



FRIDAY GREETINGS

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Hello, Students & Scholars!

No need to *leaf* your calendar empty — there's plenty to *fall* for this week. Luckily, Pittsburgh isn't slowing down anytime soon. You'll find everything from colorful festivals to thought-provoking art, with events that span cultures, cuisines and even a bridge party. We hope you enjoy this issue of the OIE "Friday Greetings" newsletter!

OIE & CMU News & Events



Artist Public Lecture: Sharmistha Ray

Sept. 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Don't miss "Resident Alien," a public talk by artist and professor Sharmistha Ray. Ray's art practice delves into the complex inheritance of multiple cultures through the lens of their queer identity, immigration and modes of abstraction, both Western and non-Western.

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Our Pittsburgh Picks



Annual Ukrainian Food Festival

Sept. 12-13

Experience the rich flavors and vibrant traditions of Ukraine at a lively food festival featuring homemade dishes and pastries, a unique Ukrainian marketplace, tours and a basket raffle. Whether you're craving comfort food or cultural connection, this celebration has something for everyone!

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Exhibition Opening: Yasmine El Meleegy

Sept. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Check out an exclusive unveiling of Yasmine El Meleegy's latest solo exhibition at Mattress Factory! A self-proclaimed time-traveling archaeologist, she creates participatory events to instantiate counter-narratives in her works.



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DreamFest

Sept. 12-13

Dream big this weekend. DreamFest's block party features a vibrant day of hands-on science, music, food and family fun in the historic Hill District. Free to all, the outdoor celebration will buzz with youth STEM activities, live DJs, local vendors and more.

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Clemente Bridge Fest

Sept. 13 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Celebrate the legacy of baseball icon and humanitarian Roberto Clemente on the bridge that bears his name! Join Pirates fans for an unforgettable tribute filled with live music, Puerto Rican dance lessons, delicious bites like pizza, ice cream and drinks, plus family-friendly games and live art making — all honoring Clemente's extraordinary life on and off the field.



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Pittsburgh Chinese Culture Festival

Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Experience the largest outdoor celebration of Chinese culture in Western PA! Enjoy mesmerizing performances by pipa virtuoso Yang Jin and her Flying Strings Youth Ensemble, thrilling martial arts displays, lion dances, and a vibrant cultural marketplace filled with authentic food, handcrafted gifts and interactive workshops. This immersive event fosters cross-cultural connection and community spirit in a lively, family-friendly atmosphere.

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Have an announcement to share?

If you have an event or announcement that you wish to submit for inclusion in OIE's Friday Greetings newsletter, please submit it via our [Event Submission Form](#) by **Wednesday at 5 p.m. EST** for inclusion in the following Friday's newsletter.

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