

An abstract collage background featuring various elements: a green beret at the top left, a stylized orange and yellow face in the upper center, a green and purple floral pattern in a circle on the right, a red and white sword in the lower center, a red and white geometric knot on the left, and a purple and orange piano keyboard on the bottom right. The background is composed of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of green, orange, purple, and red.

MERIDIAN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ARTS & LETTERS SERIES

2023 - 2024 SEASON

CASTEEL GALLERY

EXHIBITIONS

LAWAYNE HOUSE

*Theoria (Thinking),
Poiesi (Making), Praxis (Doing)*

Contemporary Mixed Media

Opens September 5

Closing Reception October 5

4 - 5:30 pm



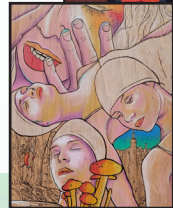
ETHRIDGE+ NICHOLSON+ RIENSTATLER: *Another Bridge*

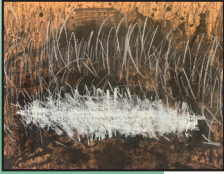
MCC Graphics and Fine Arts
Faculty Exhibition

Opening Reception: October 17

4 - 5:30 pm

Closes November 10





ROBERT EVANS

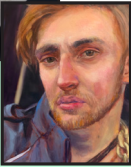
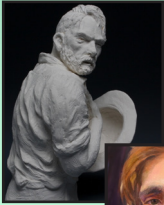
Vertical Horizons: Inharmonic Shifts of Light, Color, and Texture

Contemporary Mixed Media

Opens November 28

Closing Reception January 30

4 - 5:30 pm



GAIL MORTON

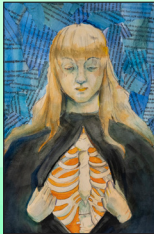
Coming into Focus

Paintings and Ceramics

Opening Reception: February 13

4 - 5:30 pm

Closes March 19



ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION: FINE ARTS STUDENTS

MCC Arts and Graphics students

show best work from two or more semesters

Opening Reception: April 16

4 - 5:30 pm

Closes May 7

Gallery Hours

Monday - Thursday • 10 am - 4 pm | Friday - 10 am - 1 pm

For more information call 601.483.8241



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MCC's Arts & Letters Series is a dynamic and inclusive program that brings together the college and the community through a variety of performances, lectures, and interactive events that celebrate all art forms. From TAKE ONE, an after-school performing arts program for children aged 8-12, to STAGE 2, a theatrical training group for students from age 13 to college, our emphasis is on character development, teamwork, and community service. Led by Director Susie Johnson, an accomplished member of the Meridian arts community, the program continues to thrive and inspire!

Educate. Entertain. Inspire.



GENERAL INFORMATION

601.483.8241

TICKET INFORMATION

meridiancc.edu/artsandletters

ARTS & LETTERS SUPPORT STAFF

Susie Johnson, Director

Jan Freeman, Assistant

Mitch Brantley, Fine Arts & Communications Division Chair

Chad Graham, Ed.D., Dean of University Transfer Education

Michael Thompson, Vice President for Academic Affairs

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For Love Of Telling A Story	11/2
The Wiz	11/17 - 11/19
MCC Christmas Concert	11/30
Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella Youth Edition	2/10 - 2/11
Distinguished Young Women of Lauderdale County Program	2/24
Anastasia Youth Edition	3/1 - 3/3
ZuZu African Acrobats	3/23
MCC Dimensions Show	4/11
Guys and Dolls	6/28 - 6/30

ON THE COVER: Artwork created by MCC Graphic Design Student Janiyaah Phillips. Visit the MCC Phi Theta Kappa Courtyard on campus to see it on display.

For Love of

telling
a story...

