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Venango Campus Activities Board (CAB) is pleased to present the 2017-2018 Cultural Arts Series.

As the programming board for Venango campus, CAB works cooperatively with other campus and community entities to provide arts events that represent a wide array of cultures, experiences, and viewpoints. This diversity enhances the quality of life on campus and in the community, stimulates dialogue and reflection, and supports the academic mission of Clarion University and Venango campus.

All the events, unless otherwise noted, are free and open to Venango campus students, their families, and the local communities.

Fall 2017

Independent Film Series

The Clarion University – Venango Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series will feature films from independent filmmakers from across the world. All films will be shown in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium, Saturday nights at 7 p.m. Visit our web site at www.clarion.edu/venango for a complete listing of the films including descriptions and ratings. For questions regarding the series or any of the films, please contact Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.



LIVE

MONDAY, AUG. 28

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

DANIEL MARTIN

Daniel Martin has quickly become one of the most in-demand entertainers in the nation. His high-energy blend of Incredible Magic, Sarcastic Improv & Cons consistently leads to standing ovations and record breaking crowds at theaters, universities, celebrity & corporate events worldwide. Daniel was recently awarded "Entertainer of the Year". His magic and standup have been featured on CBS, NBC, WGN, VH1, ESPN and at thousands of live events worldwide. At the early age of 6 Daniel's grandparents tried to avert his newfound interest of pick pocketing. They put his quick hands and devious nature to better uses by purchasing him a magic kit. It was love at first trick. He began doing shows for anyone that would watch. At only 12 years old Daniel began performing shows professionally and continued doing so at some of the swankiest hotels, clubs & restaurants in Chicago. It is here where he developed his distinct style and performing chops with his innovative fusion of deception and comedy. Daniel resides in Chicago, still owns his Fisher Price Magic Kit & now only occasionally pickpockets.

Video: <https://youtu.be/q2-kQBEyWuY>

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**TUESDAY,
AUG. 29**

ROBERT W. RHOADES
STUDENT CENTER

7 PM



John Noltner

Award-winning photographer and author John Noltner has driven 40,000 miles across the United States asking people the simple question, "What does peace mean to you?" With portraits and personal stories, ordinary people reveal extraordinary insights into how we can work toward the common good and create a future that works for all of us. Holocaust survivors, refugees, artists, students, former prisoners, immigrants, veterans, and more share their thoughts and inspiring stories in a series that celebrates our common experience and sense of community. Founded in 2009, this multimedia arts project published its first book in 2011. A Peace of My Mind's combination of art and storytelling transcends barriers and provides a human approach to the challenging issues of today.

Website link: <https://apomm.net/>

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

Charlie Batch

EXPECT
YOUR BEST



In this emotional, funny and often poignant presentation, Charlie shares stories about his personal successes and failures in the NFL and in life that taught him how to become a leader. For Charlie, it all comes down to expecting the very best from yourself and those around you, and he shares his three keys to leadership: Be Ready, Be Resilient, and Be the Pro.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Q8ffinhkN0w>

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NAMOLI BRENNET

WEDNESDAY,
OCT. 4

7 PM
ROBERT W. RHOADES
STUDENT CENTER

Local favorite Namoli Brennet returns from her European tour to perform new songs and old favorites. A 4-time Outmusic award nominee who was recently named in the inaugural Trans 100 list, Namoli was also the recipient of the Tucson Folk Festival Songwriting Award and a finalist in the ISC songwriting competition. Her 2010 release 'Black Crow' garnered critical acclaim and was named one of KXCI FM's top albums of the year. Her music has been featured on NPR, PBS and in films including the Emmy-award winning documentary "Out in the Silence"

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/nvXiDA7LkvU>

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chrisjones



hypnotist

chrisjones is one of the newest and most energetic performers in the college market. chrisjones has been taking his insane hypnosis show to high schools and universities across the country. Recently chrisjones was on the season premiere of America's Got Talent this summer where he hypnotized Howie Mandel to shake hands!

