Happy Easter!

Easter (Greek: Πάσχα) is an important annual religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. According to Christian scripture, Jesus was resurrected from the dead three days after his crucifixion. Many Christian denominations celebrate this resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter is a moveable feast, meaning it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. Easter falls at some point between late March and late April each year. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position in the calendar. Cultural elements, such as the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunts, have become part of the holiday's modern celebrations, and those aspects are often celebrated by many Christians and non-Christians alike. To learn more about the history of Easter Holiday, visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter)

! Important Announcements!

- On-Campus Employment seminar for Tuesday, April 21, will be held at 3:00pm instead of 2:00pm (for that day only).
- All your Federal and State Taxes have to be filed by Wednesday, April 15th. Your tax returns must be POSTMARKED by that date—they do not have to be received by the tax office by that date. You must complete the U.S. federal tax forms BEFORE you can complete the New York State forms.
- Students who are planning to do an Internship this summer should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). The CPT seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 3:00pm at the Slutzker Center for International Services.
- If you would like to request Practical Training authorization (OPT) after your May graduation please attend an OPT seminar on Wednesday, April 15th at 3:45pm. Also, you can find all the necessary OPT information and the application process [here](http://international.syr.edu/scis_archive/SCISnews_4102009.htm).
- Graduate Students who are intending to graduate this May 2009 must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published as [http://gradsch.syr.edu/graduationDeadlines.pdf](http://gradsch.syr.edu/graduationDeadlines.pdf) by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.
6th Annual SYRACUSE KOREAN FILM FESTIVAL
Free Admission / English Subtitles
HBC Kittridge Auditorium

Korean Cine Forum, associated with the department of Transmedia/Film and Korean Student Association of Syracuse University, would like to present the Syracuse Korean Film Festival (SKFF). It is scheduled between April 16 – 18 and it will be held in the HBC Kittridge Auditorium at Syracuse University. The main goal of the Syracuse Korean Film Festival is to introduce unique contemporary Korean cinema to the Syracuse community, thereby enhancing a cultural understanding among the SU and local ethnic communities, and give people a chance to experience cultural differences between the Third World cinema and US/Hollywood cinema through the films. Selected films have received awards from some prominent international film festivals and will be presented with English subtitles. I am sure that it must be a great opportunity to understand Korea through the films because they reflect Korean culture, society and history in each of them. This event is not only intended for Korean audience but also for people who are eager to enjoy the uniqueness of Korean cinema.

Thursday, April 16th 2009
5:15 pm  My Dear Enemy (멋진 하루)
Directed by Lee Yoon-Ki / 12 up / Romance Drama / 123 min
7:30 pm  Rough Cut (영화는 영화다)
Directed by Jang Hun / 18 up / Action / 113 min

Friday, April 17th 2009
5:15 pm  Sunny (님은 먼 곳에)
Directed by Lee Jun-Tik / 12 up / Drama / 126 min
7:30 pm  The Good, The Bad, The Weird (좋은 놈, 나쁜 놈, 이상한 놈)
Directed by Kim Ji Woon / 15 up / Action / 130 min

Saturday, April 18th 2009
3:00 pm  Forever the Moment (우리 생애 최고의 순간)
Directed by Lim Soon-Rye / NR / Drama / 124 min
5:15 pm  The Chaser (추격자)
Directed by Na Hong-Jin / 18 up / Thriller / 125 min

Living with HIV/AIDS: A Panel Discussion
Tuesday, April 7 @ 9:00pm
Hall of Languages, Room 207

This HIV/AIDS program series concludes with a panel discussion about living with HIV/AIDS today. Four HIV positive panelists will share their experiences about living with HIV/AIDS. Panelists will share their stories and answer questions including: How have medical developments and social changes impacted those living with HIV/AIDS? How do people living HIV/AIDS negotiate personal relationships? Audience members will also get a chance to ask their own questions. This event is free and open to the public. Dessert refreshments will be provided. This event is co-sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Chancellor’s Feinstone Grant for Multicultural Initiatives, and OrangeAID.

Important Immigration Reminders!
The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:

F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2009 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree conferral date, which this year is May 6, 2009.
**F-1** students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are **urged** to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Vermont Service Center approximately 12 weeks to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands."

Also, a student in **F-1** or **J-1** status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteer work.

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**FREE BUS SERVICE FROM NOB HILL TO SU**
Starting March 30th!!

There will be BLUE and WHITE buses providing **FREE** service from Nob Hill Apartments to Syracuse University. This service positively affects folks living in Nob Hill, Newberry Apts, Clarendon Heights, Hidden Valley, etc.

**THESE ARE NOT CENTRO BUSES.**

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!
This is a trial run. If not enough students ride these buses they will not be available next semester.

For Bus Routes please click [here](http://international.syr.edu/scis_archive/SCISnews_4T10T2009.htm) and for the Bus Schedule please click [here](http://international.syr.edu/scis_archive/SCISnews_4T10T2009.htm).

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**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

Starting this Wednesday, Syracuse University will host a variety of events marking Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a national commemoration that SU chooses to celebrate several weeks early, to provide for all students, faculty and staff to learn about the significant contributions of Asian Pacific American people and to have dialogue about important issues.

Working in collaboration with recognized student organizations and a team of dedicated individuals, the Office of Multicultural Affairs has coordinated a calendar of workshops, film screenings, and community events celebrating the month's theme. The calendar is attached; contact OMA at 443-9676 for more information.

