

INTEGRATIVE ARTS BULLETIN

March 2025

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Opportunities

- Virginia Commission for the Arts' **Community Impact Grants** provide institutional awards between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for new and innovative art-based projects or services that reach and impact communities, including those that are underserved, under-resourced, and under-represented. Deadline April 1. Information and link to application [here](#).
- The **2026 Open Call** seeks proposals for new artistic works in the Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Film, and Literature. Applications are being accepted for the Creative Capital Award (unrestricted project grants from \$15,000 up to \$50,000) and the new State of the Art Prize (unrestricted artist grants of \$10,000). Deadline April 3. Application process and timeline [here](#).
- Applications are now open for the **Rosel Schewel Fellowship**, sponsored by Virginia Humanities. The Rosel Schewel Fellowship "supports projects that expose and amplify women's lived experiences, movements, struggles, and achievements across the Commonwealth." Deadline May 2; information and application [here](#).

OCP shares funding resources for inter- and trans-disciplinary work that is centered in the arts.

Interdisciplinary Courses

OCP's Spring 2025 interdisciplinary courses, **ART401E** (undergrad) /**IART501E** (grad) *Time and Art: Theory and Practice in Time for Interdisciplinary Collaboration* and **IART 451E** *New Models for Project Management in Live Entertainment* are underway and off to a great start. New interdisciplinary courses are currently being developed for Fall 2025; stay tuned!

Announcements

JMU at Harrisonburg Innovation Hub

JMU is leasing a space in the newly opened [Harrisonburg Innovation Hub](#) downtown, on the corner of West Market Street and North Liberty Street. The Office of Creative Propulsion is a collaborator in this space and will be hosting it as a participating location in Arts Council of the Valley's [First Fridays](#) events. If you are interested in being involved with First Fridays or in utilizing the space for your classes, performances, or exhibitions, please contact ocp@jmu.edu

ArtsMobile Calls:

- **Workshops**

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The Office of Creative Propulsion seeks artists to participate in an ArtsMobile engagement at the Arts Council of the Valley's Smith House "Second Saturday" event on **April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Teaching artists will:

- Develop and co-facilitate hands-on, arts-based activities for diverse participants
- Contribute to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring environment for all participants

Email ocp@jmu.edu with your interest by March 12. Please provide a brief description of your proposed activity and your/your group's availability between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on April 12.

- **Performance and Exhibition**

The Office of Creative Propulsion seeks artists to participate in an ArtsMobile engagement at the Arts Council of the Valley's Smith House "Second Saturday" event on **April 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Performers will:

- Offer a performance and/or collaborate on displaying your work in an outdoor, unconventional setting
- Engage diverse audiences with enthusiasm and adaptability
- Contribute to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring environment for all audience members

Email ocp@jmu.edu with your interest by March 12. Please provide a brief description of your proposed performance and your/your group's availability between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on April 12.

OCP Dates to Remember

- **Open Coffee Hour** March 11, 2:00 – 3:00 pm (*note new day and time for Spring semester*); Roop 208. Meet with other faculty for low-stakes, interdisciplinary collaboration. Bring your research or project ideas; we'll provide the coffee and brainstorming materials (markers, flipcharts, whiteboards). Students welcome!
- **JMU MFA Student Exhibit** First Fridays of the Valley. March 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; [JMU at Harrisonburg Innovation Hub, 25 N. Liberty Street](#).
- **Arts Impact Panel: Arts for Social Change** March 7, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; [JMU at Harrisonburg Innovation Hub, 25 N. Liberty Street](#).

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- ***Here in the Light: A Cabaret in Celebration of Women's History Month*** March 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm; Clementine Cafe. Presented by [Eunoia Theatre Ensemble](#). All proceeds to benefit First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence. [Tickets and info.](#)
- **First Fridays of the Valley** March 7, 5:00 – 7:00 pm; downtown Harrisonburg and beyond. Click [here](#) for venue and opening reception details.
- **Crafternoon** March 8, 1:00 – 3:00 pm; Horizon Gifts, 60 West Market St. Bring your own project focusing on fiber arts or any other medium.

[Subscribe to our Google Arts Calendar](#) to discover more events in the area!

Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Arts

- ***Freshwater Hymns / Rituals of Becoming*** a performance project by Indira Allegra. February 4 – March 8; Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art.
 - Tuesday, March 4th, 5:30 pm: Performance in collaboration with students in the School of Music. Featuring compositions by Mikayla Lao and Will Shanahan, performances by Mikayla Lao, Will Shanahan, David Kang, and Sydney Ashworth; and re-performance of collaboration with Fiber Art students Achilles Vasquez, Morgan Knott, and Megan Smith

Forbes Center for the Performing Arts

Visit the [Forbes Center website](#) for program and ticketing information.

- **JMU Chamber Orchestra** March 4, 7:00 pm; Recital Hall Paulo Steinberg, piano with Dita Krenberga, flute March 5; 7:00 pm; Recital Hall
- ***The Vanishing Elephant*** Produced by Cahoots NI March 7, 6:30 pm; Mainstage
- **JMU Symphony Orchestra** March 9, 2:00 pm, Concert Hall. Pre-concert talk with guest soloist, Lina Cao from 1:00-1:30 pm, Forbes Grand Lobby
- **Masa Ishikawa, jazz piano with Dave Pope, saxophone, Sam Suggs, bass, Emre Katari, drums, Adam Larrabee, guitar and Wanchi Huang, violin** March 10, 7:00 pm; Recital Hall
- **JMU Treble Chamber Choir and University Choruses** March 11, 7:30 pm; Concert Hall
- **Andrew Willis, piano** March 12, 7:00 pm; Recital Hall
- **JMU Madison Singers and Chorale** March 13, 7:30 pm; Concert Hall
- **Houston Ballet II** March 25-26, 7:30 pm; Mainstage Theatre
- **JMU Concert Band** March 30, 2:00 pm; Concert Hall

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