MIT International Education Week

November 18-22, 2024

Month of November: Free Film Streaming of *Brief Tender Light*
In celebration of International Education Week and Global Education Month (this November), PBS / POV has re-released *Brief Tender Light* for free streaming in the US on pov.org and on the PBS app.

This film features four African MIT undergraduates and was produced by an MIT alum filmmaker from Ghana.

LEAP Lab: Creative Dance for Kids
Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 11am to 12pm, 292 Main St, Cambridge MA 02142
This workshop-style event introduces young children to the art of dance using patterns, movement, words, music, and storytelling.

Haitian Folkloric rhythms (played by Jean Appolon Expressions' Master Drummers) and movements are woven into the class in a child-friendly fashion. Students will explore a social justice theme through age-appropriate literature, conversation, and movement. Past and future themes include kindness, acceptance, noticing and appreciating differences, identity, standing up against injustice, and love. This program is geared towards ages 3-10, but all are welcome!

Presented in collaboration with Jean Appolon Expressions, this class is co-taught by Artistic Director Jean Appolon (he/him/his) and Executive Director/Dancer Meghan McGrath (she/her/hers) and accompanied by Master Drummers Josil Rebert and Arnaud Lauture.

What's so funny? A Disability Comedy Extravaganza
Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 7pm to 9pm; Little Kresge, Building W16
Welcome to **What's so funny? A Disability Comedy Extravaganza!** Get ready for a night of laughter and fun as we showcase talented comedians with disabilities. Join us on **Saturday, November 16,** at **7 PM** at the **Kresge Little Theater** for a unique and entertaining event. With support from the **De Florez Fund for Humor,** which is dedicated to promoting humor on campus, this event will leave you laughing, thinking, and celebrating the diverse talents of our community.

Language Conversation Exchange Lunch
Monday, November 18, 2024 | 12pm to 1pm; Bush Room (10-105), 10-105
Let's meet, eat, and speak!
Practice a language with a group of native speakers and other language learners, meet other language lovers, and learn about the LCE. Please register here.

Anyone who is affiliated with MIT can participate in the LCE. Our members include students, staff, visiting scientists and scholars, faculty members, and their spouses and partners.
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Argentine Tango Class Series
Mon, Nov 18, 2024 | 6pm to 9pm; Building W20: Multipurpose Room 401
Join us on Monday evenings for Argentine tango classes with outstanding instructors Guillermo Merlo and Mia Dalglish. Whether you are completely new to tango, or already have some experience, you will find a friendly environment to learn new things and improve your technique.
More info & register

MIT Free English Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays, November 19 & 21, 2024 | 1pm to 2:30pm; **W11-190**
MIT Free English Class is for international students, sholars, spouses. Twenty seven years ago we created a community to welcome the nations to MIT and assist with language and friendship. Join our Tuesday/Thursday conversation classes around tables inside W11-190.

Tai Chi – Virtual Class
Wednesday, Nov 20, 2024 12:00-1:00pm
Registration on wellness class website

China-U.S. Relations under the second Trump administration
Wednesday Nov 20, 2024 12:00-1:00pm; Building E40-496
Prof. Tiejun Yu from Peking University will speak at the MIT Security Studies Program's Wednesday Seminar.

Thanksgiving Tasting
Wednesday, November 20,2024 2:00-4:00pm, Building E23-009

Join *MIT Spouses and Partners Connect* to sample turkey and traditional side dishes of this American holiday. Co-Sponsored by the International Scholars Office. Details and registration at MIT Spouses & Partners Connect website.

MLK Scholar Presentation: "Biogeographic Chocó: Delimitation and Transboundary Strategies for Biodiversity Conservation, Climate" with Angélica Mayolo Obregón
Thursday, Nov 21, 2024 12:00-1:00pm; Building 14S-130 and on Zoom
Angelica Mayolo Obregon
About the presentation: Angélica's talk will focus on the research she's done in the Chocó Biogeographic. She will highlight the importance of the Biogeographic Chocó Region, discuss the main threats to its biodiversity, and the multi-scale actions needed to address them: from transnational efforts to local actions, showcasing the role of local communities in conserving this ecosystem.