Featuring
writers

**John
Floyd,**
**Sophie Sims
Hudson,**
and
**Laurie
Parker**



Lunch, Conversation,
and Audience Q&A

FOR LOVE OF TELLING A STORY

Join multi-award winning mystery writer John Floyd (*The Barrons, Fifty Mysteries: The Angela Files, Deception, Clockwork, Midnight, Rainbow's End and Other Stories*); bestselling author, speaker and co-host of *The Big Boo Cast* Sophie Sims Hudson (*A Little Salty to Cut the Sweet, Home is Where My People Are, Giddy Up, Eunice, All in All, Stand All the Way Up*); and acclaimed writer, poet, and artist Laurie Parker (*Everywhere in Mississippi, The Matchstick Cross, Yonder Breaks the Morning, Hush, Swing, Hush, Trespassers Talking, Gently Scattered Intentions*) for a fun, conversation-filled lunch hour with behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes followed by Q & A and book signings with three of the most fascinating "homegrown-from-Mississippi" writers you'll ever meet!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12 - 1 p.m.

**MCC-Riley Workforce Development
Center - Room 171**

1524 Highway 19 North, Meridian



*John
Floyd*



*Sophie
Sims
Hudson*



*Laurie
Parker*

Lunch, conversation, and audience Q&A will be facilitated by Susie Johnson.

Book tables will be open at 11:30 a.m. and immediately following the event.

**Limited seating.
Tickets must be
purchased by
October 26.
\$25/person**

The Wiz



ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

Non-MCC Students \$5
Admission is free
with an MCC I.D.

THE WIZ is presented
by arrangement with
Concord Theatricals.

www.concordtheatricals.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 3 p.m.

THE WIZ

Book by William F. Brown

Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls

From the story "The Wonderful
Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum

The Wiz

A GROOVY VERSION OF A STORY YOU KNOW AND LOVE

Come on and Ease on Down the Road with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion- with a 1970's funkadelic twist.

A Broadway gem, *The Wiz* infuses L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* with a dazzling mix of rock, gospel, and soul music. This timeless tale of Dorothy's adventures through the Land of Oz is a fun, family-friendly, modern musical that will put a smile on your face and keep your toes tapping!

Debating on Broadway in 1975, *The Wiz* won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Original Score, and was later adapted into the cult movie starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

Appropriate for all ages

**RUN TIME: 2 hours and 20 minutes
including intermission**

"Radiates so much energy you can hardly sit in your seat." – New York Post

PROUD TO PARTNER

The Wiz will be directed by Rosebud Productions' Anquanizia Hall and produced by MCC's Susie Johnson.

MCC MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Christmas Concert



**FREE
ADMISSION**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 7 p.m.

MCC Music Department Christmas Concert

The MCC Music Department presents its annual Christmas Concert. The concert features the Concert Choir along with special performances by the Dimensions Vocal Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble. The community is invited to join in celebrating the Christmas season with a wide variety of holiday music that includes a traditional carols sing-along.

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 60 minutes

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about the MCC
Music Department



Rodgers &
Hammerstein's
Cinderella

YOUTH
EDITION



ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5
Non-MCC Students \$5
Admission is free
with an MCC I.D.

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein
New book by Douglas Carter Beane
Original book by Oscar Hammerstein

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 3 p.m.

Orchestrations by Danny Troop
Music adaptation & arrangements
by David Chase
Additional lyrics by Douglas Carter Beane,
David Chase, and Bruce Pomahac

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm, and elegance. Originally presented on television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews, Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* was the most widely viewed program in the history of the medium. Its recreation in 1965 starring Lesley Ann Warren was no less successful in transporting a new generation to the miraculous kingdom of dreams-come-true, and so was a second remake in 1997, which starred Brandy as Cinderella and

Whitney Houston as her Fairy Godmother. As adapted for the stage, with great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity, this enthralling fairy tale still warms the hearts of children and adults alike.

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 60 minutes
with no intermission.

The youth edition retains all the beloved songs and familiar characters within a more family-friendly time frame.

MCC's Arts & Letters is proud to partner with
DYW of Lauderdale County in presenting



DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN

SCHOLARSHIP | LEADERSHIP | TALENT

Lauderdale County Program

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information about
Distinguished
Young Women



ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN \$10

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 7 p.m.

