

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. January 29- February 2. Please Share!

Wednesday, January 29

Wes Brown & Friends

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every "Wes-day" joined by talented musicians from all over the valley!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1071444621400506>

Thursday, January 30

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Join Tom & Laurie this winter for a highly interactive program! Designed for ages 0-5. Includes English and Spanish playful adaptations of songs and collective creation of new verses that incorporate high interest themes and accessible movements to expand vocabulary. Made possible by a generous grant from New Salem Academy.

Thursday, January 30

Practical Magic series with Kaia

Brick House, 24 Third St., 2:30pm

For teens. An exploration of herbalism and magic. This week? Potions.

Thursday, January 30

Quilt Club

Swanson's Stash House, 3-7pm

320 Avenue A. Join us to work on your quilting projects. This is a fellowship session - drop in, \$10 for non members, \$5 for students, free for members. <https://www.swansonsfabrics.com/classes-workshops>

Thursday, January 30

Book Club

Montague Center Library, 7-8pm

Discussion: The History of Sound by Ben Shattuck

Friday, January 31

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Groundhogs

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome. Meet in the Great Hall.

Friday, January 31

Nice & Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear and bring water. Inclement weather cancels. Meet at the main entrance.

Friday, January 31

Montague Shakespeare Festival Workshop

“Going Solo” with Ben Addis

ZOOM 1-2pm. Ben Addis, a Welsh actor renowned for his work with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), the National Theatre London, and numerous screen roles, will lead an inspiring Zoom workshop focused on mastering the soliloquy—one of Shakespeare's most powerful tools for storytelling. Ben's impressive career includes performances across the globe, from London's West-End to international stages, as well as appearances in popular TV shows and films such as "Paris Has Fallen" and "Maryland." Whether you are an experienced actor or someone just beginning to explore the world of Shakespeare, this workshop will offer valuable insights into preparing, delivering, and savoring the soliloquy. Learn from Ben Addis as he shares his wealth of experience and passion for Shakespeare's language in an engaging and supportive online environment. REGISTER:

<https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/all-upcoming-workshops>

Friday, January 31

Live Music: Well-Suited

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

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Bluegrass & Beyond

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Featuring “An Evening of Honky Tonk Music with Betsy Dawn Williams.” Betsy Dawn Williams is a local singer/musician who fronted the country swing band Girl Howdy for many years. In addition she was the lead singer for the popular country swing band The Nite Caps. Swing dance, two-steps and waltzes will be on the menu for this evening of classic country music. <https://www.facebook.com/events/940271124346905>

Saturday, February 1

Where Are All the Animals Hiding?

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

How do animals stay snug and warm for winter? Come investigate hidden winter animal homes through stories, crafts, and activities. For ages 3–6+ with a parent or guardian.

February 1-2

OPEN CASTING CALL: MacBeth

VIA ZOOM February 1, 2, 8 at 1pm

REGISTER: <https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/casting-events>

The Montague Shakespeare Festival invites you to be part of something extraordinary through our entirely virtual casting process. We're seeking passionate performers of all kinds – actors, musicians, artists, and performers of all ilk– to bring Shakespeare's dark masterpiece, Macbeth, to life at the Shea Theater Arts Center in Turners Falls, MA. Note: Attendance at all three workshops is highly encouraged as these sessions will lead to the final casting decisions for MacBeth, scheduled for March 28 - April 6, 2025. Question?

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Saturday, February 1

FIRST GENERATION ENSEMBLE: MOTHER TONGUE

Shea Theater Arts Center, 7:30pm

\$15-\$20 Sliding Scale. Ages 12+

RiverCulture is proud to co-sponsor MOTHER TONGUE an original multilingual physical theater performance inspired by the experiences of ensemble members, their families and communities who are from Congo/Tanzania, Bhutan/Nepal, South Sudan/Darfur, Puerto Rico, Holyoke, and Springfield, Massachusetts. The 90 minute performance weaves together theater, movement, music, dance, and stories in Arabic, Swahili, Nepali, Spanish, and English. Mother Tongue incorporates themes of diaspora, culture, identity, language, hypermasculinity, transphobia, racism, education, the school to prison pipeline, personal liberation, and revolution.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/537115055454880>

Saturday, February 1

Lakoma/Sister Mary Trigger Happy

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

Original Music. <https://www.facebook.com/events/4028599754039119>

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Emily Margaret/NCP Sound

The Rendeizvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

The Emily Margaret Band create catchy R&B and folk influenced music, with lyrics about heartache and longing that sound like they fell out of a poetry book. NCPsound is a solo and collaborative artist from southern Vermont that incorporates live looping with guitar to make a psychedelic rock/reggae sound with inspiration from classic rock bands, 90s grunge and jam bands. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1324485301957574>

Sunday, February 2

OPEN CASTING CALL: MacBeth

VIA ZOOM. 1pm. Description above. RESISTER: <https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/casting-events>