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Immigration News and Events

Diversity Visa Program (Green Card Lottery) Accepting Applications Starting October 1st

Each year, the US makes immigrant visas (green cards) available to up to 55,000 persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

This year, the Diversity Visa Program will accept applications from October 1 to November 2, 2014. You must apply electronically and should apply as early during this period as possible. The application process is FREE.

To qualify for the Diversity Visa Program you must have at least a high school education and be a citizen of a qualifying country (or be married to such a person, including same sex spouses). For a detailed description of eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply, please refer to the [Diversity Visa Program Instructions](#). You can also visit the travel.state.gov website for more information.

NEVER apply for the Diversity Lottery through a service or website other than the ones listed above – many are scams.



The Wrong Help Can Hurt Be Aware of Immigration Scams

Sometimes, people pretend to be "immigration experts" in order to deceive you and take your money.

This is against the law.

USCIS wants to combat immigration services scams. To

accomplish this goal, USCIS launched the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law (UPIIL) Initiative. As part of the effort, they have created online educational resources, which include:

- The top things to know before and after filing an application or petition
- A list of common immigration services scams
- State-by-state information on where you can report an immigration services scam
- Advice on finding authorized legal help
- Information on becoming an authorized legal immigration service provider
- Educational tools you can print and share

Protect yourself and your family from immigration scams. Learn the facts and find legal help at www.uscis.gov/avoidscams or by calling USCIS at 1-800-375-5283.



Slutzker Center News and Events

Call for Auditions! Music Beyond Borders Slutzker Center October 1 & 2, 3-7pm

Be a part of this celebration embracing the universal language of music in the community and SU. Both community members and students are welcome to audition.

Music Beyond Borders will be held November 12 from 6-8pm in the Schine Underground as part of International Education Week. Come audition and see if you can be part of the performance!

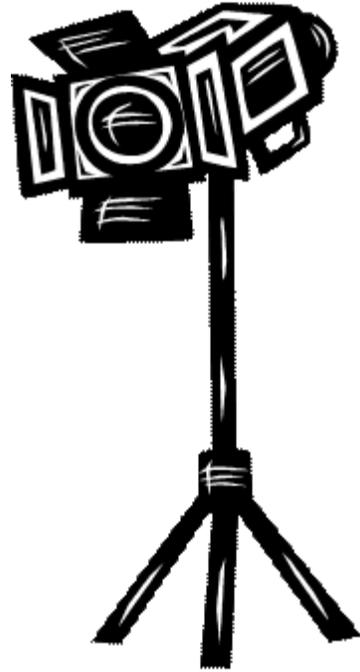
If you would like to audition, please contact Elange Granger at elcarras@syr.edu. You can also watch the Music Beyond Borders [video trailer](#).



IS² International Student Spotlight

The international students at SU are an exceptional group of people. Some of the best athletes and most talented students are members of the international community, but they remain hidden in the crowd.

The Slutzker Center wants to shine a spotlight on them, so that others can see the unique gifts our international students possess and the diversity and global views they bring to



Syracuse. That is why we have created the new **IS²** feature of this newsletter.

If you are an international student at SU, and would like to share your story, please write to us at lescis@syr.edu. We may feature you in the next edition of SCIS news.

Picture of the Week

This picture was taken by Ashish V. Gulanikar from the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park, Maine. Ashish is an SU graduate who completed his masters in Engineering Management in December 2009. He now works in Connecticut as an Operations Manager and took this picture over the Labor Day weekend. During low-tide, he says that you can walk to some of the islands featured in the background. Ashish began doing photography because he believes that “many things in life won’t repeat so capture when you see them.”



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to lescis@syr.edu with the subject line of “Picture of the Week.” Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

Syracuse University Events

Autumn Moon Festival Dinner hosted by ASIA and HKCO September 28, 7-10pm

Come celebrate the Chinese AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL tradition with [Asian Students in America](#) (ASIA) and Hong Kong Cultural Organization (HKCO)!

