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: February 10 - March 1, 2026 Reception: February 10, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

The "Insecurities in Paradise" exhibit features visual narratives by five Florida Atlantic students confronting the realities of housing insecurity while pursuing their education. Through photography and personal storytelling, the project offers an intimate lens into their struggles, highlighting the resilience of student communities and prompting reflection on how universities can more effectively respond to basic needs insecurity.







RITTER ART GALLERY

On View: February 19 - March 15, 2026 Reception: February 19, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Showcasing the passion and creativity of artists living with bipolar disorder. Selected from more than 200 national submissions, these works illuminate the healing resonance of visual language as it gives form to psychological states and interior landscapes. This exhibition is made possible through the generosity of the Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation, dedicated to fostering awareness and understanding of bipolar disorder, and is proudly sponsored by FAU's Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute. "Insights VIII" challenges stigma and celebrates resilience, revealing the complex landscape of bipolar experience while fostering awareness, empathy and dialogue through the transformative power of art.



#### **ANNUAL JURIED STUDENT EXHIBITION**

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: March 26 - April 12, 2026 Reception: March 26, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Juried and selected by guest arts professionals, this exhibition presents the top works submitted by FAU students across all majors and campuses. Produced and organized by students for students, the resulting exhibition presents a diverse spectrum of the creative and artistic talents at FAU. The exhibition is produced by the University Galleries with help from the Department of Visual Arts and Art History.

Images: (left) Judy Polstra, detail of "She is Complicated," hand embroidery on antique textile and found photo transfer, 2022 (above) Installation view of the 2025 Juried Student Exhibition in the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space.

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#### **ART OF SCIENCE**

RITTER ART GALLERY

On View: March 31 – April 19, 2026 Reception: March 31, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

Featuring the original images and footage of the inherent beauty in research, scholarship and creative activity across Florida Atlantic. Its contest opens once a year to all members of the university community (faculty, students, staff and postdocs) where their images are put on display in the University Galleries. More than just a contest; it's a wide-ranging collection of research from all the colleges at the university.



# SAFS ICE

#### OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS: FLORIDA ATLANTIC FACULTY SHOWCASE

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY

On View: April 16 – July 17, 2026 Reception: April 16, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

Featuring the diverse and dynamic artistic talents of FAU's faculty and staff, revealing the creative research that unfolds beyond their academic and administrative roles. Spanning a range of media- from sculpture to video and installation - each work tells a unique story, offering insight into the personal and professional intersections that shape artistic practice. Through experimentation with materials and concepts, these artists challenge traditional notions of collaboration, forging connections across disciplines and campuses. Beyond the classroom, lecture hall, or office, the exhibition underscores the power of creativity, mentorship, and innovation within our institution offering a rare glimpse into the faculty's artistic endeavors, demonstrating how their work inspires, informs and influences the next generation.

Images: (left) Installation view of "InHouse InSight – Works from the FAU Faculty" in the Schmidt Center Gallery; (above) Guests viewing artwork from the "Art of Science" 2024 exhibition at the Ritter Art Gallery.

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#### **SPRING GRADUATES SHOWCASE**

RITTER ART GALLERY

On View: April 30 – May 10, 2026 Reception: April 30, 4:30 – 8:30 pm

The Master of Fine Arts Degree (MFA) exhibition is the culminating project for students earning this terminal degree in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) exhibition is the culminating project for students earning this degree in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History. This semester, the graduating class, led by Associate Professor Corey Lamb, presents works in a variety of studio media.

Images: (top) Installation view of "War Abstracted," Spring MFA exhibition at the Schmidt Center Gallery featuring works by Jay Hatfield, image courtesy of the artist; (right) Olivia Rachel Austin, detail of "Damned," charcoal, conté, screen print ink, black paper, contact paper, 2024.

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#### MUSEUM EDUCATION PROGRAM

Since 2001, the University Galleries Museum Education Program has taught visual arts to children through schools, after-school programs, and an ongoing relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. In recent years, this program has expanded to include programming for all ages through workshops, artist talks and community visits. If you or your community group is interested in free programming, please contact UGMuseumEd@fau.edu for more information.

#### **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

The University Galleries Public Programs are a series of free workshops taught by FAU staff, faculty, students and alums. These events present works in a variety of mediums, including printmaking and fiber arts, and are made possible in part by the Kaye Arts Integration Endowment. Visit the galleries website and join our mailing and social media lists to know when the next one is scheduled! Instagram: @faugalleries Facebook: UniversityGalleriesFAU





#### **STORY TIME ARTS AND CRAFTS**

An event designed to promote youth literacy through the incorporation of visual arts and crafts. In collaboration with Barnes and Noble of Boca Raton, children and families can create a visual art project and complete activities thematically based on a picture book read aloud during the event. Kids and families are encouraged to engage during these readings to activate learning. The goal of this event is to build a community partnership with local families in a nonrestrictive educational atmosphere that is fun and exciting.

This event occurs bi-weekly each month on: Saturdays from 11 am – 1 pm The first Story-time will be: Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Images: (above) Completed mosaic work from a workshop hosted by the University Galleries; (left) Guests attending a painting workshop hosted by the University Galleries at the Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space

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#### **FALL & SPRING AMPLIFIED EXHIBITIONS**

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

FALL | December 11, 2025 – January 9, 2026 SPRING | May 14 – June 18, 2026

The Artist Mentorship Program (AMP) is an outreach program of the University Galleries and FAU Museum Education Program, partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. FAU art students and alumni teach visual arts classes to youth ages 8 to 17 based on in-house state standard lesson plans. The AMPlified exhibitions showcase the student works made throughout the course of the program's Fall and Spring semesters.

# IMAGEMAKERS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: April 30 - June 25, 2026

ImageMakers features photography by K-12 students from 13 Boys & Girls Clubs in Palm Beach County, the state's largest not-for-profit youth development organization. The winners of this annual exhibition are then moved on to the statewide arts competition and have the opportunity to compete in the National Arts Contest. This exhibition is produced by the University Galleries Museum Education Program at FAU.

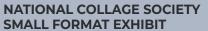
Images: (above) Artist Mentorship Program students working on a painting for the Fall 2024 "AMPlified Exhibition" (top right) Sophia A, "Untitled," photograph, 2025, image courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County (bottom right) Briana B, "Untitled," photograph, 2025, image courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County.

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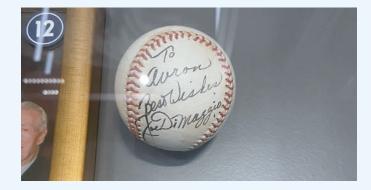
SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY PUBLIC SPACE

On View: May 14 - June 30, 2026

The National Collage Society aims to foster appreciation and interest in the recognized medium of collage. Collage has only been identified and defined as a fine art during the twentieth century. The NCS, Inc. advances the stature of collage as a significant art medium and assists in public education through exhibits and workshops, lectures, and publications.

Image: (above) Torea Frey, "Catching Feelings," collage, image courtesy of the National Collage Society

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#### THE AVRON B. FOGELMAN SPORTS MUSEUM

The Avron B. Fogelman Sports Museum offers a visual progression of American sports alongside vignettes of the country's growth. The 3,500 square-foot exhibit houses 1,200 pieces of memorabilia from baseball, basketball, football and more! One of the largest and most unique private collections of sports memorabilia. Free admission and open to the public with easy parking. For hours and information, visit: fau.edu/fogelmanmuseum



# DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS AND ART HISTORY (VAAH) | CERAMICS

#### 2025/26 CERAMIC SHOW AND SALES

SCHMIDT CENTER GALLERY

WINTER OPENING: 5 – 8 pm Thurs, December 11, 2025

10 am – 5 pm, Friday, December 12, 2025

10 am - 5 pm, Saturday, December 13, 2025

SPRING OPENING: 5 – 8 pm, Thurs, May 7, 2026

10 am - 5 pm, Friday, May 8, 2026

10 am - 5 pm, Saturday, May 9, 2026

Free and open to the FAU community and the general public.



#### **EMPTY BOWLS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

ROTUNDA, SOCIAL SCIENCE BLDG. (SO)

11 am - 2 pm, Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Empty Bowls started as a small national grassroots occurrence that has now grown to an international event. Hosted by the FAU Ceramics area and the Ceramics Guild of FAU, guests select handcrafted ceramic bowls created by students, faculty, and alumni and enjoy a simple delicious meal of soup and breads provided by local restaurants for a minimal donation starting at \$10.

#### **CERAMIC WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES**

The FAU Ceramics area hosts (1) to (4) ceramic workshops/lectures per academic year by nationally and internationally acclaimed ceramic artists. Workshops range from one to two days. Workshops and lectures are free and open to the FAU community and the general public. Spring events to be announced. For more information, please contact Rob Kolhouse, by email at rkolhouse@fau.edu or by phone at 561-297-3870.

