African Americans in Films: Evolutions of Stereotypes

Wednesday, Feb. 19 • 7 p.m., Alex Theater

Celebrate Black History Month and your enjoyment of movies and pop culture. Please join Alison Ollinger-Riefstahl and her HIS 232 class as they celebrate Black History Month. Ms. Ollinger-Riefstahl will present and discuss a selection of African American stars of film from its early stages through the contemporary era. We will be discussing how the roles and opportunities in film for black artists have changed while looking at some of the pivotal moments in film history when these evolutions occurred.

From “Witch Doctor” to Which Doctor

Wednesday, Mar. 5 • 7 p.m., Alex Theater

Patricia Stubber, Instructor of Family & Community Medicine, Penn State College of Medicine, explores some of the nuances of our local resettled refugee cultures. Learn how cultural values, beliefs, and practices have the potential to impact the type of care doctors provide, as well as the way they may want to approach all patients as they offer evidence-based treatments.

Happiness is an Afternoon of Dance

Sunday, Apr. 27 • 2 p.m., Ridge Library Great Room

Inspired by the Mercyhurst University academic theme of “Happiness,” the Mercyhurst North East Dance Institute joins the Mercyhurst Ballet Theater and SoMar Dance works to present “Happiness is an Afternoon of Dance.” This presentation will showcase classical and contemporary dance in a grouping of short selections from each ensemble to music by Philip Glass, Gotye, Gabrielle Roth, Alexander Scriabin and Johann Strauss. The hour-long program is sure to brighten your Sunday afternoon with a small slice of happiness.

Erie County in the Civil War

Wednesday, Apr. 30 • 7 p.m., Alex Theater

Erie County, Pennsylvania, was deeply impacted by the Civil War. An anti-slavery stronghold, the county sent two-thirds of its military-aged men to fight in the conflict, with more than 1,000 never to return. George Deutsch, well-known Civil War historian and frequent lecturer at Chautauqua Institute, will cover Erie’s contributions to the war effort and examine its demographics, economy and politics. We will also look at the war’s impact on families and the veterans after they came home.

We, the faculty and staff of MUNE, hope you will join us for the winter/spring portion of the Cultural Series. It is our continuing goal to maintain a high standard of excellence in an ever-changing world. As always, we welcome your suggestions, comments and support.

Patti Sullivan
Director of the Cultural Series

All events are free and open to the public. Reservations not required. Call Patti Sullivan at (814) 725-6277 for more information. Visit northeast.mercyhurst.edu for event details as dates get closer.