

## DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

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Check out our DEIAB webpage <https://www.wxxi.org/program-guides/deiab/>



### Women's History Month

The theme for Women's History Month 2025 is **"Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."**

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. [More info](#)

#### Her Voice

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."  
— Maya Angelou, poet and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman." — Melinda Gates, philanthropist and a former general manager at Microsoft

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less important whether or not I am unafraid." — Audre Lorde, writer and activist

"The future depends entirely on what each of us does every day. After all, a movement is only people moving." — Gloria Steinem, journalist and activist

### DEIAB LEARNING

Financial Literacy/Tema diario:  
Conocimientos financieros

#### A Woman with Purpose: Paula Polito

Paula Polito, Vice Chairwoman of Global Wealth Management at UBS, encouraging women to fight gender norms, take ownership of their finances, and use financial tools to make. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

#### The Racial Gap in Financial Literacy

Importance of financial literacy for individual well-being and highlights disparities in financial literacy rates among different racial and ethnic groups in the United States. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

#### \$avvy by Robin Hauser | SBIFF 2021

\$AVVY investigates the historical, cultural, and societal norms around women and money. With humor and honesty, this documentary questions why women often take a backseat to their finances [Watch Trailer](#)

### DEIAB SPOTLIGHT Darakshan Shaukat



**Position:**  
Accounts Payable Specialist

**How long have you worked at WXXI:** 4 ½

years

#### Describe your job in 5 words:

Payments, verification, research, documentation, reconciliation

**Favorite cookie:** Chocolate Chip

**Favorite restaurant:** Saks Thai Cuisine

#### What are you reading or watching:

Science Fiction



## EDUCATION/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

<https://www.wxxi.org/education/>

**NEW SHOW ALERT: Skillsville** launches March 3 and here's a first look! [Watch](#)



Skillsville is an animated show for kids ages 4-8, that teaches simple strategies to enhance the performance of Executive Functioning skills through the genre of video games and helps align interests to future career possibilities. [Info](#)



**NEW GAME ALERT: Lyla and Stu's Hairdos** Help Lyla and Stu style their hairdos for different special events! Now on [pbskids.org/games](https://pbskids.org/games)

**Indie Lens Pop-Up: Bike Vessel** Monday, March 3 at Little Theatre 1. 6:30 pm  
Father and son bike together from St. Louis to Chicago and find a deeper connection. Moderated by WXXI News Health Report Racquel Stephen. [More info](#)

# COMMUNITY

More events in the [CITY Events Calendar](#)

## 2025 Antiracist Education Conference

Saturday March 1 via Zoom

"Leading with Purpose"

Inspire meaningful conversations and actionable insights for educators and community members [Register](#)

## Darling Day Tea Party

Saturday March 1 9:00-10:00 am

Strong Museum of Play

Say "Hello" to the star of the museum's newest exhibit: Hello Cutie: Our Favorite Kitty at this meet & Greet [Tickets](#)

## Geva ArtsBloom Workshop

Principles of Directing & Acting with

Manna-Symone Middlebrooks

Sunday, March 2 1:00-5:00 pm

Geva Theatre [Book](#)

## The Berlin Diaries

March 2-16

JCC Hart Theater

Hidden secrets are revealed when a great-grandfather's Holocaust-era diary sends a young woman on a "Finding Your Roots" style journey of discovery. [Tickets](#)

## Ajiggingiluktaaqutugut (We Are All Different)

A short documentary structured in eight sections that builds to form a remarkable statement about Indigenous identity.

March 3 – June 1

Eastman Museum, Multipurpose Hall

[More info](#)

## Urban League of Rochester - March Virtual Speaker Series – Jim Armstrong

Finding the Words that Provoke and Heal

Friday March 7 1:00pm [Register](#)

## Women in Music Festival

March 7-9 Nazareth

3/7 4:00 [Student Recital](#)

3/8 7:00 [Faculty and Guest Concert](#)

3/9 3:00 [Women Composers of La Belle Époque](#) (Free talk at 2:15 pm with Jean Pedersen and Mona Seghatoleslami.)

## Linda Sue Park Book Launch

Saturday, March 8 1:00 pm

Hipocampo Bookstore

Welcome Newbery Medalist and

bestselling author with her joyous and inclusive ode to Asian eye shapes and hues! [Register](#)

## The Magic of Motown

Saturday March 8 7:30 pm

The Theater at Innovation Square

An amazing journey through all of the hits! [Tickets](#)

## Badass Babes DeTour

Memorial Art Gallery

Thursday March 13 6:00-7:00 pm

In honor of Women's History Month, this MAGsocial DeTOUR<sup>SM</sup> will celebrate the women in the collection [Info](#)

## How Women's Liberation Transformed America: In Conversation with Clara Bingham (Virtual)

Thursday, March 20 2:00-3:30 pm

[Info](#)

## Black Power Marketplace

Saturday March 22 3:00-6:00 pm

398 Thurston Road, 14619 [Info](#)

## Scent of Spring: A Celebration of Persian New Year/Nowruz (نوروز)

Sunday March 23 2:00 pm

UofR Wilson Commons

A vibrant celebration of Nowruz. [Info](#)