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### FANCIFUL TAYLOR ROBENALT, CERAMIC ARTIST

VISUAL ARTS BUILDING, RM 112

October 23-24, 2025 2-Day Workshop & Lecture

Taylor Robenalt's ornate porcelain "clusters" of animals, flowers, and emotional narratives are used to convey a metaphor of how life is always transforming. Recipient of numerous awards, fellowships, and scholarships, her work has appeared in several high-profile national exhibitions at Appalachian Center of Craft, Arrowmont, Clay AKAR, and several concurrent NCECA venues. Free event. For more info, email rkolhouse@fau.edu or call 561-297-3870.

Image: (top) Taylor Robenalt, "It's Complicated," 2023, Porcelain, Underglaze, Glaze, Luster, H22" x W15" x L16."

# **DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS AND ART HISTORY** (VAAH) |

PRINTMAKING & OPEN STUDIOS



# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

**HATCH 1121** 

1121 LUCERNE AVENUE, LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL 33460

#### 3 - 7 pm, Saturday, November 1

VAAH and the Florida Atlantic Print Club will be creating an altar and offering live printmaking during this year's Día de los Muertos celebration in Lake Worth Beach. The festival celebration will feature traditional foods, folkloric dances, traditional ofrendas, a procession, cultural arts and crafts and children's activities. Admission and parking to the festival and exhibition are free. Complete festival information at lakeworthbeachcra.org.

#### **PALM BEACH COUNTY OPEN STUDIOS 2026**

T10 GRADUATE STUDIOS, FLORIDA ATLANTIC CAMPUS

10 am - 3 pm, May 16 - 17

Graduate Studios within VAAH will participate in the Palm Beach County Open Studios weekend. Visitors will enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process inside the FAU Art Department and T-10 Graduate Studios. The event will feature work by a range of artists and offer opportunities to meet faculty, PhD candidates, and graduate students. More information by email to art@fau.edu or by phone at 561-297-3870.

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# **MUSIC**

The Joy of Sound

The Department of Music welcomes our patrons to an exciting season of performances presented by our talented faculty, students and guest artists in our newly renovated University Theatre and other event venues. Box office information on p. 103.



This season proudly offers events as part of the Celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S. Independence presented by the College and University Libraries, perfoming works focusing on the meaning and legacies of the American Revolution. More info on p. 89

We invite all our patrons and guests to visit **fau.edu/arts** for up-to-date location and ticket information.

## SYMPHONIC STORIES: LATIN FIRE TO LONDON LEGENDS

Florida Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

#### 7 pm, Thursday, Sept. 25, University Theatre

Under the direction of Laura Joella, DMA, the program includes the Latin rhythms of Arturo Márquez's "Conga del Fuego Nuevo"; the jazz-infused sound of Florence Price's "Dances in the Canebrakes"; "Beatlerianas" for guitar and string orchestra (Leo Brouwer's tribute to The Beatles) featuring the expressive artistry of classical guitarist Juan Antonio Peña, DMA; and Bizet's suite from "Carmen" featuring Monica Berovides-Hidalgo, mezzosoprano, and Mitchell Hutchings, DMA, baritone. Tickets \$10.





#### **NOBILITY AND JOVIALITY**

Royal Palm Trio

#### 7 pm, Friday, Sept. 26, University Theatre

Hristo Popov, violin; Claudio Jaffe, cello; and Kuo-Pei Cheng-Lin, piano, present an evening of unforgettable music that spans elegance, imagination, and exuberance. This dynamic program features three captivating piano trios that each bring their own flavor of charm and brilliance. Program to include Haydn's Piano Trio in E-flat, Hob. XV:10; Turina's Trio No. 2 in B minor, Op. 76; and Schoenfeld's "Café Music." Tickets \$20.

#### **FACULTY PIANO RECITAL**

Darko Varga, Piano

#### 3 pm, Sunday, Sept. 28, University Theatre

A variety of favorite pieces from piano repertoire. Tickets \$20.

#### **JUPITER AND BEYOND THE INFINITE**

Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble and West Boca High Wind Ensemble 7 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 7, University Theatre

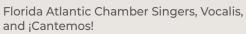
From Strauss' "Also sprach Zarathustra" and Holst's "Jupiter" to John Williams' stunning score, to the original "Star Wars" trilogy, this concert will inspire and delight. Conducted by Kyle Prescott, DMA. Tickets \$10.

#### Tickets at fauevents.com | 561-297-6124

All performances, artists, dates and times are subject to change. Please call 561-297-3820 five working days in advance of event if special accommodation of a disability is needed. Box office information on p. 103.



#### **AMERICAS IN HARMONY\***





7 pm, Saturday, Oct. 11, University Theatre

Choral music from the Americas that exhibits the influence of nationalism and patriotism in North and South America. Texts by notable Americans who shaped this country are explored in an assortment of choral settings. Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA, and Stacie Lee Rossow, DMA. Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup>, see p. 89 for more info. Tickets \$10.

#### FLORIDA ATLANTIC CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY 3 pm, Sunday, Oct. 12, University Theatre

An afternoon of unique experiences explored through the magical tone of the Spanish classical guitar, under the direction of Juan Antonio Peña, DMA. Ticket: \$10.



Tickets at fauevents.com | 561-297-6124

#### **AMALIA E CARLO**

Florida Atlantic Opera Theatre

7 pm, Friday, Oct. 17, University Theatre

After more than two centuries, "Amalia e Carlo" returns to the stage. Composed in 1812 by Pietro Carlo Guglielmi and featuring a libretto by Andrea Leone Tottola, this opera has not been performed since the early 1800s. The work offers a glimpse into the political and cultural landscape of Napoleonic Italy. Concert to feature full orchestra, original costumes, and an international cast and crew. Artistic Director, Mitchell Hutchings, DMA. Tickets \$10.

#### **FESTIVAL GUGLIELMI**

Florida Atlantic Opera Theatre in collaboration with the Conservatorio Giacomo Puccini La Spezia

- HARPSICHORD SONATAS & CHAMBER CONCERTS
   7 pm, Saturday, October 18, University Theatre
   Featuring rarely performed works by Italian composer
   Pietro Alessandro Guglielmi. Led by Italian pianist
   and scholar Francesca Costa and featuring Mara
   Fanelli, Igor Cantarelli, Eleonora Podestà and Paolo
   Ognissanti. Tickets \$10.
- SYMPHONIC CONCERT

7 pm, Sunday, October 19, University Theatre
Featuring works by Mozart and Pietro Carlo
Guglielmi. Maestro Giovanni Di Stefano leads the
Orchestra del Conservatorio Puccini La Spezia in
the overture to "Amalia e Carlo," a long-lost opera
recently rediscovered in Tuscany. Violinist Eleonora
Podestà performs Mozart's Violin Concerto in G Major,
K. 216, and pianist Gianluca Piretti performs Mozart's
Piano Concerto in G Major, K. 453. Tickets \$10.



#### **SYMPHONIES & SOUVENIRS**

Florida Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

#### 7 pm, Thursday, Nov. 6, University Theatre

Under the direction of Laura Joella, DMA, the program opens with Mozart's Overture to "Così fan tutte," followed by Guilmant's "Morceau Symphonique" featuring trombone soloist Jose Leon, DMA, and Barber's "Souvenirs." The evening concludes with Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2. Tickets \$10.



# 13<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL HONORS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA "SIDE-BY-SIDE" FESTIVAL FOR STRINGS

Florida Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

#### 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 7, University Theatre

High school students from around the state will perform side-by-side with members of the FAU Symphony Orchestra, directed by Laura Joella, DMA. Repertoire includes Mozart's "Eine kleine Nachtmusik," Fauré's "Nocturne" from "Shylock," Eric Whitacre's "A Boy and a Girl," and Brouwer's "Beatlerianas" for guitar and string orchestra, featuring classical guitarist Juan Antonio Peña, DMA. Free concert.

#### **CONCERT PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

Florida Atlantic Concert Percussion Ensemble 3 pm, Sunday, Nov. 9, University Theatre

From marimba quartets to tuned metal pipes, join us for an afternoon of music spanning the chamber percussion

an afternoon of music spanning the chamber percussion repertoire. Directed by Matthew Nichols, MM. Tickets \$10.

**MUSIC THROUGH TIME** Jazz Combos 7 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 12, University Theatre Jazz Combos have truly made their mark on the history of jazz, stepping into the spotlight as the big band era gave way to smaller, more intimate groups. Get ready to be captivated as Directors Andrés Espinoza Agurto, PhD, and Courtney D. Jones, DMA, showcase the amazing talents of our students! Tickets \$10. BACK TO BASICS, VOL. 8: A TRIBUTE TO THE DUKE Florida Atlantic Jazz Orchestra 7 pm, Thursday, November 13, University Theatre Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington composed or cocomposed more than 1,000 works, ranging from dance melodies to sacred pieces incorporating elements of blues, gospel, and classical traditions. Ellington's contributions earned him 14 Grammy Awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and a posthumous Pulitzer Prize. Please join Artistic Director of Jazz, Courtney D. Jones, DMA, and the members of the Florida Atlantic Jazz Orchestra as they pay Tribute to the Duke, with guest soloist Irena Kofman, DMA. Tickets \$10. /4

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#### GEORGINA DIETER DENNIS ANNUAL HONORS CHORAL FESTIVAL

Florida Atlantic Chamber Singers and Vocalis

#### 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 14, University Theatre

Honor high school and middle school students rehearse and perform in a side-by side format with FAU's Chamber

Singers and Vocalis. Collectively, all choristers involved conclude the one-day event in a performance of extended choral works with chamber ensemble accompaniment. Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA, and Stacie Lee Rossow, DMA. Free concert.