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/VnYBmUcdlFg>

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

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CODY BLACKBIRD



Cody Blackbird is of Eastern Band Cherokee, and Roma descent. Cody is the son of Thomas Blackbird, an accomplished American Indian Cowboy poet who traveled the country through the 80's and 90's. Cody often accompanied his father, laying the foundation for his love of music and the road. Cody has been playing the flute since the age of 9 and recorded the album *Raven Speaks* in late 2009. An album of traditional Native American flute compositions with traditional singing, it garnered Cody a nomination at the 2010 Native American Music Awards for "Best Debut Artist." Cody has also collaborated with emerging hip-hop artist and producer Frank Walk to co-write the song "Hear my Cry." The song called attention to the fight for independence and Native American rights, won a NAMMY for "Song of the Year," and became the most played song on native radio in 2012.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/LT5vanCnJys>

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

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THURSDAY, FEB. 8

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER



Andrew Kennedy

Latino in Disguise!



Bilingual entertainer Andrew Kennedy is one of the most hysterical comedians today. Raised in South America, the Caribbean and Asia by a Colombian mother and British father, this entertainer promotes cultural diversity through comedy. He developed, produced and starred in his very own television pilot *Related by Marriage* (CBS) which was based on his comedy and life, and his half hour "Comedy Central Presents" special was voted one of the network's top 20. Andrew has shared his story live on stage around the world and twice has performed at Lincoln Center.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/RgfPMCwf7BA>

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Mystical Music of the Near East

ELIYAHU SILLS



Eliyahu Sills is a highly acclaimed musician of many instruments and deep knowledge of multiple musical traditions, from spiritual music of the Middle East and India to American musics of Soul and Jazz and their African roots. He is a leader and collaborator of many projects, most notably, The Qadim Ensemble, which brings together diverse cultures of the Middle East, whose CD reached #7 on Billboard's World Music charts; and BOLO which blends infectious rhythms of dance music, the improvisation of jazz, the cultural depth of world music, and the soulfulness of devotional kirtan. Eliyahu also performs as a solo artist and with his duo, playing Hindustani Ragas, Middle Eastern Sufi music, and Jewish songs on the oud, ney, and bansuri.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/bVU5ZinvWKQ>

THURSDAY, MAR. 22

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

WEDNESDAY, APR. 11

7 PM ROBERT W. RHOADES STUDENT CENTER

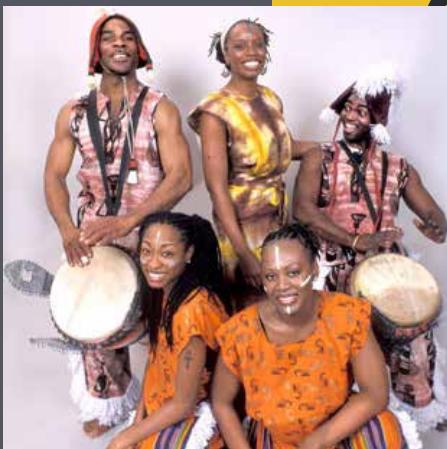
Kotchegna

Traditional Dance of the Ivory Coast

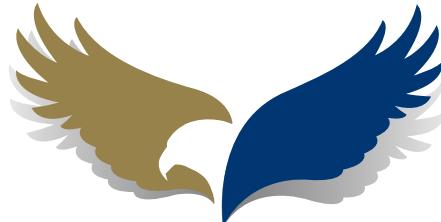
The rich and exciting traditions of the West African country of Ivory Coast are brought to life in the Kotchegna Dance Company's irresistible performance.

Audiences from three continents and all age groups have delighted in their repertoire of up to sixty regional dances and songs. In addition to drum and dance, leader Vado Diamonde can perform his mind-blowing stilt walking, a tradition passed down for generations in his family.

Video link: https://youtu.be/M3nRj8_QYC4



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