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BMCC to celebrate 20th anniversary of Arts & Culture Festival

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College will mark the 20th anniversary of its annual Arts & Culture Festival April 16-19 with a variety of presentations, activities and a few animals. All Arts & Culture events are free and open to the public.

Activities kick off on Monday at 10 a.m. with a variety of morning presentations. The festival includes a special 20th anniversary celebration on Monday, April 16, from 5-6 p.m. in the Student Union in Pioneer Hall on the Pendleton campus. Doug Radke, who founded the Arts & Culture Festival, will attend and speak at the event, which will feature light refreshments from Susie's Cafe. The 20th anniversary celebration is free, family-friendly and open to the public.

Following the celebration, the Arts & Culture Artist-in-Residence, Natasha Ria el-Scari, will give a presentation in the Bob Clapp Theatre at 6 p.m. el-Scari's black feminist approach is reflected in her writing, poetry and performance pieces.

Tuesday, April 17, will feature a variety of presentations, ranging from a presentation on Indian Relay Races to immigrants' rights and readings from the 11th annual Writing Competition's submissions. That evening will feature the EO Forum: "The Healing Power of Animals," which includes panelists who will speak about the impact animals can have on healing, rehabilitation and overall health. PAWS will host an animal adoption event earlier that afternoon on campus.

The Arts & Culture Festival doesn't just take place in Pendleton – BMCC's Hermiston Center will feature a wide range of presentations and events April 18-19, including "In Science We Trust," part of the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project, on April 18 at 10 a.m. In addition, the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project will host the presentation, "In Science We Trust" in Hermiston on April 18 at 10 a.m., and in Pendleton on April 19 at 11 a.m. in ST-200.

For the complete Arts & Culture Festival schedule, please visit www.bluecc.edu.

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