#### **SONGS AND DANCES**

Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble

#### 7 pm, Thursday, Nov. 20, University Theatre

Kyle Prescott, DMA, directs Jules Strens' "Danse Funambulesque," which conveys the apprehension of a circus tight-rope walker, while Grainger's "Colonial Song" gives his impression of his Australian homeland. Tickets \$10.



#### THE AMERICAS SPEAK IN SONG\*

Schola Cantorum of Florida, Ensemble in Residence, Florida Atlantic University Chorus and Chamber Singers 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 21, University Theatre

Featuring musical cultures of the Americas in several choral styles, including arrangements of popular dance and folk tunes from Latin America, André Thomas' "Mass: Celebration of Peace and Joy," a gospel setting of the traditional Latin mass, and Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom." Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA. Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup>, see p. 89 for more info. Tickets \$25 at scholacantorum.org

#### JARANA - CANDELA LE CANTA AL PERU

Candela: The Florida Atlantic Salsa Orchestra 7 pm, Saturday, Nov. 22, University Theatre

Put on your dancing shoes for a fun night of Salsa. Directed by Andrés Espinoza Agurto, PhD, Candela presents Jarana, a unique night of dancing that pays tribute to the music of Peru. Tickets \$10.

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#### **BAND-O-RAMA**

Florida Atlantic University Bands 6:30 pm, Sunday, Nov. 23, Mizner Park Amphitheatre Surround-sound bands, as the Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, Chamber ensembles, and the Marching Owls join forces. Don't miss the spectacular finale, as our Marching Owls surround the audience! Free concert.

#### **Q-ARTANGO**

Q-Arte String Quartet

7 pm, Monday, Nov. 24, University Theatre

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of tango and other Latin American rhythms exquisitely performed by Latin Grammy® nominated artists Santiago Medina, violin; Liz Ángela García, violin; Sandra Arango, viola; Diego García, cello; and Giovanni Parra, bandoneon. Tickets \$20.



#### GEORGE F. HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

FAU Choral Groups, Friends and Alumni 7 pm, Friday, Dec. 5, Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Boca Raton

Conceivably the most traditional and paramount choral masterwork to ring in the spirit of the Holiday Season. Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA. Tickets \$20 at stjoan.org/wp.



#### **TUBA CHRISTMAS**

#### 5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 7, Mizner Park Amphitheatre

Celebrate the holiday season with this festive, family-friendly sing-along tradition! Enjoy the rich sounds of tubas and euphoniums as community musicians of all ages perform a cheerful selection of holiday favorites. Conducted by Marc Decker, DMA. Bring chairs or blankets for this outdoor concert. Free concert.

#### GEORGINA DIETER DENNIS HONOR VOICE RECITAL

Dieter Dennis Scholarship Honor Voice Students 7 pm, Friday, Jan. 23, University Theatre

Featuring a variety of operatic arias, art songs, musical theatre and popular American favorites. Tickets \$10.

#### **IRENA KOFMAN AND FRIENDS**

Irena Kofman and Mackenzie Melemed, Piano 7 pm, Saturday, Jan. 24, University Theatre

Experience an inspiring evening of music with the brilliant Mackenzie Melemed, praised for his dazzling artistry and expressive depth, alongside Irena Kofman, DMA, FAU faculty member and internationally celebrated pianist. Together, they will present a captivating program of solo and four-hand works by Rachmaninov, Barber, and others. This concert is a tribute to artistic excellence, mutual inspiration, and the joy of collaboration. Tickets \$20.

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#### **CELEBRATION OF THE PALM BEACH POPS**

Florida Atlantic Faculty and Friends from The Palm Beach Pops

7 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 3, Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium

Celebrate the legacy of Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops with our inaugural celebration concert of the Pops at Florida Atlantic. Classics from the Great American Songbook.

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# 18<sup>™</sup> Annual Dr. Eric H. Shaw Concerto and Aria Excellence in Performance Winners' Concert

Florida Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

#### 7 pm, Thursday, Feb. 12, University Theatre

This concert will showcase the winners of the Dr. Eric H. Shaw Concerto and Aria Excellence in Performance Awards with the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Laura Joella, DMA. Program to feature Rossini's Overture to "La Gazza Ladra" and the world premiere performance of an orchestral composition by the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Eric H. Shaw Excellence in Music Composition Award recipient, among other works. Tickets \$10.

#### **PRISM CONCERT**

7 pm, Saturday, Feb. 14, University Theatre

Multi-faceted event, jam-packed with performances, showcasing the outstanding faculty in the Department of Music! Free concert.







#### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRASS EXTRAVAGANZA

Florida Atlantic Brass Faculty and Guest Artist

#### 3 pm, Saturday, Feb. 21, University Theatre

Culminating concert to an all-inclusive Brass Workshop focusing on sound, production, technique, and pedagogical foundation for the success of emerging and current brass players. Free Concert.

#### IRENA KOFMAN AND FRIENDS

#### 7 pm, Saturday, Feb. 21, University Theatre

Chamber music performed by guest musicians from Japan and Brazil! Featuring the works of Brahms, Liszt, and others. Irena Kofman, DMA, piano; Junko Ohtsu, violin; Claudio Jaffe, cello. Tickets \$20.

#### **CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL CONCERT**

Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble

#### 6 pm, Friday, Feb. 27, University Theatre

During the festival (Feb. 27-28), dozens of high school and middle school bands from across the state perform non-stop in what has become the largest concert band festival of its kind. The Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble performs a featured concert Friday night at 6 pm. Free concert. More info. about festival at 561-297-3826.

#### FLORIDA ATLANTIC OPERA THEATRE

7 pm, Friday, March 20, University Theatre 7 pm, Saturday, March 21, University Theatre

An immersive evening of vocal performance and stagecraft featuring student singers in a fully staged presentation, under the direction of Mitchell Hutchings, DMA. Tickets \$10.

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#### A More Perfect Union: America at 250

Florida Atlantic Wind Ensemble

#### 7 pm, Friday, March 27, University Theatre

Kyle Prescott, DMA, directs as we celebrate 250 years of our great nation and the semi-quincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Join us for patriotic favorites alongside evocative and meaningful works inspired by our collective journey toward a 'more perfect union.' Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup>, see p. 89 for more info. Tickets \$10.

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# CELEBRATE! MUSICAL EPOCHS, CULTURES, AND COUNTRIES

**Choral Ensembles** 

7 pm, Saturday, March 28, University Theatre

Schola Cantorum of Florida, Ensemble in Residence, Department of Music, collaborates with Florida Atlantic's Chamber Singers and University Chorus in praise of music that transcends the test of time and origin of its creation. Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA. Tickets \$25 at scholacantorumfl.org.

#### PIANO STUDENTS GALA

Florida Atlantic Piano Studio

3 pm, Sunday, March 29, University Theatre

A delightful program of timeless classics and jazz piano compositions. Directed by Irena Kofman, DMA. Tickets \$10.

#### JAZZ, JAZZ, AND MORE JAZZ!

Florida Atlantic Jazz Combos

7 pm, Tuesday, April 7, University Theatre

Jazz Combos have truly made their mark on the history of jazz, stepping into the spotlight as the big band era gave way to smaller, more intimate groups. Get ready to be captivated as Directors Andrés Espinoza Agurto, PhD, and Courtney D. Jones, DMA, showcase the amazing talents of our students! Tickets \$10.

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## CREATING SPACES: MUSICAL CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMILY

Florida Atlantic Jazz Orchestra

7 pm, Thursday, April 9, University Theatre

Join Courtney D. Jones, DMA, along with the Florida Atlantic Jazz Orchestra, as they welcome a jazz band from our local community for an unforgettable concert that highlights the importance of connection and healing through fellowship. Tickets \$10.

#### ASERE! VOL. 1: CANDELA LE CANTA A CUBA

Candela: Florida Atlantic Salsa Orchestra 7 pm, Friday, April 10, University Theatre

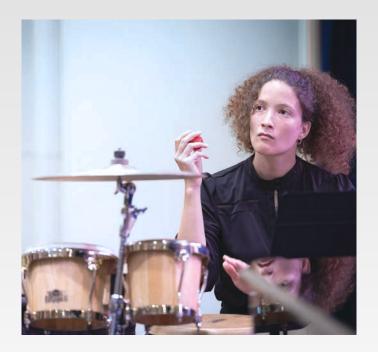
Put on your dancing shoes for an incredible night of high-energy Cuban Music, featuring the one and only Candela Salsa Orchestra, Directed by Andrés Espinoza Agurto, PhD. Dress code: FABULOUS! Tickets \$10.

#### **PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE FOR ALL!**

Florida Atlantic Concert Percussion Ensemble 8 pm, Saturday, April 11, University Theatre

From the mind of composers such as John Care

From the mind of composers such as John Cage and Michael Burritt to world premieres from student composers, this concert will guarantee to leave you refreshed for your evening! Ticket cost: \$10.



