

# A Celebration of Dance



## Missouri Contemporary Ballet & Reception

Saturday April 9 • 7:00 pm  
 Reception at 6:00 pm in Magnolia Room • WPCC  
 \$10 General Admission

This professional dance company brings creative, athletic, high-quality art to any stage it graces. Dancers with this non-profit troupe are known for their charitable work with special needs children and others across the state—but for this performance, their goal is simply to “wow” the audience with their unique fusion of hip-hop, modern, traditional ballet and contemporary dance. Sit back, relax, and drink in the incredible talent, vision and strength of this Columbia-based dance company. And be sure to join us for a Meet-the-Artists reception with refreshments sponsored by the West Plains Council on the Arts one hour prior to the performance.



## Inertia Dance Company Undeniable Victories

Saturday, April 16 • 7:00 pm  
**FREE Admission**

In this deeply personal, poignant routine, the Inertia Dance Company's performance is choreographed based on the challenges facing first-generation college students from Missouri State-West Plains, who met with the dance troupe in advance. The troupe will honor these barrier-breaking students by putting their struggles and triumphs to dance. The dance company, based in Springfield, is known for its public service initiatives that enhance learning through movement and dance.

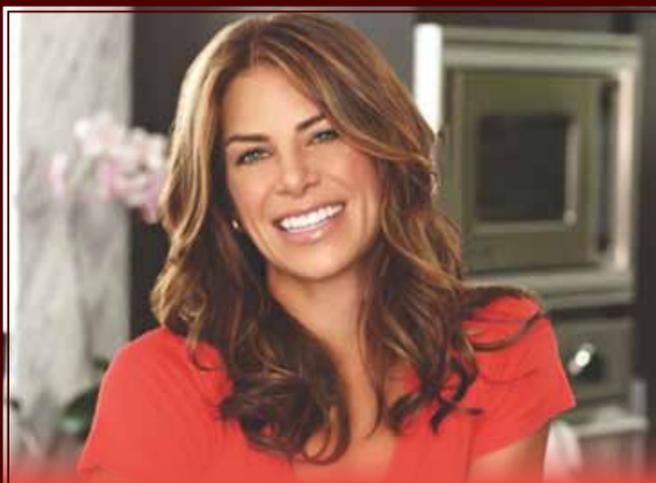


## Art Around Town

April 13–24  
 On the WPCC Mezzanine  
**FREE Admission**

The 16th Annual Art Around Town exhibit features two- and three-dimensional artwork created by kindergarten through eighth grade students in the region. Participating schools include Bakersfield, Dora, Fair View, Gainesville, West Plains Elementary and Middle schools, Howell Valley, Glenwood, Junction Hill, Mountain View Elementary, Mountain View-Birch Tree, Richards, Thayer, Willow Springs and Winona.

**Awards Ceremony and Reception:**  
 Sunday, April 17, 2:30 PM, West Plains Civic Center Theater



## Missouri State University Public Affairs Conference— “Building Healthy Communities: Mind, Body, Spirit”

April 5–8  
**FREE Admission**

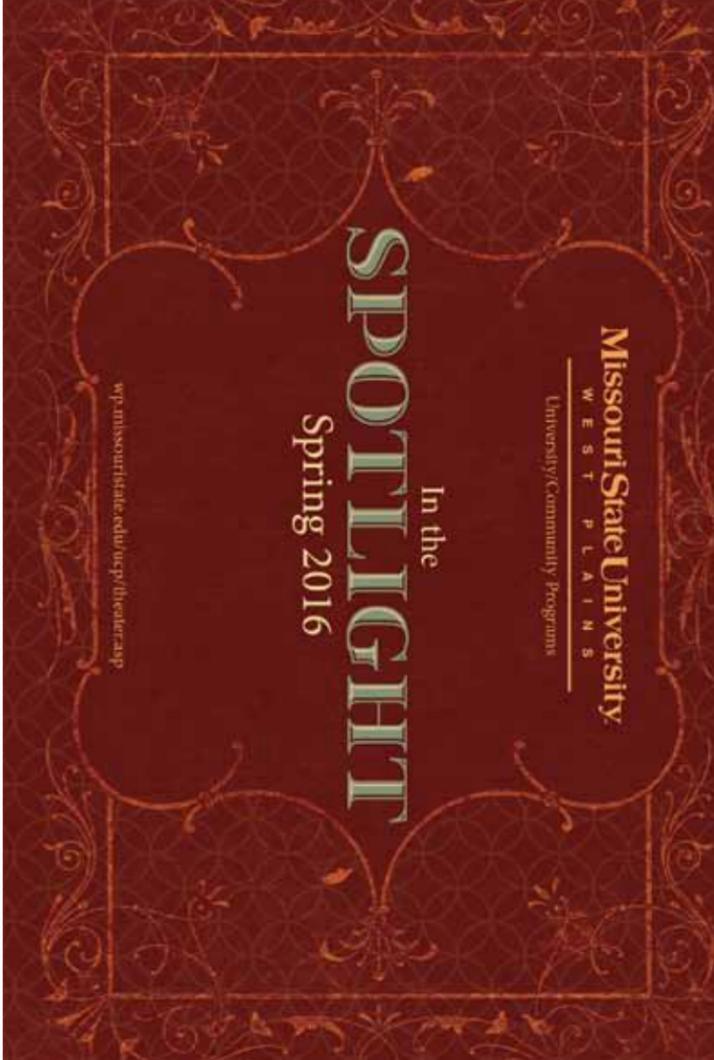
This year's flagship conference will focus on true wellness in a community. How can the community benefit from spirituality and religion? Are mental health needs a top priority? Panel and plenary speaker sessions will be live streamed to the Missouri State-West Plains campus from Springfield. Hear the keynote address by health celebrity Jillian Michaels April 5 at 7:30 PM, also live streamed to West Plains. For more information, visit [publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference](http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference)

