

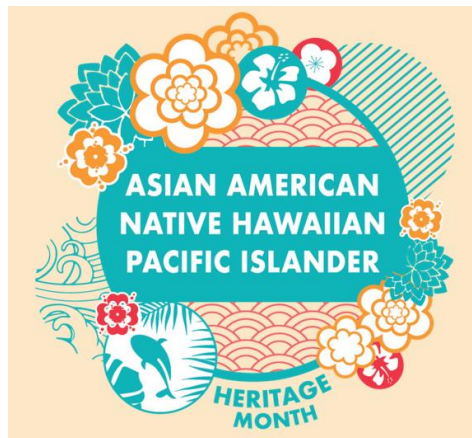
DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

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



Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In 1978, the U.S. Congress passed a joint proclamation declaring the first week in May as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.” Presidents continued to issue annual proclamations until 1992, when Congress passed and Pres. George H.W. Bush signed Public Law 102-450 that annually designated May as the month to celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to the country.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and Golden Spike Day on May 10, 1869.

[Golden Spike Day](#) marks the completion of the first transcontinental railroad lines at Promontory Summit, Utah cover 1,776 miles. Here railroad dignitaries joined the eastern and western sections of the railroad with a golden spike. More than 13,000 of the 15,000 hired laborers were Chinese immigrants.

Learn more [here](#)

PBS Kids Celebrates [AANHPI Month](#)

DEIAB LEARNING

Thinking Beyond Cars/Pensar más allá de los automóviles

Flying Has Become Hell for Passengers with Wheelchairs

Watch this video about the potentially devastating challenges that wheelchair users face when flying and some possible solutions to make flying more accessible. [Watch](#)

Systemic Racism Can't Be Fixed Without Tackling It Within Cycling

Read a story from this collection of blogs from riders sharing their experiences of racism in cycling and how we can all work to be actively antiracist. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Black, Native, low-income people more likely to be killed while walking: Report

Black pedestrians are twice as likely to be struck and killed while walking than white pedestrians, while Native people are more than three times as likely to be fatally hit. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

DEIAB SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Rosner



Position: NYS Ready To Learn Statewide Partnerships Manager

How long have you worked at WXXI: 2 years

Describe your job in 5 words: Partner collaboration across the state.

Favorite cookie: Girl Scout Peanut Butter Patties

Favorite restaurant: Thanh Tinh Chay vegan Vietnamese in San Diego

What are you reading or watching: Paradise



EDUCATION/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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

Kids and families can spring into the season with [MILO](#), a series that follows an adventurous cat who loves to use role-play to explore the amazing world of jobs and vocations. MILO will premiere across PBS KIDS platforms on May 13.

New episodes of [DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD](#) premiere on May 6, exploring concepts like putting things away and finding surprises wherever we are!

A new short form series [DONKEY HODIE BEDTIME STORIES](#) will premiere on May 27 across streaming platforms and include eight, 5–6-minute videos designed to fit perfectly into kids' bedtime routines. Donkey Hodie, and friends reads a bedtime story and models their own strategy for calm-downing down before bed.

Families can stream PBS KIDS for free anytime, anywhere and can visit pbskidsforparents.org for activities and everyday fun, including resources for parents and caregivers to help extend the learning beyond the classroom this spring.

COMMUNITY

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

Urban League of Rochester's Monthly Virtual Speaker Series: Hank Rubin Re-imagining Collaboration When the World is Pulling Us Apart
May 2nd 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Virtual [Register](#)

Wish You Were Here: Lindsay McIntyre
Eastman Photography Lecture Series
Wednesday May 7 6:00 pm
Dryden Theatre
Lindsay is an Inuk artist and filmmaker who explores place-based knowledge, material practices, and personal histories in her documentary shorts. [Info](#)

Teen Talk with Lindsay McIntyre
Tuesday May 6 4:30 [Info](#)

Zig Jackson: The Journey of Rising Buffalo
May 10-Nov 9
Eastman Museum
Bridges the performative and observational practices of Zig Jackson, a photographer whose work is concerned with the everyday experience of Native American life and culture. [Info](#)

Feminists for Nursing
Wednesday, May 14 1:00 pm
Susan B Anthony Museum
Join us as Deborah Hughes explores the connections between some early feminists and the Nursing Profession as we know it today. [Info](#)

AAPI Heritage Month Film Series
May 14, 16, 21 and 23
Dryden Theatre
Four films that highlight Asian culture, in the United States and beyond. [Info](#)