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## TROMBONE STUDIO "THE OWLBONES" & THE APEI IN CONCERT

#### 7 pm, Sunday, April 19, University Theatre

Curated and directed by Jose Leonardo Leon, DMA, this collaborative performance places the trombone front and center, not just as an instrument, but as a storyteller. From timeless works to bold new sounds, expect an afternoon where artistry meets innovation, and the stage becomes a space for sonic exploration. Tickets \$10.

## ICONIC AMERICAN VOICES: CELEBRATING AMERICA AT 250!



250...

Florida Atlantic Symphony Orchestra

# 7 pm, Thursday, April 23, University Theatre Under the direction of Laura Joella, DMA, th

Under the direction of Laura Joella, DMA, the concert features a collection of American works, from Sousa's "The Liberty Bell," to Leonard Bernstein's Divertimento for Orchestra, and Florence Price's Symphony No. 3 in C Minor. Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait, with narration by Kevin Wilt, DMA, brings to life the words of Abraham Lincoln in a piece that resonates with profound dignity and hope. Adding a cinematic touch to the celebration, the concert also includes a suite of music by film composer John Williams, whose music captures the originality and heart of the American story. Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup>, see p. 89 for more info. Tickets \$10.

#### **TRANSATLANTIC CONNECTIONS**

**Choral Groups** 

#### 7 pm, Saturday, April 25, University Theatre

Florida Atlantic University choral ensembles, ¡Cantemos!, Chamber Singers, and Vocalis present a program highlighting the bond music offers across cultures and continents. Conducted by Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA, and Stacie Lee Rossow, DMA. Tickets \$10.



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# **THEATRE & DANCE**

At the heart of our season lies the commitment to collaboration, bringing together aspiring actors, dancers, designers, and technicians to create a shared passion for the arts. Don't miss this chance to be a part of the cultural tapestry that enriches our South Florida community. Each production promises to leave you enthralled and inspired. Witness the raw emotions, the thought-provoking narratives, and the unparalleled talent that the FAU Department of Theatre and Dance consistently delivers.

Image (above): Cast photo from Rumors by Neil Simon as part of Festival Rep 2025. All performances, artists, dates and times are subject to change. Please call 561-297-3810 five working days in advance of event if special accommodation of a disability is needed. Box office information on p. 103.



# **TARTUFFE** by Moliere DIRECTED BY DES GALLANT

In a masterful blend of satire and comedy, Molière's timeless classic, "Tartuffe," captivates audiences with its biting critique of hypocrisy and deception. "Tartuffe" is a cunning impostor who manipulates the trusting Orgon and his family, exposing the darker aspects of society. Through its use of comedy to tackle serious themes, "Tartuffe" not only challenged theatrical norms but also sparked controversy, earning it a place as one of the most enduring works in world theatre. With its rich blend of humor and social critique, "Tartuffe" remains a must-see for anyone interested in the power of theatre to challenge and inspire.

# OCTOBER 3-12, 2025 MARLEEN FORKAS STUDIO ONE THEATRE

Fri., Oct. 3, 7 pm	Sat., Oct. 11, 2 pm
Sat., Oct. 4, 7 pm	Sat., Oct. 11, 7 pm
Sun., Oct. 5, 2 pm	Sun., Oct. 12, 2 pm
Fri., Oct. 10, 7 pm	

Single Adult: \$27; Faculty, Staff, Alumni: \$20; FAU Students: \$17; Groups of 9 or more: \$21 Theatre Package (3 theatre shows): \$69 Theatre Package (4 Theatre Shows w/Dance Showcase): \$89

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# Stripped Down Studio: Selections from THE POSSIBILITIES by Howard Barker DIRECTED BY DES GALLANT

Stripped Down Studio allows students to dive deep into the raw art of acting. By focusing on minimal production values and maximum creativity, this program fosters a space where students can hone their skills, explore their vulnerability, and bring performances to life with their voices, bodies, and imagination. The inaugural production will present six of the ten short plays that make up "The Possibilities" by Howard Barker, which feature characters who act against their own interests but who, in so doing, both refine and complicate their humanity. Combining elements of dark comedy and tragedy, Barker creates circumstances that push individuals into extreme conditions that force them to question the limits of logic and rationality.

#### **OCTOBER 24-26, 2025**

BRANDSTAR STUDIO II THEATRE

- □ Fri., Oct.24, 7 pm□ Sat., Oct. 25, 7 pm
- ☐ Sun., Oct. 26, 2 pm

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#### Ballet 1

# HOUDINI - THE OTHER SIDE UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Saturday, Oct. 25, 7 pm\*

\*Premium Tickets (\$144) includes pre-event reception at 5 pm and primary seating.

#### Sunday, Oct. 26, 2 pm

Explores the life of legendary escape artist, Harry Houdini, through dynamic choreographic interpretation of his life and inner struggles.

#### Ballet 2



Image: Franceska Mann

# MEMENTO UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Saturday, Nov. 1, 7 pm Sunday, Nov. 2, 2 pm

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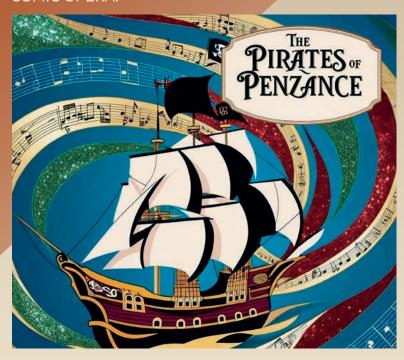
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## NOVEMBER 14-23, 2025

#### MARLEEN FORKAS STUDIO ONE THEATRE

Fri., Nov. 14, 7 pm	Sat., Nov. 22, 2 pm
Sat., Nov. 15, 7 pm	Sat., Nov. 22, 7 pm
Sun., Nov. 16, 2 pm	Sun., Nov. 23, 2 pm
Fri., Nov. 21, 7 pm	

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Showcase): \$89

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# THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare DIRECTED BY TED DECHATELET

William Shakespeare's masterpiece blends magic, betrayal, love, and forgiveness together for an evening of spectacle. Set on a mystical island, the play follows Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, who uses his magical powers to conjure a tempest that shipwrecks his enemies, including his treacherous brother Antonio and King Alonso of Naples. As the story unfolds, Prospero's daughter Miranda falls in love with Ferdinand, the King's son, while Prospero confronts his past and ultimately chooses forgiveness over revenge.

# FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 1, 2026 MARLEEN FORKAS STUDIO ONE THEATRE

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#### APRIL 17-26, 2026 | UNIVERSITY THEATRE

- ☐ Fri., April 17, 7 pm
- ☐ Sat., April 25, 2 pm
- ☐ Sat., April 18, 7 pm
- ☐ Fri., April 24, 7 pm
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- Sun., April 26, 2 pm
- ☐ Tues., April 21, 7 pm

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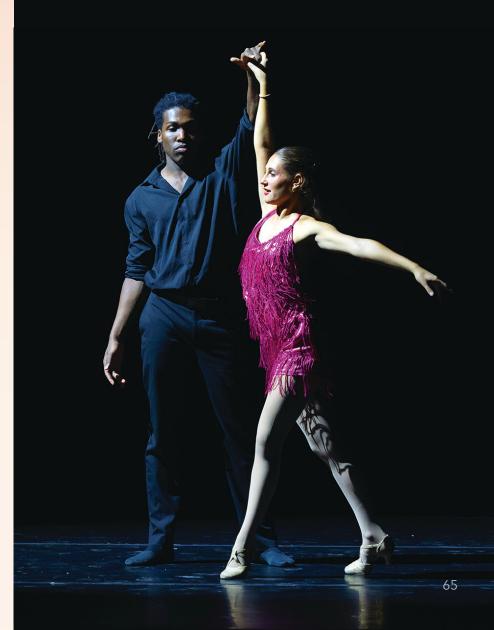
Join us for Florida Atlantic's inaugural student choreography dance concert, Dance Showcase! Watch the stage come alive with bold, original, student choreography in styles ranging from hip hop, jazz, contemporary, ballet, and more. You do not want to miss this unforgettable weekend of creativity, passion, and excitement.

