



Division of Arts, Business, and Cultural Programs

CALENDAR

Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

AUGUST

EDI – DJ Series – Guest Artist
8/21 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

SEPTEMBER

Gallery Show 1: Cuentos Empanizados
9/2 - 9/30/25 • Gallery

Art Gallery Reception
9/2/25 • Doors Open 7 p.m.
Artist Talk 7:30 p.m. • Gallery

Egyptian Lover
9/10/25 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Mural Dedication & Artist Talk
9/11/25 • Noon - 1:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

Dance: Student Success Event
9/24/25 • 11:10 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. • Board Room

LEGACIE+ Talk with Victor Rios
9/25/25 • Noon - 1 p.m. • Board Room

OCTOBER

You Got This: Arts Transfer Q&A
10/7/25 • Lecture • Noon - 1 p.m. • B 17

Gallery Show 2: BREED
10/13 - 11/14/25 • Gallery

Art Gallery Reception
10/14/25 • Doors Open 7 p.m.
Artist Talk 7:30 p.m. • Gallery

Luis Rodriguez Art Exhibit
10/20 - 11/14/25 • Learning Resource Center Foyer

Luis Rodriguez Talk & Book Signing
10/22/25 • Noon - 1 p.m.
Learning Resource Center Foyer

EDI – DJ Series – Guest Artist
10/23/25 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Halloween Maze
10/30/25 • Noon - 4 p.m. • B 17

NOVEMBER

Frank and Friends
11/5/25 • 7:30 p.m. • MC 6

Sneak Peak: Fall Dance Showing
11/19/25 • 12:45 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

An Evening of Short Plays
11/20 - 11/22/25 • Doors Open 7 p.m.
Performance Starts at 7:30 p.m. • MC 6

Gallery Show 3: Student Art Sale
11/24 - 11/26/25 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Gallery

Choir Concert
11/24/25 • 7:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

EDI Pop Collective
11/25/25 • 7:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

DECEMBER

Diverse Instruments Ensemble
12/2/25 • 7:30 p.m. • MC 6

JANUARY

EDI – DJ Series – Guest Artist
1/29/26 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

VITA Tax Services
Fridays, 1/30 - 4/10/26 (Closed 2/13 and 3/27)
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • El Monte Educational Center

FEBRUARY

Gallery Show 4: Faculty Show
2/9 - 3/12/26 • Gallery

Art Gallery Reception
2/10/26 • Doors Open 7 p.m.
Artist Talk 7:30 p.m. • Gallery

Boogaloo Shrimp
2/18/26 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Boardroom

MARCH

EDI – DJ Series – Guest Artist
3/19/26 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

APRIL

Gallery Show 5: skin, hair, blood and bones
4/1 - 4/30/26 • Gallery

Art Gallery Reception
4/2/26 • Doors Open 7 p.m.
Artist Talk 7:30 p.m. • Gallery

Spring Dance Showing: Rising
4/2/26 • 6 p.m. • Whittier Theater

Mostly Kosher
4/7/26 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Faculty Concert
4/9/26 • 5 p.m. • MC 6

Songwriter Showcase
4/15/26 • 2:30 p.m. • Río Cafe

MAY

Spring Dance Showing
5/6/26 • 12:45 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Choir Concert
5/11/26 • 7:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

EDI Pop Collective
5/13/26 • 7:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

Musical Theatre Cabaret
5/14 - 5/16/26 • Doors Open at 7. pm.
Performance Starts at 7:30 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Gallery Show 6: Student Art Show
5/14/26 • Gallery

Student Art Gallery Reception
5/14/26 • 6 p.m. • Gallery

Diverse Instruments
5/20/26 • 7:30 p.m. • MC 6



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THEATRE



Halloween Maze

October 30, 2025 • Noon - 4 p.m. • B 17

Dare to enter the ABC Division's Halloween Maze! Twists, turns, and spine-tingling surprises await around every corner. Will you make it out... or will you get lost in the fright. Join us for thrills, chills, and Halloween fun!

An Evening of Short Plays

November 20-22, 2025 • 7:30 p.m. (Doors Open 30 Minutes Prior to Start) • MC 6

Experience fresh voices and bold visions in this showcase of short plays written by emerging playwrights and brought to life by Rio Hondo College student directors and actors. From heartfelt to hilarious, each piece offers a unique glimpse into the next generation of theatre talent. Don't miss this night of new work, big ideas and creative energy!