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Schedule subject to change.



## Cinema Vivant & 1920s After-Party

Saturday, May 7 • 7:00 pm  
**\$10 General Admission; FREE with Bearpass ID**

Take a step back in time and experience the very first silent movies the way they were meant to be seen—on the big screen with live music accompaniment. Internationally acclaimed 1920s jazz band “The Hot Club of San Francisco” performs live as the audience enjoys authentic—often comedic or romantic—silent movies from a bygone era. Grab a group of friends or a date for an unforgettable evening at the movies, followed by a swinging After-Party complete with Prohibition-Era “mocktails” and hors d'oeuvres straight out of the pages of an antique cookbook. 1920s period dress is optional.



## Old Time Music Festival

Friday & Saturday, June 17–18  
 10 am–10 pm  
**FREE Admission**

Celebrate the unique culture of the Ozark Highlands with exhibits, square dancing, artisans, a jig dancing competition, “What's Cookin'” stage, mule jump competition, goat racing, Dutch-oven cooking contest and plenty of music! Located along East Main Street and at the West Plains Civic Center.

[www.oldtimemusic.org](http://www.oldtimemusic.org)

Spring  
2016  
**SPOTLIGHT**

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| Goodbye, Marianne<br>Jan. 22, 7:00 pm                             | Missouri Contemporary Ballet<br>April 9, 7:00 pm   |
| The Ballroom Thieves<br>Jan. 29, 7:00 pm                          | Inertia Dance Company<br>April 16, 7:00 pm   |
| Film Series: Aladdin<br>Feb. 4, 6:30 pm                           | Art Around Town<br>April 13-24   |
| Film Series: Lawrence of Arabia<br>Feb. 11, 6:30 pm               | Missouri State University<br>Public Affairs Conference -<br>"Building Healthy Communities:<br>Mind, Body, Spirit"<br>April 5-8 |
| Film Series: Wadjda<br>Feb. 18, 6:30 pm                           | Cinema Vivant & 1920s<br>After-Party<br>May 7, 7:00 pm   |
| Film Series: The Kite Runner<br>Feb. 25, 6:30 pm                  | Old Time Music Festival<br>June 17-18,<br>10 am-10 pm  |
| Understanding Syria:<br>A War Doctor's Memoir<br>Feb. 25, 2:00 pm |  |
| Caladh Nua<br>March 3, 7:00 pm                                    |  |

All programs (with the exception of the Public Affairs Conference) take place in the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St. Louis St., West Plains. For full schedule of events, visit our website at [wp.missouristate.edu/ucp/theater.asp](http://wp.missouristate.edu/ucp/theater.asp). For more information, call the University/Community Programs Office at (417) 253-7966.

Tickets are available at the West Plains Civic Center box office weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by calling with a charge card (417) 256-8087.

All events are FREE to current Missouri State-West Plains students who have paid the student activity fee and hold a current BearPass ID.

To become a student, call 417-255-7955 or visit [www.wp.missouristate.edu/admissions](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/admissions). To support the university, call 417-255-7240 or visit [www.wp.missouristate.edu/development](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu/development).



