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International Week bursts onto RMC campus with swings and flings March 17 to 21

BILLINGS, March 5, 2014 – The Rocky Mountain College campus focuses on international perspectives the week of March 17 to 21. Students enjoy several events daily ranging from academic discussion with a Palestinian refugee comedian to Latin dance lessons, an international internship seminar, a slide guitar concert, a cricket match, and a Highland games event. A St. Patrick’s Day supper invites the Billings community in McDonald Commons Mon., March 17, as does a scrumptious Middle Eastern dinner Wed., March 19. Each opens at 5:30 p.m. and costs $9.00.

Other events are open only to RMC students and employees. Director of International Programs Amber West Martin and Director of Student Activities Cara Lohrenz prepared a combination of learning, entertainment, and hands-on opportunities to “open students’ minds to the different cultures around them and on campus,” West Martin said.

Dan Dubuque, a “one man experimental soul band” from Polson, Mont., plays his Weissenborn slide guitar, ukelele, and charango Tues., March 18, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Bair Family Student Center. Later that afternoon, the 4th Annual RMC Highland Games challenge students with caber toss and hammer throw.

Mohammed "Mo" Amer, standup comedian from Houston, Texas, has performed in 20 countries on five continents – as the first and only Arab-American refugee comic to perform for U.S. and coalition troops overseas, as well as with “Allah Made Me Funny – The Official Muslim Comedy Tour.” Amer has been interviewed on television and radio dozens of times, including on NPR, BBC, and CNN.

Amer discusses the social implications of his art with RMC students at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday in Fortin Education Center Auditorium. His work promotes art and understanding between diverse cultures, and his Palestinian cultural and family background situate him to speak from the heart about the absurd problems of religion, terror, and the politics of our age through the lens of honest, endearing, personal
stories about his family and himself. Open to RMC students Wed., March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Fortin Education Center Auditorium, Mo’s one-man show "Legally Homeless: Trials of a Refugee" debuted in front of 5,000 fans at Olympic Square in Sydney, Australia.

Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Selover Board Room of the Bair Family Student Center, and at noontime tables, West Martin offers news on international internships for students available through RMC affiliate programs. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons feature 4:00 p.m. rugby and cricket matches in Fortin Education Center.

Friday, March 21, Isa Bonilla (’14) offers a Latin dance lesson to RMC students, staff, and faculty at 6:30 p.m. in Fortin Education Center. Each night during International Week, international coffee houses in the Bear’s Den Grill host studying students 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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