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Founded in 1964, Cleveland State University is a public research institution that provides a dynamic setting for Engaged Learning. With 17,000-plus students, nine colleges and more than 175 academic programs, CSU was again chosen for 2017 as one of America's best universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. Find more information at csuohio.edu.

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As the largest performing arts center in the country outside of New York, the not-for-profit Playhouse Square is Northeast Ohio's destination for Broadway and more great entertainment. Playhouse Square is a champion of arts education and downtown Cleveland, and proud to be the home of Cleveland Play House, Cleveland State University Department of Theatre and Dance, DANCECleveland, Great Lakes Theater and Tri-C JazzFest.

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WELCOME!

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL Arts and Humanities Alive! Festival (AHA! for short), proudly presented by Cleveland State University. This is an exciting first not only for Cleveland, but, we believe, the rest of the nation — a unique, fun-filled, three-day celebration of creativity and the human experience, manifested across multiple disciplines.

Storytelling: What Our Stories Tell Us About Ourselves is the focal point for AHA! 2017, which is curated by John Frohnmayer, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. We'll explore this rich theme from every angle, with captivating performances and thought-provoking presentations by luminaries from the worlds of literature, entertainment, theater, dance and more.



At CSU, we're fortunate to have our campus in the heart of a vibrant metropolitan region, and we treasure our interconnectivity with Northeast Ohio. We hope AHA! will further enhance our close ties to the community and make a dynamic addition to Cleveland's cultural calendar.

The festival would not be possible without the generous support of Myra and Darwin Smith. Many thanks also to our flagship partner Playhouse Square, as well as all of our supporting partners.

I warmly invite you to join us and enjoy your own AHA! moment.

Sincerely,
Ronald M. Berkman
President
Cleveland State University

INSPIRED IDEAS

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST-EVER AHA! FESTIVAL.

The Cleveland State University/Playhouse Square neighborhood will be alive with words, music, theater, dance and art on June 7, 8 and 9, as CSU inaugurates Arts and Humanities Alive (AHA!) Festival.

Sign up for our newsletter at AHACSU.COM to get the most up-to-date information about programs and to register for individual events.

Event Dates and Locations

June 7, 8 and 9 in downtown Cleveland

NOTE: Locations vary based on event. Visit AHACSU.COM for specific location information.

Where to Park:

Looking for a place to park your car? Visit these websites for convenient parking options:
csuohio.edu/parking/general-information-visitor-parking-information
playhousesquare.org/plan-your-visit-main/directions-parking

Ticket Information

Tickets for individual festival events range from \$5 to \$35 with many additional free performances and talks. Registration is required for almost all events. For a full list of pricing, to purchase individual tickets or to reserve your seat, visit AHACSU.COM.

Connect with Us

Interested in becoming a volunteer or partner? We'd love to hear from you!

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EVENT SCHEDULE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAPTIVATING EVENTS THAT WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT AHA! FEST. FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS OR TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT, VISIT AHACSU.COM.

June 7

Outdoor Book Festival

Playhouse Square (Euclid Avenue, between East 14th and East 17th streets)

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. • Free



Buy the latest novel or a classic book, hear stories read and performed by authors and musicians, experience the children's area and tell your own stories on the interactive story canvas! Free parking available at the CSU East 17th Street garage.

Origami Tales

Outdoor Book Festival

11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. • Free

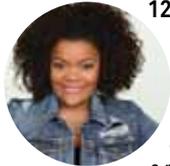
Kuniko Yamamoto enchants audiences of every age with dramatic storytelling using myths and fables from ancient and modern Japan, spiced with social revelations to educate and amuse.

The Arts as a Tool for Personal Growth

State Theatre Stage, 1519 Euclid Ave.

12 to 2 p.m. • Tickets: \$35

East Cleveland native Yvette Nicole Brown, an actress best known for her role on NBC's comedy series *Community*, will deliver the keynote address on how the arts can serve as a powerful tool for educational growth.



Learn to Dance Like a Star

State Theatre Stage, 1519 Euclid Ave.