Musical Theatre Cabaret

May 14-16, 2026 • 7:30 p.m. (Doors Open 30 Minutes Prior to Start) • L-Tower Stage

Enjoy a dazzling night of song and storytelling in this musical theatre cabaret! Featuring show-stopping numbers and heartfelt performances, this showcase highlights the talent and passion of rising Rio Hondo College actors, singers, and dancers as they perform favorites from Broadway and beyond. A must-see evening of music, emotion and pure entertainment!

ART

Cuentos Empanizados

September 2 - 30, 2025* • Gallery

Reception: September 2, 2025

Doors Open 7 p.m. • Artist Talk 7:30 p.m.

Presented as part of the SUR-biennial, *Cuentos Empanizados* explores paper as a vessel for memory, transformation and storytelling. Featured artists use multimedia practices to reimagine personal and cultural histories rooted in family and community. The exhibition reflects on identity, resilience and paper's role as a living archive across generations.

Mural Dedication & Artist Talk

September 11, 2025 • Noon - 1:30 p.m. • Learning Resource Center

Join us for the ribbon cutting and artist talk celebrating *River of Knowledge*, by artist Ian Roberson-Salt, a stunning new mural commissioned by Rio Hondo and curated by our arts faculty. This vibrant work honors our community's journey through learning, culture and creative expression.

BREED

October 13 – November 10, 2025* • Gallery

Reception: October 14, 2025

Doors Open 7 p.m. • Artist Talk 7:30 p.m.

Seth Kaufman, known widely as a sculptor, utilizes recognizable and non-traditional materials in unconventional applications. For 35 years, his works have been exhibited internationally in galleries, museums and private collections. He has served as an Associate Professor of Art and Design for 25 years at Art Center College of Design. His Social Media project @sethkaufmanart was founded on September 10, 2013 as an artistic visual diary and a platform for photographic expression and socio-political discourse.

MUSIC



EDI – DJ Series Series – Guest Artists

August 21 and October 23, 2025, January 29 and March 19, 2026

Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

In this inaugural year of the EDI (Electronic Digital Instrument) bachelor's degree, we celebrate the fusion of music, technology and innovation. Partnering with 6am, a local DJ talent agency, students will connect with fellow performers through dynamic, inspiring on-campus performances that showcase creative possibility.

Egyptian Lover

September 10, 2025 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

We're thrilled to launch the new EDI (Electronic Digital Instrument) bachelor's degree, blending music, technology and innovation. To celebrate this milestone, our inaugural year features live DJ performances—including a special set by old-school legend Egyptian Lover—showcasing the program's creative, future-forward vision.

Frank and Friends

November 5, 2025 • 7:30 p.m. • MC 6

Join Rio Hondo guitar professor Frank Accardo and his talented musical guests for *Frank and Friends*, an unforgettable evening of eclectic sounds and vibrant performances. From classical to contemporary jazz to pop, this concert celebrates the joy of collaboration and the power of live music. Don't miss this genre-spanning showcase of artistry and energy!

DANCE

Sneak Peak: Fall Dance Showing

November 19, 2025 • 12:45 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Celebrate the beauty of autumn through movement at this year's Fall Dance Showing! Get a Sneak Peek into works created for submission to the American College Dance Association competition. Don't miss an afternoon of artistry and inspiration featuring mesmerizing choreography and talented dancers.

Spring Dance Showing: Rising

April 2, 2026 • 6 p.m. • Whittier Theatre

Prepare to be moved by the power of dance at this year's spring show, *Rising*! This electrifying showcase embodies the theme of resilience, growth and transformation through breathtaking choreography and dynamic performances. Watch as dancers push boundaries, soar beyond limitations and express the essence of rising—whether from struggle, passion, or pure artistry. Join us for an unforgettable evening where energy, emotion and inspiration take center stage!

Spring Dance Showing

May 6, 2026 • 12:45 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

This showcase captures the essence of the season with graceful performances and expressive storytelling. Student choreography showcases emerging talent, creativity and personal expression, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative movement to the stage. This special outdoor showcase features themes of renewal, energy and artistry in a setting where movement meets nature.



LECTURES

Dance: Student Success Event

September 24, 2025 • 11:10 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. • Board Room

Hear from recent alumni from Rio's Dance program as they share advice and insights into transferring, degrees, challenges and successes in life beyond Rio.

LEGACIE+ Talk with Victor Rios

September 25, 2025 • Noon - 1 p.m. • Board Room

Dr. Victor Rios turned his journey from gang involvement into a Ph.D. into a mission-driven business. Through DrVictorRios.com and Project GRIT, he offers consulting, training, and inspiration—empowering educators and underserved youth while transforming adversity into impact and reinvestment in marginalized communities.