This year's event will include DINNER, FUN, and the WHOLE SHEBANG! The cost is only \$5 at the door.

Converse over DINNER from China Cafe, get fancy with some tea and MOONCAKES, and take on a challenge at mahjong, chinese poker, calligraphy or other exciting activities!

What can be better than great fun with great people??

The location for this event will be announced soon. Visit the event's [facebook page](#) for updates.



Faculty Recital Series **A Night of Romanser** Setnor Auditorium September 28, 8pm

This event is hosted by the [Setnor School of Music](#) and will feature songs from the rich art song tradition of Sweden, from the 19th century to the present. All of the songs will be included in Dr. Roland-Silverstein's anthology of Swedish songs, to be published this fall by Gehrmans Musikförlag of Stockholm.

The event is free and open to the public. Performers include Kathleen Roland-Silverstein, soprano, Sabine Krantz, piano, Sonya Williams, violin, Claire Marie Wilcox, violin, Emily Ives Bredemeyer, viola and Greg Wood, cello.



Cultural and Community Events

New York India Festival NY State Fairgrounds, Horticulture Building September 28, 10am-8pm

The New York India Festival is New York's Largest Indian Festival of 2013, set-up indoors in the Horticulture Building of the Empire Expo Center/NYS Fairgrounds. It is a great way to experience India right here in Central New York. There will be a host of exhibitors showcasing their craftsmanship to your delight. Savor the Indian food to your heart's content. Be a part of the cultural programs featuring Indian music, dance & theater. And for all those art lovers, there will be special art

exhibitions for you! There is so much to do you won't have time to think what to do next!

For more information, please visit the [official website](#). Admission is \$5 and children under 5 are free.



14th Annual Jewish Music & Cultural Festival Spirits September 29, 12-6pm

This year's festival will have music from the international group "The Guy Mendilow Group" along with Zetz, Farah, West of Odessa and other groups featuring a variety of Jewish Music. There'll be Kosher food, beer wine and new this year, Matzo Ball Soup & Stuffed Cabbage! Also shop at the arts & crafts vendors, enjoy the Children's Activities Tent along with the GaGa Pit and the Klezmer Kabaret Puppet Theater. Jewish community organizations and synagogues will be at the festival. Plus you can participate in Central New York's largest Hora circle dance. This cultural community event is open to the general public with free admission.



For more information, please visit the [official website](#).

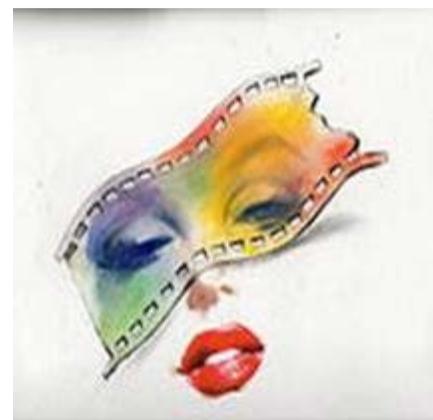
Syracuse International Film Festival 2013 produced by FilmInSyracuse October 2-6

This October the Syracuse International Film Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

This year's festival will by five days of events including the opportunities to:

- meet Italian artist/illustrator Silvano Campeggi and view an exhibition of film poster images from his collection
- meet award-winning hollywood director, Joel Schumacher (*A Time to Kill*, *Batman Forever*) and watch his choice of top films
- talk with Joe Lynch and Adam Green about the art of making horror films and view a screening of "Frozen" and "Wrong Turn 2"

Some festival events are free for SU students. For a complete listing of events, locations, and prices please visit the [FilmInSyracuse](#) website.



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Quotes to keep you thinking

- "We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders." – **Maya Angelou**
- "That best portion of a man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." – **William Wordsworth**
- "My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass'; 'We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply. 'We're raising boys.'" – **Harmon Killebrew**
- "The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money." – **Alexis de Tocqueville**

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