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Minority Health Film Festival kicks off four-day run tomorrow

The four-day **Minority Health Film Festival** kicks off tomorrow (Thursday, September 12) and will showcase unique film selections, community forums, and an interactive health fair, all related to information about the health statuses of racial-ethnic minority populations.

Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton said the film festival is the first of its kind in the nation, and he is strongly encouraging citizens to attend one or more of its offerings.

"From mental health and the diabetes epidemic, to tackling health care disparities and deadly gun violence, the Minority Health Film Festival is bringing events, sessions and screenings that have been inspired by health-related conversations happening across the nation right here to our Milwaukee communities," President Hamilton said.

"Please look over the festival schedule to find a session or screening that fits your interests," he said.

The Minority Health Film Festival is presented by Milwaukee Film, the Black Lens Film Series, Cine Sin Fronteras, and Froedtert/The Medical College of Wisconsin and will feature events across Milwaukee from Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15.

The list of primary festival **panel discussions** include:

Let's Talk Mental Health: A Conversation with Charlamagne Tha God

Charlamagne Tha God is best known for being co-host of the nationally syndicated hip-hop iHeartRadio program THE BREAKFAST CLUB. He has also been a leading force in the mental health discussion in America. His panel discussion will begin at **12 p.m. Thursday, September 12th at Turner Hall Ballroom (1040 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave.)**

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Film Festival/ADD ONE

Mind & Body: Conversations with STYLES P

Whether a part of acclaimed rap trio The LOX or as a solo artist, Styles' (aka David Styles) razor-sharp slick talk has created a cult-like following within the hip-hop and "gangsta" rap community. Looking to balance to his fast-paced rapper lifestyle, Styles began supplementing his diet with juicing 10 years ago. Styles P appears as a part of the "The Art of Mental Health" and "Juicing For Life" resource fair panels. "Juicing For Life" will be at **3 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 at Kenilworth Square, 2155 N. Prospect Ave.** and "The Art of Mental Health" will be held at **1 p.m. on Sunday, September 15 at The Back Room @ Colectivo, 2211 N. Prospect Ave.**

Legacies of Mistrust: A Conversation with Harriet Washington

An award-winning medical writer, medical ethicist, and the author of the best-selling book, *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*, Harriet Washington deconstructs the politics around medical issues. Harriet Washington appears as a part of the "Legacies of Mistrust" event **on Sunday, September 15 at 6 p.m. in the UWM Union Ballroom (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.).** Tickets for the session can be purchased at **mkefilm.org/mhff_**

Key festival **film screenings** include:

SAVE ME (*USA / 2019 / 61 MINS.)*

What began as a Hmong-American play presented at UW-Milwaukee in 2018 by local Southeastern Milwaukee students has become an essential work of art, exploring issues of mental and emotional health in Milwaukee's Hmong community. ***Save Me*** features a young Hmong girl who loses her mother and falls into depression until she meets a mysterious person who teaches her to find acceptance. The film reveals the challenges of living between the two worlds of Hmong and Western life. **Friday, September 13 - 7 p.m. at the Oriental Theatre (2230 N. Farwell Ave.) with Q&A to follow.**

THE INTERRUPTERS ***(USA / 2011 / 125 MINS.)***

Profiling a year in the life of a city grappling with urban violence, ***The Interrupters*** follows members of the activist group CeaseFire as they work to curb violence in their Chicago neighborhoods by intervening in street fights and showing youths a better way to resolve conflicts. **Saturday, September 14 - 6:30 pm. at the Oriental Theatre (2230 N. Farwell Ave.) with Q&A to follow.**

Please go to **mkefilm.org/mhff** or see the **attached flyer** for the full schedule of Minority Health Film Festival events, disccussions, screenings and forums.

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SEPT. 12-15

Minority Health Film Festival

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Minority Health Film Festival

Inspired by health-related conversations happening across the nation, the Minority Health Film Festival was created to extend those conversations in Milwaukee communities. The first of its kind in the country, this four-day event features unique film selections, community forums, and an interactive health fair, all related to information about the health statuses of racial-ethnic minority populations.