Action For A Better Community Action Month Celebration
Saturday May 17 12:00-4:00 pm
MLK, Jr. Park
Join ABC and our community partners for an event celebrating 60 years of ABC empowering communities and inspiring change! [Info](#)

APIDA Heritage Celebration
Saturday, May 17 11:00-3:00 pm
Rochester Museum & Science Center
Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Heritage [Info](#)

Levine Center Concert to End Hate
Featuring the Herb Smith Freedom Trio
Saturday May 17 8:00-9:30 pm
[Tickets](#)

Asian Pacific American Heritage Day
Sunday, May 18 12:00-5:00
Memorial Art Gallery
Free museum admission to embrace music, art, culture, community, and more. [Info](#)

In This Moment Book Launch & Panel Discussion
Monday May 19 6:30-8:30
Dryden Theatre
Featuring Christopher Coles & Dr. Myra Mathis-Uwanogho [Register](#)

Local History Walking Tour: Multicultural Rochester
Wednesday, May 21 6:00-7:30 pm
This 1.1-mile walking tour focuses on the significant role that immigrants, migrants, and minority group members have played in the economic, social, and cultural development of Rochester. [Info](#)

HEADS UP: Rochester Pride Parade applications due Friday, May 30! [Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)
Click to see [Music in the café](#)

The Wedding Banquet
A gay man makes a deal with his lesbian friend: a green-card marriage for him, in exchange for in vitro fertilization treatments for her. [Info](#)

Friendship
Opens May 23
Suburban dad Craig ("I Think You Should Leave" mastermind Tim Robinson) falls hard for his charismatic new neighbor (Paul Rudd), as Craig's attempts to make an adult male friend threaten to ruin both of their lives. [Info](#)

Holy Cow
Opens May 23
18-year-old Totone must look after his younger sister and their failing family farm. [Info](#)

The Encampments
Friday May 2 7:30 | May 3 3:00 pm
When a group of students at Columbia University in New York launch a movement protesting the war in Gaza, they spark a nationwide uprising in solidarity with the people of Gaza. [Info](#)

Dawnland
Monday May 5 6:30 pm
The Center for Dispute Settlement is proud to host this film screening in honor of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S) and 2SLGBTQI+ people, also known as "Red Dress Day," a day to raise awareness and remember those lost to violence.. [Info](#)

95 Years of The Little: City of God
Wednesday May 14 at 7:30pm
In the slums of Rio, two kids' paths diverge as one struggles to become a photographer and the other a kingpin. [Info](#)

One Take Film Series
1-800-On-Her-Own
May 15 7:00 | May 17 3:00
Follows ground breaking indie musician/feminist Ani DiFranco, founder of Righteous Babe Records. [Info](#)

Black Cinema Series
My Dead Friend Zoe
Wednesday May 21 at 7:30pm
Engaged in a mysterious relationship with her dead best friend from the Army, a female Afghanistan veteran comes head to head with her Vietnam vet grandfather at the family's ancestral lake house. [Info](#)



NEWS

WXXI News

Executive Editor Denise Young

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

CITY MAGAZINE

Editor Leah Stacy

Stories You May Have Missed

Foodlink, pantries left with gap to fill after Trump administration cuts

Connections: Gateways Music Festival returns

Vertus High School's new football coach aims to create successful men on and off the field

Douglas and advocates walk for change during Black Maternal Health Week

Connections: The ImageOut Film Festival and how it's responding to the current cultural landscape

Connections: Local football coach Moe Jackson on his role both on and off the field

Connections: Executive chef Kayiona Rogers on making her mark in the culinary arts

Connections: Revitalizing and preserving the Seneca language

Youth, health and justice take center stage at Climate Solutions Summit

State teachers union applauds New York's resistance to federal push to end DEI practices in public schools

As DNA companies lose trust, Rochester man connects family through traditional genealogy

Connections: RCSD Board President Camille Simmons on the new superintendent and the latest with the district

Groups get grants to strengthen their Rochester neighborhoods

YMCA sells downtown Carlson MetroCenter to RRH for \$2.4M

CITY: Theater Review | 'Pure Native'

CITY: Drum of Seneca

CITY: A cop, a priest, a soldier for the IRA



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

May 15 is Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD)!

The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking and learning about digital access and inclusion, and the more than One Billion people with disabilities and/or impairments.

For more information on the importance of digital access and inclusion, visit [here](#)

Captions versus Transcripts? Nope, Captions AND Transcripts!