## VSW Salon Artist Talk: Conversation w/ Philip Mallory Jones

Thursday March 27 7:00-9:00 pm

Visual Studies Workshop

Jones will speak about his work on Time Machine Bronzeville and discuss how the role of video games can be expanded for artists, historians, and players. [Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)

Click to see [Music in the café](#)

## Oscar Movie Trivia Party!

Sunday March 2 4:00 pm

Celebrate movies and the Oscars [Info](#)

## 2025 Oscar Nominated Shorts

Through March 6

ShortsTV presents the Oscar-Nominated Short Films. [Info](#)

## Universal Language

Through March 6

In a mysterious and surreal interzone somewhere between Tehran and Winnipeg, the lives of multiple characters interweave with each other in surprising and mysterious ways. [Info](#)

## International Women's Day The World According to Allee Willis

Saturday March 8 3:30pm

Willis, songwriter of the "Friends" theme, began filming her life as a kid in the 1950s in Detroit and never stopped.

## NT Live: The Importance of Being Earnest

March 8 and 16

A joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy. [Info](#)

## Liza: A Truly Terrific Absolutely True Story

Mar. 12-16

A star studded tribute to Liza Minnelli. [Info](#)

## One Take Doc Series: Sally

March 20 and 22

Sally Ride's groundbreaking journey as the first American woman in space concealed a deeply personal story. [Info](#)

## On Becoming A Guinea Fowl

Opens Friday March 21

Filmmaker Rungano Nyoni's surreal and vibrant reckoning with the lies we tell ourselves. [Info](#)

## Black Cinema Series

Executive Order

Wednesday March 26 7:30 pm

Set in a dystopian near future in Rio de Janeiro, a lawyer sues the Brazilian government for reparation of all descendants of African slaves in the country. [Info](#)

## Coming soon: Trans Day of Visibility Screening (late March)





## NEWS

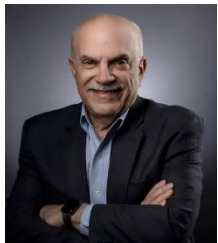
### WXXI News

Executive Editor Denise Young  
News Director Randy Gorbman

WATCH Connections with Evan Dawson live on YouTube weekdays Noon- 2pm

### CITY MAGAZINE

Editor Leah Stacy



Longtime WXXI News Director Randy Gorbman, whose resonant voice has been a mainstay on Rochester airwaves for the better part of three decades, is

retiring. [Read more](#)

### Stories You May Have Missed

[Connections: Amid buzz about ICE deportations, a new film spotlights migrants](#)

[Connections: As DEI is targeted by Trump, practitioners discuss their approach](#)

[Smithsonian curator Teddy Reeves gives keynote at RRH Black History month program](#)

[Black churches take lead in helping the state increase health care access](#)

[Trillium opens expanded food pantry to meet a growing need for emergency food](#)

[Three years since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Trump sides with Russia](#)

[Connections: With DEI under siege, a look at representation in the local family court system](#)

[He won asylum and wanted his family to follow. Then ICE showed up](#)

[Penfield schools flung into misinformation-fueled controversy. Here's what we know](#)

[Monroe Community College's Lunar New Year celebration brings community together](#)

[How should RCSD spend money in next school year's budget? District hosts 'community speak out'](#)

[Hochul has lunch with Rochester-area mothers to talk childcare and inflation](#)

[CITY: Extending the reach of community health care](#)

[CITY: Go get 'em, champ](#)

[CITY: A community loss](#)

[CITY: State of the church](#)

**March CITY Social Wednesday March 5**

Jack's Extra Fancy

Chat with the team. Get the March 'Irish Heart' issue! Free to attend!



Move to Include is a national initiative that uses the power of public media to promote inclusion. Project Manager Sarah Abbamonte [Move to Include](#)

### **Brain Injury Awareness Month**

- Every 9 seconds, someone in the US sustains a brain injury
- Types of brain injuries include: TBI (traumatic brain injury), concussion, acquired brain injury (non-traumatic brain injury)
- Find your local Brain Injury Association chapter [here](#)

### **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and Education Month**

- What is MS? ([YouTube](#))
- Approximately 1 million people in the US have MS
- Women are twice as likely as men to develop MS

### **Festival of Inclusion**

Saturday, March 1 11:00-2:00  
Golisano Training Center at NAZ [Info](#)

### **Diverse Abilities Dialogues: Housing In-Person**

Tuesday March 4 11:00-12:00  
Webster Public Library  
About housing for people with developmental disabilities. [Info](#)

### **Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act**

March 25 9:00 pm on WXXI-TV  
The emotional and dramatic story of the decades-long push for equality and accessibility [Info](#)

### **What We're Watching:**

[Good Bad Things](#) (available on-demand from multiple platforms)  
[Friendly Signs](#): ASL at California's San Quentin Prison (available free on [YouTube](#))