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, educating, and engaging our community through cinematic experiences, with a vision to make Milwaukee a center for film culture. Milwaukee Film operates the magnificent Oriental Theatre, a historic cinema palace committed to high quality and accessible film and education programming. The 11th annual Milwaukee Film Festival will take place Oct. 17-31, 2019.
For more information or to become a Member, visit mkefilm.org.

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The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin regional health network is a partnership between Froedtert Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin supporting a shared mission of patient care, innovation, medical research, and education. Our health network operates eastern Wisconsin's only academic medical center and adult Level I Trauma Center at Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, an internationally recognized training and research center engaged in thousands of clinical trials and studies. The Froedtert & MCW health network, which includes five hospitals, more than 1,700 physicians and nearly 40 health centers and clinics, draws patients from throughout the Midwest and the nation. In our most recent fiscal year, outpatient visits exceeded 1.1 million, inpatient admissions to our hospitals were 52,483 and visits to our network physicians totaled 979,143.
For more information, visit froedtert.com.

A HEALTHY YOU: RESOURCE FAIR AND FORUMS

The Healthy You: Resource Fair and Forum is a space full of professionals and organizations who want to spend time with you, your families, and friends to engage, discuss, educate, and demonstrate ways for you to take your next step toward an even healthier life. Dozens of representatives from multiple organizations across the region will welcome you motivate, and inspire you with activities, information, and meaningful conversation on health concerns, preventative education, screenings, housing, employment, financial matters, and more.

A Healthy You: Resource Fair and Forum is a part of the Minority Health Film Festival. Take time for yourself and your family to attend a film screening and the resource fair and forum. This event is for you!

Saturday, Sept. 14 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Kenilworth Square
2155 Prospect Ave.
Free and open to the public

Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Charlamagne tha God

Best known for being a co-host of the nationally syndicated hip-hop iHeartRadio program "The Breakfast Club," Charlamagne tha God is a leading public advocate for mental health awareness. The New York Times bestselling author uses his platform as a social media influencer and popular podcaster ("Brilliant Idiots") to discuss his mental health struggles, particularly anxiety, which he addresses in his 2018 book *Shook One: Anxiety Playing Tricks on Me* (Simon & Schuster).

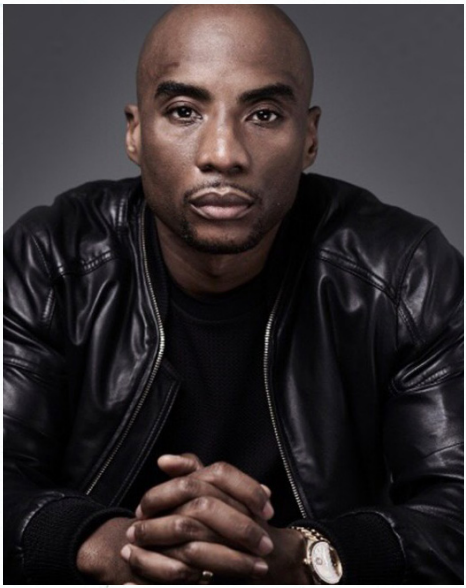
Health Persectives Noon Opening Panel

A panel of local medical practitioners discussing different perspectives on social determinants of health.

Let's Talk Mental Health
A Conversation with Charlamagne tha God

The opening panel discussion begins at noon, followed by Charlamagne at 1 p.m. at Turner Hall Ballroom (1040 Vel R. Phillips Ave.) on Thursday, Sept. 12

Tickets can be purchased at pabsttheater.org



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Check the forums schedule on PG. 4 for dates and times.

Harriet Washington

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Legacies of Mistrust
A Conversation with Harriet Washington