#### MAY 1-2, 2026 | UNIVERSITY THEATRE

- ☐ Fri., May 1, 7 pm
- ☐ Sat., May 2, 2 pm
- ☐ Sat., May 2, 7 pm

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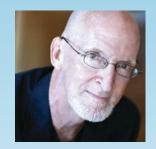




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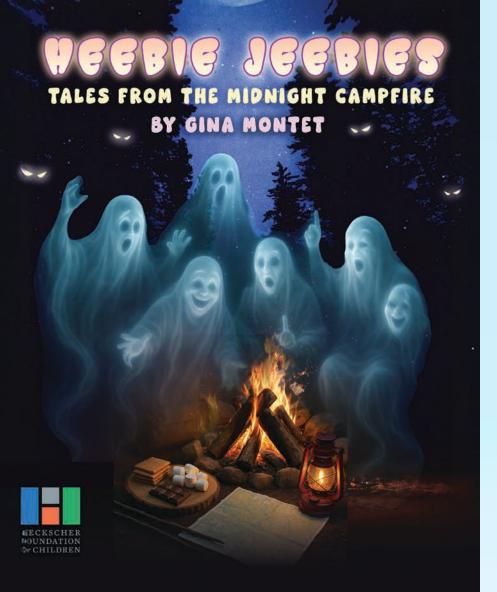
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Image: Theatre Lab's 2025 production of "The Last Yiddish Speaker" by Deborah Zoe Laufer



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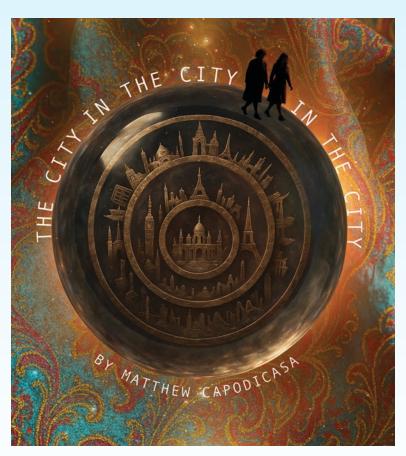
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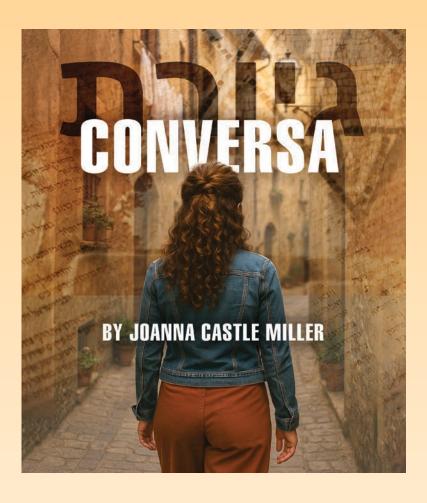
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#### **CONVERSA** by Joanna Castle Miller

A World Premiere | Directed by Matt Stabile Executive Producers: Mandell Weiss Charitable Trust, Linda and Joe Satz-Trustees

Young Joanna knows all the Jewish prayers – and how they're really about Jesus. That's because, many years ago, her mother, who wanted to be a rabbi, converted to evangelicalism through Jews for Jesus. As a result, young Joanna learns all the tricks of Christian missions, eventually becoming a missionary herself. But when something ancient draws her away to the traditions she never learned and histories she never studied, she finds herself in a tiny village where, centuries ago, her father's father's father faced a similar crossroads and made a very different choice.

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#### **INFERNA** by Joanna Castle Miller

A World Premiere | Executive Producer: Richard Carpenito

One night, on the mostly empty stage of a theater, a young playwright (Castle Miller) and a male actor who has agreed to assist her, take a deep dive into her childhood - specifically how church activities and school plays both provided "scripts" she faithfully followed each step of the way. Over the course of the evening, through comedic re-enactments, music, and sharing of stories, they begin to unravel and more fully understand the unstated and pervasive lessons learned from the texts passed down to her and that the mentors she adored aren't who they appeared to be.

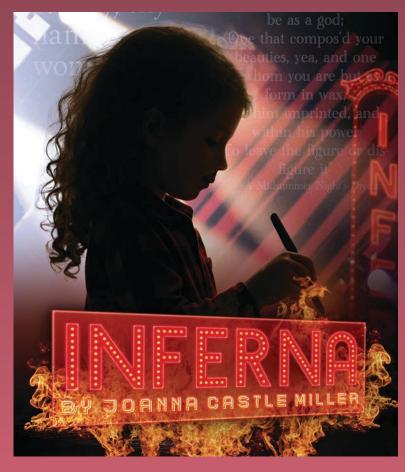
#### **April 11-26, 2026** | THEATRE LAB

Performances:

Thurs. - Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sat. & Sun. at 3 pm\* \*No Saturday matinee on opening (4/4).

Opening Night Celebration tickets: \$60 (includes a pre & post-show reception) Individual Tickets: \$35 - \$45

Main Stage Subscription: \$120 (Hecksher Theatre add on: One adult ticket and up to two free children's tickets for \$15 (\$30 value). Tickets at fauevents.com or 561-297-6124



## **2026 "OWL" NEW PLAY FESTIVAL APRIL 11-26, 2026**

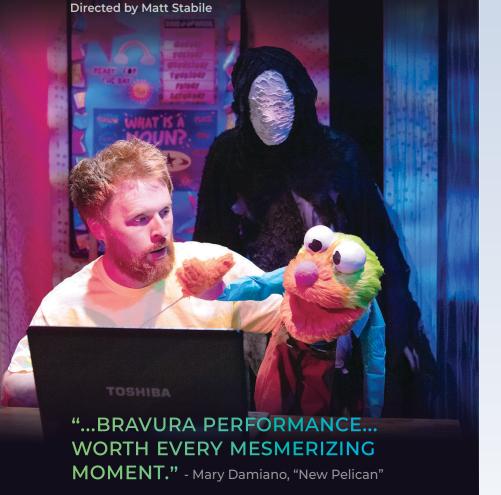
#### A NEW PLAY EXPERIENCE SECOND-TO-NONE!

Building on last year's inaugural festival, Theatre Lab and the Department of Theatre & Dance at Florida Atlantic are pleased to present the second annual Owl New Play Festival! Over three weeks in April, theatre-lovers and new play enthusiasts are invited to join us to experience these two shows, lectures/discussions on the themes found in the work, readings of more new plays, and additional programming as we continue to establish Theatre Lab, FAU, and Boca Raton, FL as the premier destination for new plays!

**INFERNA** by Joanna Castle Miller A World Premiere | April 11 – 26, 2026

BY ANY OTHER NAME by Deborah Zoe Laufer

Book & Lyrics by Deborah Zoe Laufer Music & Lyrics by Daniel Green A New Musical | April 17-26, 2026



More information about the Owl New Play Festival readings to be announced, visit or call: fau.edu.theatrelab | 561-297-4784

## KURT AND MARILYN WALLACH HOLOCAUST AND JEWISH STUDIES BUILDING



## The Power of Education

The Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building will serve as a hub for the study of the Holocaust and Jewish Studies, human rights education, and leadership training. With a planned opening by fall 2026, this 22,000-sf building will memorialize the six million Jews and other innocent victims of the Holocaust, honor its survivors, and bring together educational and cultural programs that champion justice, compassion and understanding. The building will also feature a Holocaust Museum of historical artifacts, an interactive Dimensions in Testimony display using modern technology to share first-hand accounts of the Holocaust, a state-of-the-art recital hall, a traveling exhibition hall and an outdoor memorial pavilion in addition to other spaces.

Learn more by attending the following events presented by some of the Centers and Programs which will be housed within the building:

- Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education (CHHRE), p. 74
- · Jewish Studies Programs, p. 76
- Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights, (PJHR), p. 77

## ARTHUR AND EMALIE GUTTERMAN FAMILY CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION (CHHRE)

#### **ART FROM THE HOLOCAUST**

#### Thursday, Oct. 16 – Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025 Schmidt Center Gallery

Presented in collaboration with FAU University Galleries: A glimpse into art created in ghettos, camps and hiding places during the Holocaust, representing a living testimony of the indomitable human spirit that refused to surrender.

- 6:15 pm, Thursday, Oct. 16, Reception
- 7:15 pm, Thursday, Oct. 16, ZOOM

Art from the Holocaust Lecture and Reception: Liz Elsby, Yad Vashem Holocaust Educator Registrations required at fau.edu/pjhr/chhre

#### **JERUSALEM BALLET\***

Saturday, Oct. 25 | Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025:

Houdini-The Other Side

Saturday, Nov. 1 | Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025:

Memento

\* See page 60 for details. Tickets at fauevents.com

## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER HONORING OUTSTANDING HOLOCAUST EDUCATORS

5:30 – 9 pm, Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025

Honoring Educators at the Boca Raton Marriott For information, call 561-297-0849

## INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY January 27, 2026

The United Nations General Assembly designated the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

#### COMMEMORATING THE NUREMBERG TRIALS:

Elan Golod, documentary filmmaker Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates 7 pm, Thursday, January 29, 2026

Location TBA

Nathan-ism captures the life and memories of Nathan Hilu, a Jewish artist whose recollections span significant historical milestones, including his role as a guard at the Nuremberg Trials. Registration required at fau.edu/pjhr/chhre.

Education is our best hope against hatred



#### THE WINDERMERE CHILDREN: FILM AND DISCUSSION:

7 – 9 PM, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, Location TBA

This film is the stark, moving and ultimately redemptive story of child survivors of the Nazi Holocaust that arrived at the Calgarth Estate by Lake Windermere. They bear the emotional and physical scars of all they have suffered, but their bonds with each other are a lifeline. Film followed by talk with Windermere survivor Robin Frydman Schall. Registration required at fau.edu/pjhr/chhre.

#### **INTERRUPTED LIVES:**

NINE STORIES OF CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 4:30 – 6 pm, ZOOM

Virtual - Presented by Amanda Friedeman, Associate Director of Education, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center: A collection of survivor narratives, each drawn from personal interviews with lessons of courage, hope, vigilance and the enduring strength of the human spirit. Registration Required at fau.edu/pjhr/chhre.