### **What We're Listening To:**

[Disability Daily Podcast](#)  
[Contra\\*](#) Episode 42: Audio Descriptions with Thomas Reid (Critical Design Lab)

### **What We're Reading:**

[Against Technoableism: Rethinking Who Needs Improvement](#) by Ashley Shew

[Explaining Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility \(DEIA\)](#) from the AAPD Blog

### **Inclusion Desk**

['The math isn't mathing': Changes to home health care program faces criticism](#)

[Discussing 'Black Disability Politics' with Dr. Sami Schalk \(WBFO's Disabilities Beat\)](#)

[Special Olympics NY Winter Games draw nearly 900 athletes to Rochester](#)

['J-Mac' continues to shine a light on perseverance nearly two decades after his high school basketball feat](#)

### **COMING SOON:**

[ReelAbilities 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival & Industry Summit](#)  
3 - 9 April, In Person (NYC) and Online  
Move to Include™ is proud to partner with ReelAbilities' flagship film festival!



[WXXI Main](#) [WXXI World](#) [WXXI Create](#)  
[WXXI Kids 24/7](#) [WXXI Passport](#)

### Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom

Tuesday, March 4th at 8pm

Go beyond the legend and meet the inspiring woman who repeatedly risked her own life and freedom to liberate others from slavery. [Info](#)

### Connie - The Powers and Possibilities of Community Engagement

Thursday, March 13th at 10:30pm

The remarkable life and work of Buffalo-based activist Lee Constance Bowles Eve [Info](#)

### North to New York - The Great Migration in NY's Capital Region

Tuesday, March 18th 5:30pm, 10:30pm  
The migration of African Americans from the small town of Shubuta, Mississippi to Albany, NY and surrounding areas. [Info](#)

### The Philadelphia Eleven

Tuesday, March 18th at 9pm & Saturday, March 22nd at 4pm  
The story of the first Episcopal women ordained as priests in 1974. [Info](#)

### The Dream Whisperer

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9pm  
A 1950s' HBCU basketball team overcame racial barriers led by former Knick Dick Barnett. [Info](#)

### Independent Lens "Home Court"

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10pm  
Ashley Chea, a Cambodian American basketball prodigy. [Info](#)

### WXXI WORLD

#### Talking Black in America - Social Justice

Tuesday, March 4th at 11am  
The strength and endurance of Black Language despite facing obstacles of discrimination [Info](#)

#### American Masters "Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir"

Saturday, March 8th at 8pm  
The story of the author of the "The Joy Luck Club." [Info](#)

#### American Masters "Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands"

Monday, March 24th at 7pm & Tuesday, March 25th at 8am  
Explore the life of the famous singer who became an icon for the civil rights movement. [Info](#)

Check out more programming on WORLD [here](#)



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON 91.5**  
<https://www.wxxiclassical.org/>

### WXXI Classical Daily Hosts

Brenda Tremblay 6:00 – 10:00 am  
Steve Johnson 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
Mona Seghatoleslami 4:00 – 7:00 pm

### WRUR Daily Hosts

9-12 Opening Tunings - Scott Regan  
4-6 Route Afternoons - Hannah Maier  
Full schedule [here](#)

### Women's History Month

WXXI Classical will highlight the accomplishments of female composers and performers throughout every day of the month. WXXI profiles of women with audio features [here](#)

### Black Opera in New Orleans

[After 138 years, a Black composer's magnum opus finds a stage](#)

### Distinguished Rebels

A new 12-part series of 2-minute features celebrating women who have changed the face of Classical Music. Weekdays March 3-18 at about 4:40pm.

### "In The Key of Z: Classical"

Generation Z, the second-youngest generation, has been shaped by the digital age and instinctively adopts a fresh approach to everything. But how does this contrast with the deep-rooted traditions of music history?

*In the Key of Z: Classical*, a new 6-part digital-first series produced by WXXI, and hosted by Steve Johnson, explores this question through the eyes of five students whose devotion to their craft defies generational trends.

The series drops on WXXI's [YouTube](#) channel and the PBS App on Monday, March 3rd. An audio version of the series will air on Mondays, beginning March 3rd several times throughout the day on [WXXI Classical](#).

[Meet the musicians and more](#)

### New Day: A Choral Anthem for a New Era

Sun March 9, 1:00-3:00pm.  
Featuring Jocelyn Hagen's acclaimed multi-media symphonic work, Here I Am.

### The New York Philharmonic

Sunday March 2 3:00 pm  
Afromodernism: Music of the African Diaspora

### From the Top

Sunday March 2 5:00 pm  
Featuring blind tenor Noah Carver who performs Music for a While by Purcell.

Sunday March 23 5:00 pm  
Celebrating Musicians with Disabilities

### Live from Hochstein

Wednesday March 19 12:10 pm  
Women in Music Festival

### The Score with Edmund Stone

Saturday March 22 10:00a, 6:00 pm  
A Celebration of Women Directors

### Feminine Fusion

Highlights the influence of women in classical music Saturdays at 7:00 pm