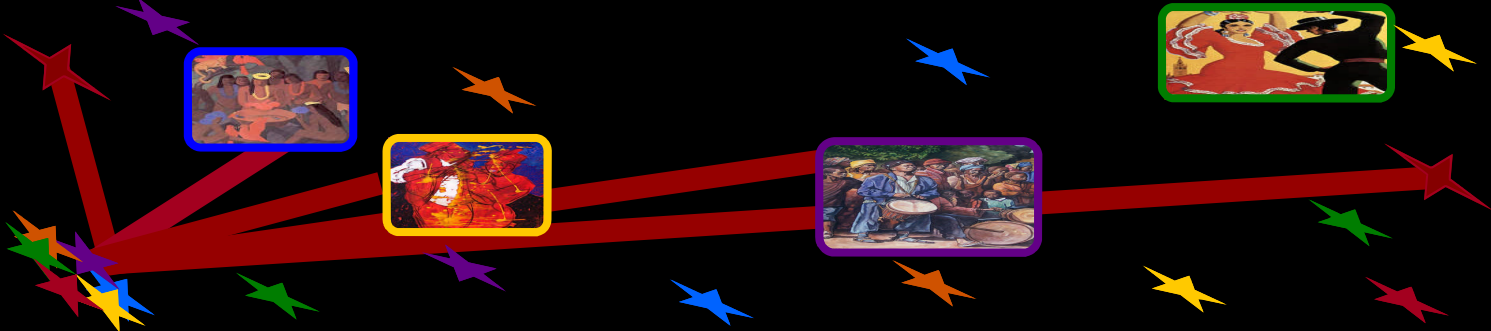


Division of **MULTICULTURAL** Affairs



Hispanic Heritage Month

9/15/07 thru 10/15/07

This month-long celebration recognizes and honors the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American Society.



SEPTEMBER

Mexican-American Art Exhibit

9/10/07 through 10/30/07

Painting and sculptures by Mexican-American artist Eva Narcissa Martinez, of Grand Rapids, MI, will be on display in the Bernhard Center. Eva's work evolves around her experience growing up as the daughter of a migrant family living in Fennville, MI. Eva is a graduate of Kendall School of Art in Grand Rapids, MI.

Orquesta Sensacional

Center Stage, Bronco Mall
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

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This year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration will feature one of the best Salsa Merengue Bands from West Michigan—Orquesta Sensacional. Their performance will include music from the Caribbean Islands, such as Salsa, Merengue and Reggae. The group consists of musicians from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Cuba. Come and enjoy this festive style of music! Salsa Lessons will also be provided during the event.

Sponsored by: The Division of Multicultural Affairs and Student Entertainment Team (SET).

Kalamazoo Hispanic Heritage Festival

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds

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The festival will feature Latin music, folkloric dances, along with family and children activities. The festival also, known as "Fiesta in the Park", has been a part of Kalamazoo's end of the summer celebration for years. This year's contests, such as the taco eating contest, the jalapeno eating contest and the best salsa of Kalamazoo, promise to make the festival the best ever. The Division of Multicultural Affairs, the Hispanic American Council, along with other businesses in the community, will be co-sponsoring this event.

OCTOBER

Teaching Diversity through Music

Room 211, Bernhard Center
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Local musicians, Rene Meave and Guillermo Martinez will perform and talk about the influence of Mexican- American music. The performance includes traditional rancho, Tejano, Rock, and the Blues. Both Mr. Martinez and Mr. Meave are the vocalist for the local group Los Bandits. Their life story, which was made into a film-documentary called "Los Bandits: More than Just a Tex-Mex Band", was aired on Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) in 2006.

6TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL REVIEW

Dalton Center, Recital Hall
7 p.m.

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This annual event is a recognition and celebration of diversity of cultures at WMU. The event is designed to showcase the many talents of the student body. There will be dancing, poetry, vocalist, and much more.

Monthly Film Series

Multicultural Center,
Trimpe Building
5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

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The Division of Multicultural Affairs and WMU's Diversity Council have teamed up to sponsor a monthly film series and discussion. These films are designed to engage participants in conversations about dismantling the "isms". Beverages will be provided.

NOVEMBER

El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Multicultural Center,
Trimpe Building
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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More than 500 years ago, when the Spanish Conquistadors landed in what is now Mexico, they encountered natives practicing a ritual that seemed to mock the dead. Today this ritual is known as "El Dia de los Muertos", the day of the Dead. The ritual is celebrated in Mexico and in the U.S. This year teacher assistants from WMU's Spanish Department will assist with preparing the traditional altar for the celebration. This cultural program is sponsored by The Division of Multicultural Affairs and the Spanish Department.



Corporate Series Week



5-10

Corporate Series Week will offer seminars designed to contribute to the professional development of students. This event is for students of all disciplines.

Hosted by National Society of Black Engineers

Spanish Film Series

Multicultural Center,
Trimpe Building
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

12-15

In celebration of International Education Week, the Spanish Department and the Division of Multicultural Affairs will feature a series of films from Spain, Mexico and Latin America. All the films are in Spanish with English subtitles.

Monthly Film Series

Multicultural Center,
Trimpe Building
2 p.m.

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DECEMBER

Monthly Film Series

Multicultural Center,
Trimpe Building
6:30 p.m.

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FALL 2007

For more information on the Division of Multicultural Affairs' Calendar of Events please visit: www.multicultural.wmich.edu or call (269) 387-4420.



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To embrace and enhance the involvement of individual and groups of students by engaging in cultural and academic learning experiences that lead to greater engagement and success through academic and personal connections on the WMU campus; to foster an environment where diversity in all of its forms is celebrated, affirmed, and vigorously pursued.

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CELEBRATE

Fall 2007 Calendar of Events



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