For more information about Gutterman Family CHHRE events and registration, call 561-297-0849 or visit fau.edu/pjhr/chhre.

The Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, located in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at Florida Atlantic University, is a formal unit within FAU's Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights (PJHR) and serves as a Designated Site of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education and as a partner in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Community of Holocaust Education Centers (CHEC).

#### **JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM**



#### THE FLORIDA JEWISH EXPERIENCE

1 – 5 pm, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025 8:30 am – 5 pm Monday, Oct. 27, 2025

Friedberg Lifelong Learning Auditorium Symposium cosponsored by the M.B. & Edna Zale Foundation, and FAU's Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights Program and Department of History

#### Monday, Oct. 27, 6 pm, Schmidt Center Gallery

Opening reception for A Century of Jews in Boca Raton 1925-2025 Exhibition (running until Dec. 14, see pg. 13 for details.)



### GEMS OF JEWISH MUSIC: TREASURES FROM THE CANTORIAL COLLECTIONS

Cantor Shira Ginsburg, Nathan and Marion Crosby Jewish Archives Scholar in Residence

#### 4 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, S. E. Wimberly Library

Ginsburg is a celebrated actress, singer, and playwright who tours the country extensively with her one-woman musical, "Bubby's Kitchen." Ordained at HUC-JIR and a longstanding member of the ACC, Cantor Ginsburg is the founder of Jewishly Ever After, a private Jewish lifecycle event company and holds the distinguished title of Cantor Emerita of East End Temple of Manhattan where she served as Senior Cantor for 18 years. Partnership between The Program in Jewish Studies and the Library Special Collections.

For more information about Jewish Studies events, email Jewishstudies@fau.edu or visit fau.edu/artsandletters/jewishstudies/events

## CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (PJHR)

#### PJHR FALL RESEARCH TALK SERIES

PJHR is excited to highlight the interesting research conducted by our faculty affiliates. Please join us the first Wednesday of the month September through December, 1 - 2:30 pm, in the Arts and Humanities Bldg. (AH 205). For more information, visit fau.edu/pjhr.

77<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS:

#### **WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

All associated events held in the Student Union Bldg. (UN), Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton

- 2 3:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025
   Environment and Women:
   Speaker TBA
- 11 am 2 pm, Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025
   Women in the Armed Forces: Screening of "I am Vanessa Guillen" followed by Q & A.
- 12 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025
   PJHR's annual fall signature event brings together practitioners, academics, diplomats, politicians, teachers and others to raise awareness about and learn how to better advance the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The celebration will include art, keynote, breakout sessions, and will conclude with a hors d'oeuvres banquet and awards ceremony.

December is Universal Human Rights Month

For more information about PJHR events, email pjhr@fau.edu or visit fau.edu/artsandletters/pjhr

#### **UNITS WITHIN PJHR:**

- The Arthur and Emalie
  Gutterman Family
  Center for Holocaust
  and Human Rights
  Education (CHHRE)
- Leon Charney
   Diplomacy Program



## CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (PJHR)

**EVENTS CONTINUED** 

FROM INCARCERATION TO INSPIRATION: A CONVERSATION WITH DAVID GARLOCK 12:30 – 2 pm, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025 Location: TBD

David L. Garlock is a formerly incarcerated criminal justice reform advocate and reentry expert.

THE PORNOGRAPHY OF EVERYDAY LIFE: POWER, GENDER, AND THE NORMALIZATION OF VIOLENCE 1 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026
Arts and Humanities Bldg. (AH 205)

Scholar discussion with Raiza Jiménez Striedinger, Inaugural Lynn, Wold, Schmidt Ph.D. Fellow in Peace, Justice and Human Rights and Jane Caputi, Professor, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

# CRIES AND WHISPERS: PODCASTING AND THE PROMISE OF DISRUPTION Friday, Feb. 20 – Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026 SCMS Theaters, Culture and Society Bldg. (CU)

A multidisciplinary symposium that will explore podcasting as a millennial media format. Keynote address by Jeremy Morris, University of Wisconsin.

AFK IN FLORIDA: THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PHILOSOPHY OF VIDEO GAMES CONFERENCE Friday, Feb 27 – Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 Location: TBD

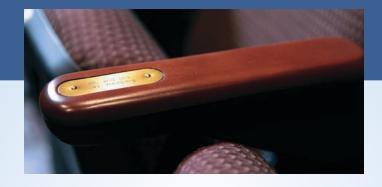
The world's only recurring academic event dedicated to the exploration of video games. Keynote speaker: Christopher Bartel, Professor of Philosophy, Appalachian State University.

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# Distinguished LECTURES & EVENTS

The College offers an array of lectures, film and symposia in our newly renovated University Theatre, Performing Arts Hall and other venues. Tickets for Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters events are available at fauevents.com



#### **LEAVE A SEAT LEGACY**

Dedicate a Seat in our University Theatre and become a part of our history! For more information, visit fau.edu/artsandletters/show-must-go-on-seat-naming or call Esther Swann at 561-297-4667

#### FLORIDA ATLANTIC ITALIAN PROGRAM

SYMPOSIA, FILMS, LECTURES AND MORE

#### **ROME: A FILM RETROSPECTIVE**

September – November

Screenings and lectures on the eternal city.

#### "MY FLORITA" BY MANUELA FILOMENA

October 9, 2025

Film screening at the Boca Raton Museum of Art

#### GUGLIELMI FESTIVAL

October 15 - 19, 2025

Music festival highlighting the life and work of composer Pietro Carlo Guglielmi, including concerts and a full opera. Details on page 39.

### A BRIDGE TO ITALY: FROM LORENZO DA PONTE TO MARIO CASTELNUOVO TEDESCO

**November 22. 2025** 

Choral performance with new compositions from Lorenzo Da Ponte's librettos and Mario Castelnuovo Tedesco's music work for poetry.

#### "THE DECAMERON"

December 2025

Giovanni Boccaccio's masterpiece.

#### **ITALY IN TRANSIT SYMPOSIUM**

February 6 - 7, 2026

Guest lecturers share their research in arts, film, dance, music, science, architecture, cuisine, and more.

#### C'È ANCORA DOMANI BY PAOLA CORTELLESI March 2026

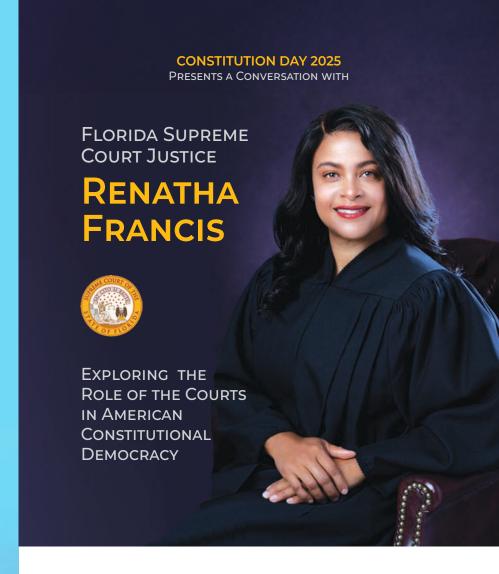
Photo exhibit and presentation with Alessandra Albanesi and Claudio lannone

#### HAPPY 100<sup>™</sup> BIRTHDAY, ANDREA CAMILLERI! Spring 2026

Translations, readings and adaptations of the beloved Sicilian writer.

Events are free and open to the public. For more information about these events, email iserral@fau.edu, call 561-297-0286 or visit fau.edu/artsandletters/llcl/italian





#### 10 AM, MONDAY, SEPT. 15

FRIEDBERG LIFELONG LEARNING AUDITORIUM FLORIDA ATLANTIC | BOCA RATON

Florida Supreme Court Justice Renatha Francis is the 92nd Justice and the first Jamaican-American appointed to the state's highest court. Justice Francis will share insights from her inspiring journey - from her early life in Kingston, Jamaica, to her distinguished legal career across Florida's judicial system. This timely conversation will explore the role of the courts in American constitutional democracy.

Tickets at **fauevents.com** | 561-297-6124 Tickets: \$10; FAU faculty, staff, students free. OLLI students can purchase tickets through the OLLI website.

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#### STUDY OF THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE

SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## Exploring the Americas



### AFTER SUGAR: SPECTERS OF THE PLANTATION IN CONTEMPORARY CUBAN ART

4 pm, Thurs, Sept. 18, 2025

Arts and Humanities Bldg., AH 205, Florida Atlantic



**Elzbieta Sklodowska,**Randolph Family Professor of Spanish,
Washington University

Throughout various stages of Cuban history, the omnipresence of sugar has been entangled with enslaved labor, racial capitalism, (post) colonial

extractivism and the unraveling of the socialist utopia. In 2002, the Cuban government began to dismantle the sugar industry. Sklodowska examines the "post-sugar" era in Cuban visual arts, film, and testimonial literature. Image: "Sugar Ghosts," a piece by Gertrudis Rivalta.