Distinguished Young Women of Lauderdale County Program SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, TALENT


Distinguished Young Women, formerly America's Junior Miss, was founded in 1958 as a way to reward the accomplishments of high school senior girls seeking to pursue higher education. In 2008, the name evolved to Distinguished Young Women (DYW).

Today, DYW is a scholarship program that is open to all 11th grade young women. It focuses on scholastics, leadership, talent, interviews, and engagement skills while providing an opportunity to connect with other students across the county. Participants become a family - helping each other, training with each other and supporting each other while

learning skills like interviewing, public speaking, confidence building and much more through workshops and online resources the DYW program offers. These skills not only prepare the participants for the program but also for the world after high school and college.

The DYW Program is improving the community through scholarships and by encouraging area students to attend local colleges and universities. It is always free to enter the Distinguished Young Women Program.

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 2 Hours



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ANASTASIA

THE MUSICAL
YOUTH EDITION

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 | 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 | 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 | 3 p.m.

ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

Non-MCC Students \$5
Admission is free
with an MCC I.D.

Anastasia The Musical Youth Edition

Her past is a mystery. Her future is an adventure.

Anastasia is the spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. This dazzling show transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anastasia, or Anya, enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable

ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

This beautiful stage production includes beloved melodies from the film like *Journey to the Past* and *Once Upon a December*.

"An irresistible and sumptuous fairy tale!"
– Frank Rizzo, *Variety*

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 60 minutes
with no intermission.



ZUZU

AFRICAN ACROBATS

ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

Non-MCC Students \$5
Admission is free
with an MCC I.D.

ZuZu African Acrobats

Hailing from Tanzania, the ZUZU African Acrobats celebrate the 2,000-year-old Bantu culture of East Africa in every performance. Performing ancient traditions passed on by elders, this troupe delivers incredible acrobatics, energizing African drumming, singing and dancing, and gravity defying stunts while simultaneously displaying the grace, beauty, and strength of the African culture.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 7 p.m.

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 90 minutes

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more information
about the ZUZU
African Acrobats





THE MCC ***DIMENSIONS***

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 7 p.m.

**FREE
ADMISSION**

The MCC **Dimensions Show**

Join us for a good time and good music performed by the Dimensions Singers and Band. Get ready to enjoy some great hits from pop, rock, and more. It is sure to be an exciting night! Tammy Miles is the artistic director, along with Mitch Brantley, instrumental director, and Daniel Boles, technical director. Featuring some of MCC's most talented singers and instrumentalists, you don't want to miss this exciting show.

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 60 minutes

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Dimensions



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STAGE 2
presents

Guys & Dolls



ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

Non-MCC Students \$5
Admission is free
with an MCC I.D.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 | 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 30 | 3 p.m.

Guys and Dolls

A high-rolling gambler attempts to woo a strait-laced missionary in this romantic comedy classic. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, gangsters, gamblers, and showgirls go for broke in the game of love and marriage. This multiple Tony Award-winning show is considered by many to be the quintessential musical comedy, with an infectious score by Frank Loesser including *Luck Be a Lady* and *Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat*.

Based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon
Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser
Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

"Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, this award-winning classic gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of Broadway."

Appropriate for all ages
RUN TIME: 60 minutes

TAKE ONE is MCC's Arts & Letters after-school performing arts program for children aged 8 -12. Students will learn music, movement, set/prop design, and acting/speech/theater. TAKE ONE meets every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the McCain Theater, located in Ivy-Scaggs Hall.