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EVENT SPONSORS

All of Us RESEARCH PROGRAM — The Future of Health Begins With You

UWM STUDENT UNION — Sociocultural Programming

FORUMS & PANELS SCHEDULE

Free and open to the public unless otherwise noted

Resource Fair

SATURDAY SEPT. 14

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH (AND HEALING) EVENT SPONSOR: UnitedHealthcare	11:30 AM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	Whether or not you consider yourself a "person of faith," learn how spirituality and recovery go hand in hand.
FINANCIAL FITNESS EVENT SPONSOR: United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County in partnership with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.	11:30 AM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	As a part of ongoing discussions around social determinants of health, we address how your financial wellness affects your physical and mental health.
THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT, RIGHT? EVENT SPONSOR: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	1 PM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin leads a community conversation around issues of behavioral, mental, and emotional wellness specifically for youth/teens.
TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE	1 PM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	Leading practitioners in trauma-related mental health disorders will discuss the effects of various types of trauma, with an emphasis on healing and recovery.
JUICING FOR LIFE	3 PM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	A discussion on the benefits of juicing in communities of color with national recording artist Styles P, owner of New York juice bar Juices for Life; and JoAnne & Maanaan Sabir, owners of local fresh juice cafe The Juice Kitchen.
AFTERSHOCK: THE EFFECT OF VIOLENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH	3 PM	Kenilworth Square 2155 Prospect Ave.	Exploring the lifelong emotional and mental health consequences of exposure to violence.

Colectivo & UWM Forums

SUNDAY SEPT. 15

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN – CANCER ADVISORY BOARD	11:30 AM	The Back Room @ Colectivo, 2211 N. Prospect Ave.	A discussion addressing the cancer burden faced by those living in eastern Wisconsin.
THE ART OF MENTAL HEALTH	1 PM	The Back Room @ Colectivo, 2211 N. Prospect Ave.	National recording artist Styles P joins a panel of creatives who use writing, music, photography, and other art forms to provide mental and emotional healing.
LEGACIES OF MISTRUST: MINORITES AND MEDICAL RESEARCH	5 PM	UWM Union Ballroom 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.	A panel featuring The All of Us Research Program, a historic effort to gather data from 1 million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health.
LEGACIES OF MISTRUST **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HARRIET WASHINGTON** EVENT SPONSOR: All of Us Research Program Medical College of Wisconsin	6 PM	UWN Union Ballroom 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Requires ticket to attend. Purchase at mkefilm.org/mhff	The award-winning medical writer and author of the best-selling book, *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*, Harriet Washington deconstructs the politics around medical issues, chronicling the origins of "scientific racism" in the United States.

SCREENING SCHEDULE

SCREENING AT THE ORIENTAL THEATRE
2230 N. FARWELL AVE.

SAVE ME

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 · 7 PM

Post-screening discussion with filmmaker and local community experts

UNBROKEN GLASS

USA / 2019 / 61 min / DIR Dinesh Sabu

A documentary about filmmaker Dinesh Sabu's journey to understand his parents, who died 20 years ago when he was six years old. *Unbroken Glass* is more than a story about immigrants or mental illness; it is a nuanced story of one family and their struggles.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 · 10 AM

Post-screening discussion with filmmaker and local community experts

RESILIENCE

USA / 2016 / 60 min / DIR James Redford

An exploration into the developments of medical studies where conditions like heart disease can be linked to childhood experiences, *Resilience* provides the basis for a new understanding of what our culture is facing and how to best treat families dealing with "toxic stress."

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 · 10:30 AM

Post-screening discussion with local community experts

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SALUD SIN PAPELES: HEALTH UNDOCUMENTED

USA / 2017 / 80 min / DIR Juan Freitez

Sparked by a neo-Nazi march, a ragtag group of activists organize the community to build a free clinic for undocumented immigrants, breaking the cycle of oppression perpetuated by healthcare disparities.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 · 1 PM

Post-screening discussion with filmmaker and local community experts

A TOUCH OF SUGAR

USA / 2019 / 45 min / DIR Ani Simon-Kennedy

Told through the voices of people united in their struggle with this chronic disease, *A Touch of Sugar* dives into the diabetes healthcare epidemic that affects every community in the United States.

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SPILLED MILK

USA / 2016 / 84 min / DIR Jaqai Mickelsen

Spilled Milk captures straight talk from doctors about the inexperience many hospital staffers have with Sickle Cell and the consequent stigmas that can plague African Americans seeking treatment for pain.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 · 1 PM

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THE INVISIBLE VEGAN

USA / 2019 / 90 min / DIR Jasmine Leyva

Foregrounding the health and wellness possibilities enabled by plant-based vegan diets and lifestyle choices, *The Invisible Vegan* explores the problem of unhealthy dietary patterns in the African American community.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 · 3 PM

Post-screening discussion with filmmaker and local community experts

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