### BECOMING BROWARD: DEFINING THE PARTICULARITY OF PLACE

10 am - 1 pm, Wed, Oct. 15, 2025

FAU Metro Lab, 111 East Las Olas Blvd, Florida Atlantic, Fort Lauderdale

Historians and community activists discuss what makes Broward County both a part of, and yet distinct from, the larger South Florida region. Speakers include Ellery Andrews, History Fort Lauderdale; Emmanuel George, Black Broward; Roberto Fernandez III, Broward County School District; Francis Lyn, School of Architecture, Florida Atlantic; Kim Weismantle, Old Davie Historical Museum; Willa Granger, School of Architecture, Florida Atlantic.

Americas Initiative events are free and open to the public. For more information, email maguilardornelle@fau.edu



## HEMISPHERIC CONFLUENCES: TRANSLATION ACROSS THE AMERICAS

9 am – 4 pm, Friday, February 6, 2026 Culture and Society Bldg. CU, RM 301, Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton

Scholars explore the ways translation informs our interdisciplinary research in the humanities and across the Americas. Whether translating written or oral texts from one language into another, using translated texts for research, or theorizing about interconnections between cultures, places, and peoples, translation plays an integral role. Organized by Anne Molinas, FAU Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature; and Becka McKay, FAU English.

#### CANALS, DAMS, AND COLONIZED LANDSCAPES: SIMON RODRÍGUEZ VERSUS THE VINCOCAYA PROJECT

2 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2026

Social Science Bldg., RM 112, Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton Ronald Briggs, Professor of Spanish and Latin American Cultures, Barnard College, studies the convergence of education and literary theory in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Americas.

#### FLORIDA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



**4 pm, Thursday, February 19, 2026** S.E. Wimberly Library 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton

Judith Bense, PhD, University of West Florida

Lecture, Q&A, and reception. Florida was a battlefront in the American Revolutionary War when Spain, a U.S. ally, invaded Britain's loyal "fourteenth colony." Bense shares this forgotten story with historical and archaeological expertise. Recipient of multiple lifetime achievement awards. Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup> (p. 89)

## AMERICAS INITIATIVE FACULTY SHOWCASE 2 pm, Thursday, March 26, 2026

Arts and Humanities Building, RM 205, Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton

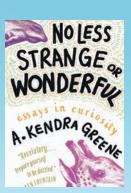
#### **OFF THE PAGE: EVENTS FOR READERS & WRITERS**

DEPT. OF ENGLISH | LAWRENCE A. SANDERS FOUNDATION

## Literary Happenings!









#### YAEL VALENCIA ALDANA

7 pm, Tues, October 14, 2025, House Chambers, Student Union Bldg. (UN)

Aldana is a Caribbean Afro-Latinx/e writer and poet. She is the author of the chapbook "Alien(s)" and the poetry collection "Black Mestiza."



#### ANDREW FURMAN

7 pm, Tues, November 18, 2025, House Chambers, Student Union Bldg. (UN)

Furman's fiction and creative nonfiction frequently engage with the Florida outdoors. "The World That We Are" is forthcoming in fall 2025.



A. KENDRA GREENE

7 pm, Wed, February 25, 2026, Jaffe Center For Book Arts, S.E. Wimberly Library

Greene is an essayist and book artist. She is the author and illustrator of two books, "No Less Strange or Wonderful" and "The Museum of Whales You Will Never See."

Off the Page events are free and open to the public.

More info at 561-297-2974 or by visiting fau.edu/english





## **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL LAWRENCE A. SANDERS LITERARY SYMPOSIUM**

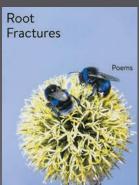
Held each year in honor of writer Lawrence A. Sanders, the symposium is an opportunity to take a closer look at the ins and outs of the publishing industry, furthering Sanders' mission to help emerging writers get their work into the world.

## **TOCHI EZE AND ALLISON MALECHA**7 pm, Thurs, January 15, 2026, Location TBD

**Tochi Eze** is a Nigerian fiction writer and scholar originally trained as a lawyer in Lagos and Enugu. "This Kind of Trouble" is her first novel.

Allison Malecha is a literary agent and director of foreign rights at Trellis Literary Management. Previously she spent several years at Bettina Schrewe Literary Scouting, where she worked with major publishing clients in more than 20 markets across Europe, Asia, and Latin America.





#### LAWRENCE A. SANDERS WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

DIANA KHOI NGUYEN

7 pm, Thurs, February 5, 2026, Location TBD

Poet and multimedia artist Diana Khoi Nguyen is the author of two poetry collections, most recently "Root Fractures" and "Ghost Of."

## CHASTAIN JOHNSTON MIDDLE EASTERN WEBINAR LECTURE SERIES | 2025

#### THE FUTURE OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT -



## JOSEPH OLMERT 11 am, Thurs, October 23 ZOOM

Joseph Olmert served as director of Israel's Government Press Office and advisor to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during the first Gulf War and the International peace conference in Madrid. He was a member of the Israeli delegation for peace talks with

Syria in the Madrid Peace Conference and subsequent Washington, D.C. talks. He also served as a policy advisor to former Defense Minister Moshe Arens and participated in official talks with senior public figures including U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen.

More info by email to rrabil@fau.edu.

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## GHAITH AL-OMARI 11 am, Thurs, November 6 ZOOM

Ghaith al-Omari, the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Senior Fellow in The Washington Institute's Irwin Levy Family Program on the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship, is the former executive director of the American Task Force on

Palestine. He served as advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team during the 1999–2001 permanent-status talks in addition to holding various other positions within the Palestinian Authority. More info by email to rrabil@fau.edu.

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## THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2025

## HOW SCHOLARS ARE USING THE WEINER COLLECTION



Scholars from across the U.S. are visiting to conduct research in the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection! The Weiner Collection of rare books reflects the personal libraries of such founders as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. In this symposium, the Visiting Fellows will present their research and discuss how it relies on examining the treasures of the Spirit of America Collection. This event is made possible by the generous underwriting of Dr. Howard and Judith Weiner in conjunction with the support of the FAU Libraries and the Department of History.

**4 pm, Thurs, October 30, S.E. Wimberly Library** Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton Presentations by the 2025 Fellows



Indigenous People's Movement through "La Florida" and the Maritime World of Early America, 1720-1784

**Charlotte Biggs,** University of California, Riverside



The Other Irish America: Immigrant Imperialists in the Colonial South Collin Bonnell, Concordia University



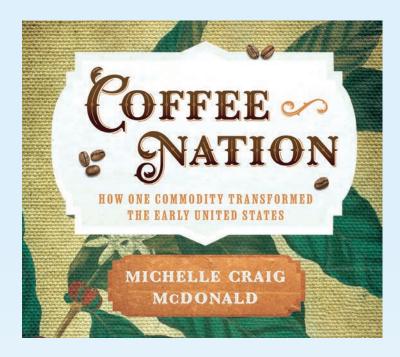
The Bank of North America and the Creation of Early American Financial Systems Arya Martinez, University of New Hampshire

Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup> (p. 89). This event is free and open to the public. To Register for free tickets visit: **library.fau.edu/upcoming-events** 

The Spirit of America Research Symposium 2025 is presented by the Department of History and Florida Atlantic Libraries.

## SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS KENNETH R. LAVOY JR. FELLOWSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY | LECTURE AND Q&A





Brewing a Revolution: The Role of Coffeehouses in Colonial Protest



**4 pm, Wednesday, January 28** ZOOM WEBINAR

Michelle McDonald, PhD, American Philosophical Society

McDonald is the 2025 recipient of FAU's Society of Colonial Wars Fellowship in Memory

of Kenneth R. LaVoy Jr. This national award supports scholars' research as they write new books that make important contributions to the history of Colonial America. McDonald's research explores the 18th-century origins of coffee's place in the American daily life. Her lecture will examine how colonists used coffeehouses to organize themselves politically in anticipation of the coming revolution, demonstrating that the Colonial Era was an indispensable prelude to the creation of a new nation.

Part of the Festival for America's 250<sup>th</sup> (p. 89). This event is free and open to the public. Registration required at **fau.edu/history/lavoy** 

Made possible by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida and the Dept. of History at Florida Atlantic. More information by email to jsharples@fau.edu.



## FESTIVAL FOR AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> 1776 - 2026

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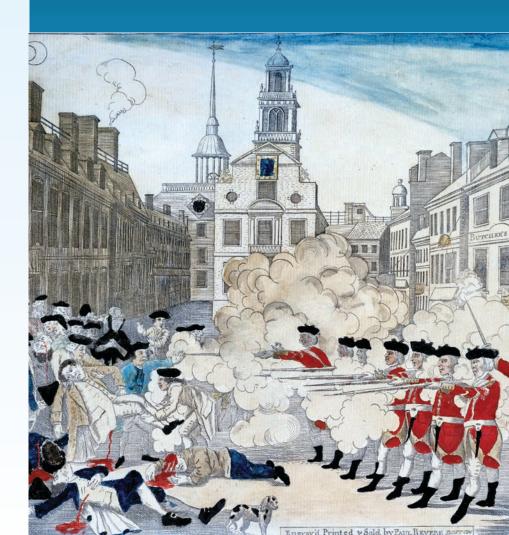
#### February 2 - March 20

A seven-week festival of events about the American Revolution and the founding of a nation, in the glow of a stunning exhibition of America's founding documents.