You Got This: Arts Transfer Q&A

October 7, 2025 • Noon - 1 p.m. • B 17

Art majors, do you have transfer questions? We are here to help! Arts faculty and counselors will answer your questions about the transfer process, portfolios and different options for arts majors planning to apply to four-year colleges.

BUSINESS

VITA Tax Services

Fridays, January 30 - April 10, 2026 (Closed 2/13 and 3/27)
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • El Monte Educational Center

The Rio Hondo College Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Certified student volunteers assist community taxpayers in e-filing their tax returns and claiming benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC). This service not only supports the financial well-being of local residents but also offers Rio Hondo students practical experience in tax preparation and community service. For taxpayers with income under \$67,000. Walk-ins only.

*Gallery Hours: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday

Luis Rodriguez Art Exhibit

October 20 - November 14, 2025 • Learning Resource Center Foyer

Inspired by the stories told in the book *Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.*, is a collection of never-before-seen images taken by author Luis J. Rodriguez. The "Always Running" photo exhibit features photography of the people and places that touched and influenced Rodriguez's life during the 1960s-1980s. Curated by photographer and artist Noé Montes.

Luis Rodriguez Talk & Book Signing

October 22, 2025 • Noon - 1 p.m. • Library Foyer

Always Running is Luis Rodríguez's powerful memoir of surviving East L.A. gang life, finding redemption through writing—and photography—showing at Rio Hondo in November. Join us for a lecture and book-signing event to explore his vivid art, raw redemption story and compelling message of hope for future generations.

Student Art Sale

November 24-26, 2025 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Gallery

Don't miss your chance to own an original work of art created by a talented Rio Hondo College student! This annual sale features a wide selection of ceramics, photography, paintings, jewelry and prints—perfect for collectors, gift-givers or anyone who loves unique, handcrafted pieces. Support emerging artists and take home something truly special.

Faculty Show

February 9 – March 12, 2026* • Gallery

Reception: February 10, 2026

Doors Open 7 p.m. • Artist Talk 7:30 p.m.

This biannual exhibition showcases the creative work of the talented Rio Hondo College Visual Arts Faculty. From painting and sculpture to digital media and beyond, explore the diverse practices and perspectives of the artists who inspire our students every day. Come see what your instructors create when they step into their own studios.



Boogaloo Shrimp

February 18, 2026 • Noon - 1 p.m.
L-Tower Boardroom

Michael "Turbo" Chambers, iconic for *Breakin'*, helped pioneer freestyle urban dance through film, music videos and work with legends like Michael Jackson. A dancer, teacher and creator, he now focuses on education, ocean advocacy and producing family-friendly entertainment that inspires the next generation of artists.

Mostly Kosher

April 7, 2026 • Noon - 1 p.m. • L-Tower Stage

Mostly Kosher fuses Klezmer, Jazz, Latin, Rock and Folk into a bold musical feast, reimagining Judaic and American traditions with electrifying beats and Yiddish flair.

Faculty Concert

April 9, 2026 • 5 p.m. • MC 6

Join us for an engaging musical performance featuring Music Faculty members Frank Accardo (guitar), Dr. Joanne Choe (voice) and Jannine Livingston (piano). They will be accompanied by special surprise guests for an enjoyable program showcasing a vibrant array of musical styles and genres.

Songwriter Showcase

April 15, 2026 • 2:30 p.m. • Rio Cafe

Experience the creativity of Rio Hondo's Songwriting & Arranging students as they perform their original songs live at the Rio Café! Come support these emerging artists and enjoy an afternoon of great music and community.

Choir Concert

May 11, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.
Learning Resource Center

Join us for a joyful celebration of song as the Rio Hondo College Choir presents its spring concert. Featuring a vibrant selection of choral works spanning genres and styles, this performance showcases the talent, growth and spirit of our student vocalists. Come experience the power and beauty of voices in harmony this spring.

EDI Pop Collective

May 13, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.

Learning Resource Center

The Crossroads Electronic Digital Instrument Pop Collective from Rio Hondo College presents a high-energy showcase celebrating creative collaboration, innovative technology and future-forward music performance. Employing grid-based controllers, electronic instruments and live vocals, the concert features fresh takes on familiar pop tracks and original works by student producer-performers.

Diverse Instruments Ensemble

May 20, 2026 • 7:30 p.m. • MC 6

Experience a one-of-a-kind performance by a unique ensemble featuring a diverse array of instruments, each part thoughtfully arranged for the individual musician. This one-hour concert journeys through a variety of musical genres and historical periods, brought to life through original orchestrations. Discover the creativity and range of this distinctive group in an evening of inspired music-making.