5 to 6 p.m. • Tickets: \$5

Dancer Karina Smirnoff, popular performer on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*, will lead a public dance workshop. No experience necessary. Come learn to dance or watch the fun.



The Vietnam War

CSU Student Center Ballroom

7:30 p.m. • Free;

Registration required

The AHA! Fest will host the local premiere of *The Vietnam War*, a new PBS documentary directed by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns.

The film, presented in partnership with ideastream, will be introduced by co-producer Lynn Novick.



June 8

The African-American Experience

Drinko Hall, 2001 Euclid Ave.

10 to 11 a.m. • Tickets: \$10



Isabel Wilkerson discusses her award-winning book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, a story of the migration of African-Americans to the north during the mid-20th century. In partnership with Tri-C's Mandel Humanities Center and the Cleveland Foundation.

Creativity and Collaboration

Drinko Hall, 2001 Euclid Ave.

2 to 3 p.m. • Free;

Registration required



Noted author, screenwriter and playwright Delia Ephron discusses collaboration: when it works, when it doesn't and how to get better at it. On June 8 and 9, she will introduce *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, the hit play co-written with her sister Nora.

TEDx Salon: Astral Stories

Westfield Insurance Studio Theatre, 1375 Euclid Ave.

5 to 6 p.m. • Free;

Registration required



Dr. Lucianne Walkowicz is an astronomer, author and artist who seeks to combine the "right and left brain" to better understand cosmic phenomena and scientific principles.

Jonathan Safran Foer

Waetjen Auditorium, 2001 Euclid Ave.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Free; Registration required

Jonathan Safran Foer is the award-winning American novelist of *Everything Is Illuminated* and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. Presented with Cuyahoga County Public Library in partnership with the Mandel JCC Cleveland Jewish Book Festival and moderated by John Frohmayer.

Love, Loss and What I Wore

Outcalt Theatre, 1407 Euclid Ave.

7:30 to 9 p.m. • Tickets: \$25

Love, Loss and What I Wore uses clothes and the memories they trigger to tell funny and often poignant stories about life. Produced in partnership with Playhouse Square and Mamaí Theatre Co.

June 9

The Art of Leadership

CSU Student Center, 2121 Euclid Ave., Third Floor

10 to 11:30 a.m. • Tickets: \$10



Presidential historian, Pulitzer Prize winner and *TIME* magazine editor Jon Meacham is one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. As a regular guest on MSNBC, he is a skilled raconteur with a depth of knowledge of current affairs.

Malpaso Dance Co.

Gund Dance Studio, 1375 Euclid Ave.

12 to 1 p.m.

Based in Havana, Cuba, the critically acclaimed Malpaso visits Cleveland as part of the Cleveland Foundation Creative Fusion – Cuban Impact Project, in partnership with DANCECleveland.

Stories in Musical Notes

Drinko Hall, 2001 Euclid Ave.

2 to 3 p.m. • Free;

Registration required



Internationally renowned pianist Jeffrey Siegel will present a one-hour storytelling journey written in musical notes. Siegel is best known for his celebrated Keyboard Conversations, which combine virtuosity with a fascinating "behind the notes" look at piano classics.

Dr. Gregory D'Alessio

Drinko Hall, 2001 Euclid Ave.

5 to 6 p.m. • Free; Registration required

The Cloud and the Cave: storytelling in words, sounds, images and music. The award-winning composer presents a new mixed media work looking at our highly fraught "tribal" world.

The Frog Bride

Hanna Theatre, 2067 E. 14th St.

6 to 7 p.m. • Tickets: \$10



When a king sends his three sons to find their brides, two return with fair ladies. The last returns with...A FROG?! This hip adaptation of a classic Russian tale stars David Gonzalez and features stunning live video projection.

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DON'T MISS CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS THAT RUN DAILY JUNE 7, 8 AND 9.

CSU Summer Dance Workshop, CSU Dance Studio 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This yearly dance experience features instruction and the opportunity to work with professional dance companies, including the Malpaso Dance Co. of Cuba. To learn more, visit csuohio.edu/dance.

CSU Student Art Exhibit

Galleries at CSU, 1307 Euclid Ave.

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Student works displayed for special viewing



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