# Goodbye, Marianne

Friday, Jan. 22 • 7:00 pm  
Admission \$8; 13 years & under FREE;  
FREE with BearPass ID

In 1938 Berlin, young Marianne Kohn arrives at school to find that Jewish students are no longer permitted. Soon, friends and loved ones are disappearing, neighborhood shops are being burned and Marianne's father must flee the Gestapo. Based on the author's childhood experiences in Nazi Germany, this children's play is a stirring account of love and loss, and one girl's courage in the face of a changing world. The play is performed by the Imaginary Theatre Company, the educational arm of the St. Louis Repertory Theatre.



# The Ballroom Thieves

Friday, Jan. 29 • 7:00 pm  
Admission \$10; 13 years & under FREE;  
FREE with BearPass ID

This hip band blends folk conventions with modern hymnals, and delta blues grit with rich harmonies. The trio of musicians explores the basic constructions of pop music while rejecting its restrictions. A cellist, drummer and guitarist all double up on stunning vocal harmonies. It's an incredibly talented indie band that takes folk-rock and turns it on its head with just plain great songs.

## February FILM SERIES

All Films are FREE  
and open to the public.

- Aladdin  
February 4, 6:30 pm
- Lawrence of Arabia  
February 11, 6:30 pm
- Wadjda  
February 18, 6:30 pm
- Journey Through the  
Mideast and Central Asia  
The Kite Runner  
February 25, 5:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Following the theme of this year's  
Common Reader for MSU-WP  
Students: The Kite Runner.  
Each film screening will include  
a short, film festival-style  
discussion.

**Aladdin** • Rated G  
Thursday, Feb. 4 • 6:30 pm • Civic Center Theater

Aladdin, a street boy, is the only person who can enter the cave of wonders and retrieve a magical lamp for the dark Vizier Jafar. Aladdin discovers a lamp containing Genie, played by the beloved Robin Williams, and uses his wishes to become a prince to get to know the lovely and spirited Princess Jasmine. Disney character dress-up is optional.

**Wadjda** • Rated PG  
Thursday, Feb. 18 • 6:30 pm • Civic Center Theater

Part comedy, part drama, this award-winning foreign film is the story of a spunky Saudi girl who wants to defy cultural norms by riding a bike. This heartwarming film shows the limits placed on girls in Saudi Arabia through Wadjda's quirky determination. This feature film is taking the film festival circuit by storm. Shown with English subtitles.

**Lawrence of Arabia** • Rated PG  
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 6:30 pm • Civic Center Theater

Winner of seven Academy Awards in 1962, this film tells the true story of the young, British intelligence officer in the Middle East during World War One. Eventually, he helps a British General bring down the Ottoman Empire. Be swept away by the orchestral score, charismatic acting, and incredible landscape shown on the big screen once again.

**The Kite Runner** • Rated R  
Thursday, Feb. 25 • 6:30 PM • Civic Center Theater

**Journey Through the Mideast and Central Asia** • 5:30 pm

In Afghanistan, a Pashtun boy and a Hazara boy enjoy an unlikely friendship that sees them through the trials of trauma, war and atonement. Reception will include refreshments from Central Asia and the Middle East, as well as traditional clothing from the region modeled by Missouri State-West Plains students.

**Understanding Syria:  
A War Doctor's Memoir**  
Thurs., Feb. 25 • 2:00 pm  
Book Reading • Signing • Q & A  
FREE Admission • Civic Center Theater

Dr. Tarif Bakdash, a Syrian-American physician who works in Syrian refugee camps, will read from his new book, "Inside Syria - A Physician's Memoir." The Harvard University and Cleveland Clinic trained neurologist puts into context the political and humanitarian crisis facing Syria, the Middle East, and now, the world. The live reading in West Plains will be followed by a Q & A session with Dr. Bakdash and a book signing.

**Caladh Nua**  
Thurs., March. 3 • 7:00 pm  
Admission \$10; 13 years & under FREE;  
FREE with BearPass ID

Plucked straight from the Emerald Isle, Caladh Nua is a tightly-knit, vibrant band with its origins deeply rooted in the southern counties of Ireland. Comprised of five versatile musicians and singers playing a wide selection of instruments - from banjo to fiddle, guitar to bodhran and tin whistle to button accordion - the band has captured the essential qualities of traditional Irish music and balanced them with an innovative contemporary flair. Through a series of international tours and festivals across the globe, Caladh Nua has cast a uniquely captivating net of Irish music and song over an ever widening worldwide audience.