

MCC arts fest features variety of work, talent

Submitted by Sally Mesarosh, spokeswoman for Mesa Community College.

The Mesa Community College Festival of the Arts brings together student musicians, poets, dancers, storytellers, theater performers and fine artists.

The festival will take place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 4 on the Theatre Outback lawn of the college, 1833 W. Southern Ave.

"Last year, we had some great talent," said organizer Ginger Leyendecker. "There was a huge variety of performances and fine art. Many students sold their works and were able to network with visitors, faculty and other artists."

Last spring's event included live demonstrations from painters and ceramists. A drawing class for beginners was held outside so spectators could learn techniques. This year, organizers are planning more live demonstrations.

"It really adds to your understanding and appreciation of an artwork to be able to see how it's made," said English professor Kathryn Sheffield.

Students from the MCC live sound production class provided audio reinforcement for two stages last year and will be a major presence this year.

"It's always great to see students participate in an event like this," said Keith Heffner, audio production program director. "Students can see and hear the depth of talent of their peers that they may not have had the chance to do otherwise."

The event will feature a wide variety of food items, including Indian tacos. The sale of these will benefit the MCC Intertribal Student Organization.

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