[Learn more](#) about the differences and benefits of both of these accessibility features...and why they're each important to providing inclusive content

Community Screening: Strait Undercover
Thursday May 8 at 7:00 pm at The Little
The first action comedy to star an actor with Down syndrome as the lead hero, with no mention of their differences. Produced 100% in Rochester, NY. *Move to Include* is proud to be the community partner for this screening. [Info](#)

Matter of the Mind: My Alzheimer's
May 5 at 10:00 pm on WXXI-TV
An intimate portrayal of three families confronting the unique challenges of Alzheimer's.

New Leash on Life: K9s for Warriors
May 11 at 3:00 pm on WXXI-TV [Info](#)

Reel South: South by South Korea
May 15 at 7:00 pm on WXXI WORLD
Ten by Ten takes viewers on a journey through a restaurant's overnight fame; *The Space Between You & Me* chronicles motherhood and adoption through the lens of Korean American life at home and abroad.

Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom
May 27 at 5:00 pm on WXXI-TV [Info](#)

Dream of Italy: Andrea Bocelli's Tuscany
May 28 at 10:00 am on CREATE [Info](#)

Inclusion Desk
[Federal judge approves new CDPAP transition deadlines in preliminary injunction](#)

[Supreme Court to hear school disability discrimination case](#)

[RFK Jr. seeks 'environmental' cause of autism. Scientists say it's not that simple](#)

[Rochester couple gets national attention in their quest to normalize parents with disabilities](#)

From the Field
[View the films](#) from this year's Easterseals Disability Film Challenge!

SAVE THE DATE!
Community Screening and Panel Discussion: CAREGIVING
June 3 at 6:30 pm at The Little
This event is free and open to the public; [advance registration](#) is required



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

VOCES "Mambo Legends: The Music Never Ends"

Friday, May 2nd at 10pm

Meet the Mambo Legends Orchestra, keeping the sounds of the great Afro-Cuban bandleaders alive. [Info](#)

Antiques Roadshow "Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage"

Monday, May 5th at 8pm

Snapshots [Info](#)

NOVA "Critical Condition: Health in Black America"

Wednesday, May 7th at 4pm

After centuries of pseudoscience, researchers examine the causes of racial health disparities. [Info](#)

Reel South "Black Godfather of Scuba / The Voice of Bamboo / Ishak"

Friday, May 9th at 3pm [Info](#)

Great Performances "Yellow Face"

Friday, May 16th at 9pm

Daniel Dae Kim as an Asian American playwright who protests "yellowface" casting in the musical "Miss Saigon" only to mistakenly cast a white actor as the Asian lead in his own play. [Info](#)

American Masters "Tyrus Wong"

Tuesday, May 27th at 9pm

Tyrus Wong's pioneering artwork led to iconic works like Bambi and Rebel Without a Cause. [Info](#)

Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story

Tuesday, May 27th at 10:30pm

Corky Lee's epic quest to document Asian American history, culture, and activism. [Info](#)

WXXI WORLD Asian Americans

Thursdays at 8pm starting May 1st

A five-hour film series that delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. [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](#)

Lunar Reflections: A Classical Journey Through the Phases of the Moon

Thursday May 8, 3:00-4:00pm

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, this special presents a unique blend of classical music and mindfulness, designed to engage listeners in a deeply immersive musical experience. [Info](#)

Valor & Victory

Monday May 26 3:00-4:00pm

This year marks the 80th anniversary of World War II. This special looks at the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe through the lens of classical music, which was a significant and sometimes surprising part of life during the war years and after.

CD Spotlight: Pene Pati - Nessun Dorma

Even as he enjoys a remarkable career as an opera singer, the tenor Pene Pati has resisted losing himself in the pressures and demands of his profession. [Info](#)

Connections: Kennedy Center changes affect the music and art world

Our colleagues from Classical 91.5 look at the history of government control of the arts.

Connections: Charting the future of the Eastman School of Music

new dean of the Eastman School of Music, Kate Sheeran to discuss her vision for Eastman's future, its commitment to the community, and her views on how the school is responding to the current moment.

[South African cellist Abel Selaocoe fosters dialogue across time and cultures in a new album](#)

Strings and wood become harp and drum accompanying cellist Abel Selaocoe's chants and throat singing in his new album Hymns of Bantu.



CITY Magazine: Breathing room

The first time Gateways Music Festival executive director Alex Laing sat down for a rehearsal with the festival orchestra, he forgot how to count. [Info](#)

Gateways Music Festival Returns to Carnegie Hall – Ebony Magazine

Gateways Music Festival made a momentous return to New York City last week, once again affirming its place as a force in classical music. [Info](#)

ICYMI: WXXI Classical at Gateways

Check out the [WXXI Classical Instagram](#) page for Steve Johnson's reels capturing Gateways in Rochester and at Carnegie Hall