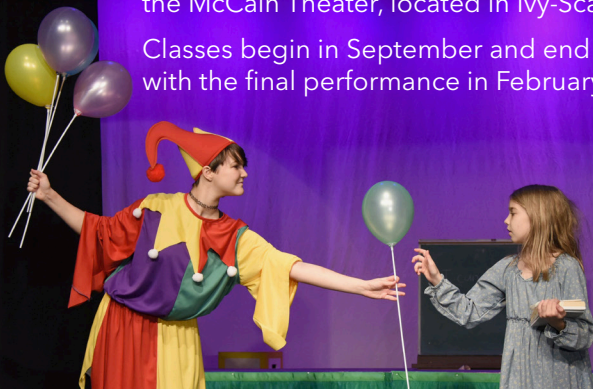
Classes begin in September and end with the final performance in February.



Instructors:
Susie Johnson,
Sarah Benton,
and Apryl
Sharp



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STAGE 2

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STAGE 2 is MCC's theatrical training group for students beginning at age 13 all the way through college. Emphasis is placed on character development, teamwork, and community service. Students are involved in committees, helping with costumes, set design, props, advertisement, and fundraising.

For more information about
Take One or Stage Two, contact:
Susie Johnson, director of Arts and Letters
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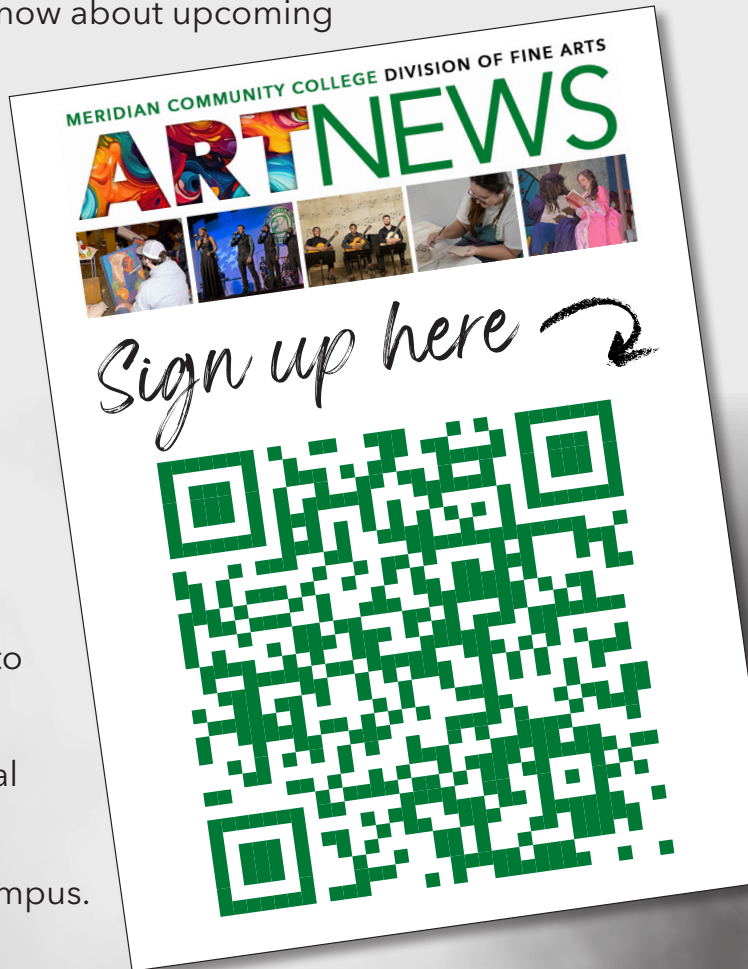
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Don't miss out on the chance to experience the amazing cultural events offered on the MCC campus.

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TODAY!**

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MCC's Arts & Letters Series serves as an open door between the college and the community, offering a diverse array of performances, lectures, and dialogue that celebrates all art forms. **EDUCATE. ENTERTAIN. INSPIRE.**

The McCain Theater opens approximately 30 minutes prior to show time.

GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT
meridiancc.edu/artsandletters

Scan QR code with your smart phone



Tickets also available in Ivy-Scaggs Hall at the Eagle's Nest Bookstore
Admission is free for MCC students and faculty/staff with I.D.

Susie Johnson, Director | Jan Freeman, Assistant

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