Manaswi Mishra: Graduate Student Talk
Thursday, November 21 5:00-6:00pm; List Visual Arts Center, 20 Ames St Cambridge
Join Manaswi Mishra, a PhD candidate in the Media Arts and Sciences at the MIT Media Lab for a conversation around Steina: Playback.

Manaswi will demonstrate a radical way of using voice and gesture to shape music using AI models in a live performance as a method to better understand Steina's experimental analog manipulations of sound and signal since the 1970s. He will share insights into his research at the Opera of the Future, a research group focused on building new AI musical instruments for live performance in operas, symphonies, and beyond.

HSA Board Games, Hellenic Students' Association
Thursday, November 21, 2024 | 7pm to 10pm
Get ready to strategize or just roll the dice and let fate decide, because HSA is hosting a Board Games Night! And since no Greek gathering is complete without good food, we're pairing this epic game showdown with pita gyro to keep the stomach full and the "kefi" alive.

La Vida es un Sueno
Thurs, Fri & Sat, November 21-23,2024 8:00pm; Building W97-110, 345 Vassar Street
Based on the classic play by **Pedro Calderón de la Barca.**
Adapted, facilitated, and directed by MIT Lecturer **Jorge Rubio.**
Often thought of as the *Hamlet* of the Spanish-speaking world, this fresh and visceral adaptation will investigate what is real and what is not real in an emotionally explosive new way.

ISO Navigating MIT Series: Stress Management
Friday November 22, 2024 12pm to 1pm; E19-202
Topics throughout the fall semester to support international students with adjustment to MIT and the U.S. Lunch or dinner served at each event.
This session centers on tips and strategies for handling academic and personal stress.
Presented by Dr. Xiaolu Hsi, PhD, MIT Student Mental Health & Counseling Services

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MIT Symphony Orchestra
Friday, Nov 22, 2024 8:00-10:00pm; Kresge Auditorium, Building W16
Join the MIT Symphony Orchestra for their second concert of the season!

MIT Balinese Gamelan: Maguru Panggul
Saturday, Nov 23, 2024 2:00-3:00pm; Kresge Auditorium Building W16
Free! An afternoon of Balinese music, featuring Gamelan Galak Tika and students (from MIT and Harvard) in MIT's gamelan class, both under the direction of Gusti Komin.

MIT Chamber Chorus
Saturday, Nov 23, 2024 8:00 – 9:00pm; Killian Hall, Building 14
Free! Join the MIT Chamber Chorus for their first concert of the season!

Fall International Formal
Sat, November 23; 8pm - 11pm MIT Media Lab, Floor 6 (E14-674)
The MIT International Student Association (ISA) is organizing a fall formal on November 23 at the Media Lab! Come mingle with your fellow internationals for vibes, music, and food.

We will also have exciting **dance performances** by various MIT cultural clubs!

- We will have performances by the **Lion Dance Team, Dance Troupe, Bhangra, Ukranian Folk Dance,** and the **Latin Dance club**!
- We'll also be providing dinner and desserts — from Asian, Brazilian, and Greek cuisines!
- Co-sponsored by MIT International Students Office

MIT Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 7:00-9:00pm; Killian Hall, Building 14
Free!

HELP FOR VALENCIA
Tuesday November 26th, 2024 6:00-9:00PM; Morss Hall at MIT (142 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA)
A few weeks ago, Valencia (Spain), birthplace of paella, experienced devastating flash floods, taking the life of over two hundred people and destroying countless homes and businesses.

In an effort to support the Valencian families from the distance, Spain@MIT invites you to a *Charity Dinner*. For a small donation starting at just $7, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner. All the money raised will be donated to WCK, a nonprofit organization distributing food in the area.

Register here: https://engage.mit.edu/smit/rsvp_boot?id=915536

🤩 Paella and other traditional Spanish dishes will be served
Supported by: MIT Spain (MISTI), GSC Funding Board, & Olespaña restaurant

Thanksgiving Dinner
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 6pm; Burton Connor Porter Room
Join for a night of gratitude, good food, and great company

Special Feature: Movie screening of *Brief Tender Light*, featuring MIT African students, produced by MIT alum filmmaker.

Co-sponsored by ASA, MIT EESA, MSA, and MIT International Students Office