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**Euclid Avenue Door Hanger Distribution, Volunteers Needed**

On Sunday, **April 19th from 4-6pm**, The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs will be organizing an educational outreach program in collaboration with the Office of Government and Community Relations, Department of Public Safety and Student Association. Off-campus students who live on and adjacent to Euclid Avenue will be distributed information on City Ordinance and NYS Law, emergency numbers and neighbor relations. Volunteers are needed to help distribute this information and have conversations with the residents concerning their potential festivities off-campus during **SU Showcase** on **April 21**. If you are able to volunteer or if you have questions please email Darya Rotblat at darotbla@syr.edu.

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"GOT CONSENT?"
Related activities include SU's participation in the annual White Ribbon Campaign (http://sunews.syr.edu/story_details.cfm?id=5858) as well as other high-profile events on campus. A partial list of these events follows; additional details will be announced in the coming days:

* **Monday, April 13, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium

* **Monday, April 13, 2009**, 5-8 pm: Hands Against Violence, Goldstein Student Center, lower level

* **Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium (and GOT CONSENT? t-shirt day)

* **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium

* **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 5:30-6:30 pm: Clothesline Project t-shirt making workshop, Hendricks Chapel

* **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 7 pm: Take Back the Night Rally at Hendricks Chapel steps, followed by march and speak-out

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**OPENING RECEPTION & DJ PARTY & FILM SHOOT**

2 May 2009 @ 8pm

* Free and open to the Public

Redhouse Arts Center
201 S. West Street
Syracuse, NY 13210
USA
http://www.theredhouse.org

Redhouse Director and curator Natalia Mount is proud to present Internationally renowned artists Daniela Kostova and Joro De Boro and their newest site-specific project commissioned by Redhouse entitled "XAYC:Xybrid Authenticity Ynder Construction."

XAYC is an art project that questions contemporary identity politics and the concept of subjectivity in relation to authenticity. XAYC (pronounced "house") is a Bulgarian transcription of the word "house." It stands not for house music, but for chaos ("xaoc" in Bulgarian). It also stands for Xybrid Authenticity Ynder Construction.

By creating site specific work, both inside and outside of the Redhouse Arts Center building, Daniela Kostova and Joro De Boro will enter a dialogue about architecture, collectivism, cosmopolitanism vs. globalization, and a migration that will manifest in a range of media, employ several environments, and create two installations that vacillate between agreement and conflict.

Daniela Kostova will work inside the building to create a 'house,' which will be the focal point for an exhibition on view at Redhouse Arts Center. Joro De Boro will create an installation outside of the building of Redhouse Arts Center that will be used for a performance (by both audience and artist as the performer, DJ Joro-Boro) that, at once apes, popular culture and rejoices in its forms.

During the night of the 2 of May, Redhouse Arts Center and its immediate surroundings (both inside and outside) will become an all-encompassing experience - an organic space for engagement, play, and exploration with the interactivity of a tree house.

"By juxtasposing Daniela's and Joro's works, their artistic styles and individual dynamics, I aim to give the audience an alternative to the norm of most collective experiences. The audience will participate in a very unique event "

- Natalia Mount/Executive Director

"XAYC exposes authenticity as mutation and artists Daniela Kostova and Joro De Boro are serving it to you in an art form, with a smile, a drink and a dance,"

- Laura Austin/Artistic Director

"Art is a brand, authenticity is capital, identity is imagined. There is no process here, this is a freeze-frame of an implosion of space and time - the general relativity of the free market becomes theory of culture,"
DO YOU LIKE TO PERFORM?
WANT TO SHARE YOUR UNIQUE CULTURE?

The Maxwell School’s Annual CULTURAL FAIR, presented by the graduate International Relations Student Association is seeking performers: groups/duo/solo singers, dancers, musicians and poets. CULTURAL FAIR on APRIL 21, 2009. For more information, please contact: AMERICA PINTABUTR irsa.culturalfair@gmail.com

Applications for the 2009-2010 NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) are now available on-line. http://www.naspa.org/programs/nufp/app.cfm

The NASPA Undergraduate Fellows program is a semi-structured mentoring program for undergraduate students wishing to explore and better understand the field of student affairs and/or higher education. Students and mentors apply as a pair, and if selected are provided the foundation to establish a semi-structured mentoring relationship at their institution. Students, once selected, are known as Fellows, and are also given the opportunity to attend a national conference, participate in paid internships, and participate in the Summer Leadership Institute. Admissions Requirements: To be considered for admission to the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program, each applicant must meet the requirements listed below, have a NASPA member agree to serve as a mentor, and have the support of their institution's Senior Student Affairs Officer.

- Identify as a member of a traditionally underrepresented student population, i.e. Black/African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino(a), Indigenous (Native American, Alaskan, Hawaiian), Multiracial, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, or as having a physical or psychological impairment; and
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application. Applicants with a 2.7 cumulative GPA will receive preference in the review process.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of Multicultural Affairs by Monday, April 20th 5:00 p.m. All questions and concerns about NUFP should be directed to Syracuse University's NUFP coordinator, Tae-Sun Kim, associate director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Get Involved at the R.A.P.E. Center!

The R.A.P.E. Center is a place where there is always something to get involved in, from being on the stage to helping prepare for trainings, programs and events.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the R.A.P.E. Center, contact Jill Sneider through e-mail at jsneide@syr.edu or by phone (315-443-7126). You can also visit our website at http://students.syr.edu/rapecenter/
Motivational Quote of the Week:

"Maybe it is time to consider living dangerously. Maybe it's time to reject the commands of power, the dictates of society and public opinion, and to stop worrying about what other people think about what you do. You have the power and ability to create your own reality — to change what isn't working and to manifest what you desire." by Dick Sutphen

"The successful always has a number of projects planned, to which he looks forward. Any one of them could change the course of his life overnight." by Mark Caine

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." by Aristotle

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Note:
If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurrle at dbabashhu@syr.edu

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