#### **EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**

February 2 – March 20, weekdays 10 am – 2 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, S. E. Wimberly Library, Florida Atlantic

Inspirational documents, such as an original July 1776 printing of the Declaration of Independence, will be on display alongside Revolutionaries' original handwritten records. Treasures drawn from the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit fau.edu/america250





## FESTIVAL FOR AMERICA'S 250<sup>™</sup> 1776 - 2026

### DRUNK HISTORY, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- MATTHEW ELFENBEIN, PHD, FLORIDA ATLANTIC
   7 pm, Tues, February 10, Culture and Society Bldg.
   (CU), Movie Theatres
   Screening and Panel Discussion: Enjoy clips from
   Comedy Central's Drunk History and Saturday Night
   Live with a panel discussion. Presented in partnership with the School of Communication and
   Multimedia Studies.
- RICHARD BELL, PHD, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND 4 pm, Wed, February 11, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wimberly Library Lecture, Q&A, and reception: What is the history behind the comedy? Bell gives an award-winning historian's view on iconic sketches from SNL and Comedy Central's Drunk History. Winner of the NEH Public Scholar Award, finalist for the George Washington Prize, and recipient of Maryland's highest accolade for teaching.

### FLORIDA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION JUDITH BENSE, PHD. UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

4 pm, Thurs, February 19, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, S.E. Wimberly Library Lecture, Q&A, and reception: Florida was a battlefront in the American Revolutionary War when Spain, a U.S. ally, invaded Britain's loyal "fourteenth colony." Bense shares this forgotten story with historical and archaeological expertise. Recipient of multiple lifetime achievement awards. Co-sponsored by the Study of the Americas Initiative.

### ALEXANDER HAMILTON: BLOOD, HONOR, AND POLITICS IN EARLY AMERICA

ADRIAN FINUCANE, PHD, FLORIDA ATLANTIC

4 pm, Tues, February 24, 5th Floor, S.E. Wimberly Library Lecture, Q&A, and reception: Explore the scandal, turmoil, and violence that characterized political culture in the first decades of American government. What drove U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr to fatally shoot his fellow revolutionary, Alexander Hamilton, on the banks of the Hudson River in 1804? You'll have to come to find out.

## THE BOSTON MASSACRE: A FAMILY STORY SERENA ZABIN, PhD, CARLETON COLLEGE

4 pm, Thurs, March 5, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, S.E. Wimberly Library Lecture, Q&A, and reception: On this day in history, March 5, 1770, British soldiers shot five local men to death. Discover how the Boston Massacre arose from conflicts that were as personal as they were political, and how the tragedy fueled what quickly became the American Revolution. Zabin is a celebrated historian and acclaimed teacher with a prize-winning book. Generously sponsored by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida.

### THE PAINTER'S FIRE: THE ARTISTS WHO CHAMPIONED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ZARA ANISHANSLIN, PHD, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

4 pm, Tues, March 10, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, S.E. Wimberly Library Lecture, Q&A, and reception: Paint, canvas, wax; not muskets or bayonets. These were the weapons that artists used to inspire rebellion and define American patriotism. Anishanslin is a public-facing, prize-winning historian with expertise in art and material culture – the "things" of the past. Includes art activities provided by the University Galleries.

## INHERITING THE REVOLUTION: THE MODERN LEGACY OF 1776 LINDSAY CHERVINSKY, PHD, GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

4 pm, Thurs, March 19, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute The John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture: Complete event details, tickets and information on p. 84

More information by email to jsharples@fau.edu.



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Alan B. and Charna Larkin
Symposium on the American Presidency

## CAPTURING THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER DOUG MILLS

4 PM, THURS, FEB. 26, 2026 UNIVERSITY THEATRE



Doug Mills is the senior photographer in the Washington Bureau for "The New York Times," focused on the White House. He's photographed presidents and presidential campaigns for four decades, first for United Press International and The Associated Press and since 2002 as a member of The Times' Washington bureau. Mills recently won his third Pulitzer Prize for photography with coverage of the assassination attempt of President Donald Trump in Butler, PA.

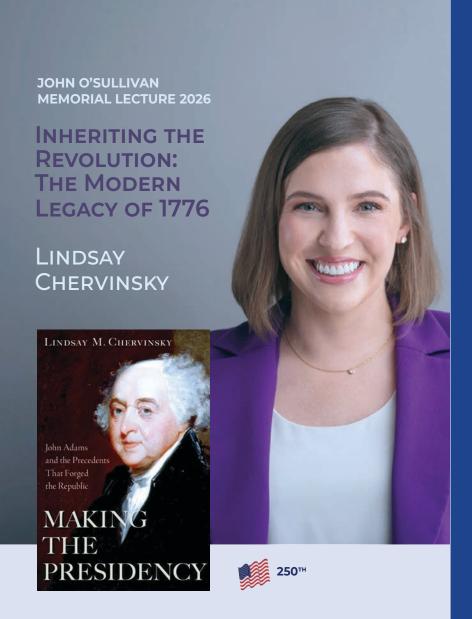


America 250 We Hold These Truths: We Walk These Grounds, an exhibition including photographs by Doug Mills, will be open following the lecture in the Schmidt Center Gallery, January 22 – March 29, 2026 (p. 16)

This year's symposium will be archived in the newly opened Alan B. and Charna Larkin American Presidential Study, a 1,500-square-foot space in the S.E. Wimberley Library displaying personally signed letters from every U.S. president dating back to George Washington. Part of the Festival for America's 250th, see p. 89 for more info.

#### TICKETS & RECEPTION INFO

4 pm, Thurs, Feb. 26, Lecture, University Theatre 2:30 pm, VIP Reception, Schmidt Gallery Public Space Lecture: \$35; students free; FAU faculty/staff \$10 VIP Reception & lecture: \$75. Tickets at fauevents.com



### 4 PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

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Lindsay M. Chervinsky, PhD, is a historian of the presidency, political culture, and U.S. government institutions. She is Executive Director of the George Washington Presidential Library. Previously, she was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Presidential History, a historian at the White House Historical Association, and a fellow at the Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. Part of the Festival for America's 250th (p. 89)

Tickets: \$25; Faculty, staff, students FREE; Groups of 8 or more \$15 Tickets at **fauevents.com** 

## GREAT DECISIONS 2026 US FOREIGN POLICY LECTURES



January 6, 13, 20, 27 FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24 MARCH 3

# **4 PM, TUESDAYS**Osher Lifelong Learning Auditorium Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton

#### **JEFFREY S. MORTON, PHD**

Professor and Foreign Policy Association Fellow

#### **LECTURE TOPICS**

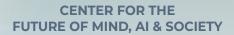
The 2026 Great Decisions topics include Donald Trump's Foreign Policy, Tariffs, China, Nuclear Proliferation, Ukraine, Multilateral Institutions, Africa, Democracy/Human Rights and It's a Wrap!

Both the topic titles and order of presentation are set by the Foreign Policy Association and may deviate from the above. This class will follow the order as presented in the 2026 Great Decisions Handbook. Please visit **fpa.org** in December for the final topic list.

For more information, call **561-297-3185** or visit **olliboca.fau.edu** 







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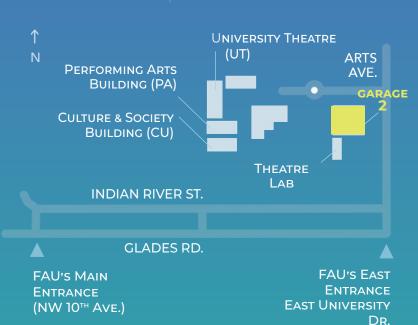
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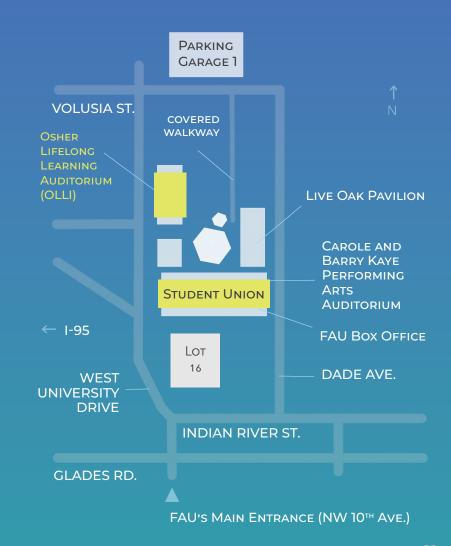
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Assistant Professor Daniel Bolojan recieved the 2024 DigitalFUTURES Young Award. This international research award recognizes his contributions and promise in the creative applications of artificial intelligence. Each year, this international award is presented to five individuals from around the world. In general, he is considered a leading expert in AI for architectural applications.

Director Joseph Choma received the 2023 ACADIA Innovative Research Award of Excellence. This is widely considered one of the most significant career awards for computational design. Former recipients include: Kostas Terzidis (former Professor at Harvard), Martin Bechtold (Professor at Harvard), Skylar Tibbits (Professor at MIT), Wes McGee (Professor at Michigan) and others.



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