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## CALENDAR

## TODAY

**Tiempo Libre** performs at Wharton Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28 for general admission and \$15 for students with a valid MSU ID. Two-time Grammy nominee Tiempo Libre will perform Latin and Cuban music. The group also will be doing a special performance of music written by Venezuelan classical composer, Ricardo Lorenz, a faculty member of the MSU College of Music. The special performance will include the MSU Symphony Orchestra. More information can be found at whartoncenter.com or by calling 1-800-Wharton.

## FRIDAY

**Echoes of Pink Floyd**, a Pink Floyd tribute band, will perform at 9 p.m. at Small Planet, 16800 S. Chandler Road. The show is for ages 18 and older and presale tickets are available for \$8. The show is sponsored by WMMQ Classic Rock Radio. More information can be found at thesmallplanet.net.

## SATURDAY

**The University Activities** will sponsor the Track and Field Challenge at 8 p.m. at Jenison Field House. Participants will compete in events such as the Costume Changing Relay or Frisbee Disc Throw. Prizes include gift cards and gym memberships. Participants will also receive a free MSU sweatband, a hot dog or a bag of caramel corn while supplies last. Additional information can be found at [UABevents.com](http://UABevents.com).

## SUNDAY

**The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet** will take place at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., in Lansing. Adult tickets are \$10, ages 6-12 are \$3 and under 6 are free. The exhibition will take place between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. More information can be found at [motorcycleswap.com/lansing.html](http://motorcycleswap.com/lansing.html) or by calling 1-800-968-4242.



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For the lowdown on what else is up this week, check out the calendar at [lansinglowdown.com](http://lansinglowdown.com) online.

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MSU studio art alumna Selma Hollander looks at "The North-South Slope of Mount Bot Saw" by Alan Shields at the opening reception for "The Kresge Art Museum Collection: Celebrating the 50th" Jan. 15 at the Kresge Art Museum. Hollander is involved with the art museum and funded the acquisition of the piece "Doorway for the Blues" by John Scott.

## The golden age of Kresge

MSU's campus art museum turns 50, will host series of special events

By Cole Bertson  
THE STATE NEWS

Kresge Art Museum is throwing a whole lot of numbers around. For instance, the 130 works of art they have on display to start off 2009 and the more than 1,200 pieces collected during the past decade. But the most important number for Kresge this year? That's the 50th anniversary of the museum is celebrating, and it is ringing in this landmark by bringing the community a recent acquisition that was purchased specifically to debut at "The Kresge Art Museum Collection: Celebrating the 50th" opening reception on Jan. 15.

## Golden anniversary

The exhibition, which is the first to make its debut in the new year, already is managing to meet the hopes of many of those involved in the event. "We've only been open since Monday," Museum Director Susan Bandes said. "But we've had a really wonderful reaction." The exhibition, which features several 19th century paintings, Old Master pieces (paintings ranging in creation from the Renaissance to the 1800s) and other modern and contemporary works, is one of the largest the museum has ever housed.

"I hope that a lot of people come and see how strong the collection is and how varied," Bandes said. "I hope people spend time with the collection because we don't often have this many pieces on view."

The exhibition includes something for everyone, with paintings ranging from sixteenth century B.C. to more modern works of art, complete with everything from canvases covered in neon colors to black-and-white photographs to ancient Greek coins.

The acquisition in honor of the anniversary includes paintings from the Hudson River School, which are proving to be a highlight for some.

David Greenbaum, a longtime docent for the museum, said after growing up in New York City, he is very familiar with the Hudson River and a big fan of the collection of pieces. "We have a 'naïve' Hudson River painting at home from my childhood, so I like it," Greenbaum said. "The show itself is great."

The reception was host to a wide array of donors, docents, students and community members.

They were all there to not only enjoy the visual aspect of the displays, but also some of the new audio fea-



Art history senior Erin McCue laughs with friends at the opening reception for "The Kresge Art Museum Collection: Celebrating the 50th" Jan. 15 at Kresge Art Museum.

tures Kresge is offering visitors.

"For the first time, we have a cell phone tour. So, we are encouraging people to come with their cell phones," Bandes said.

"You can hear information on about 30 pieces."

The tour, which goes throughout the galleries, is noted on the descriptions of the pieces it is available for along with the number needed to dial to reach it.

New features, such as the cell phone tours, are just one exam-

ple of the museum striving to keep the facility new and exciting, even after 50 years. "It's very important to keep the exhibits fresh all the time," said Dean Karin Wurst of the College of Arts & Letters.

"That's how we attract people from the community to come to us."

Bandes agreed, pointing out that the museum serves as more than just a facility for MSU stu-

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### THE SHORT LIST

THE BEST OF YOUR MEDIA

## TOP 5 SONGS

- 1 Just Dance  
Lady GaGa  
Ft. Colby  
O'Donis
- 2 Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)  
Beyoncé
- 3 Heartless  
Kanye West
- 4 Live Your Life  
T.I. Ft.  
Rihanna
- 5 Love Story  
Taylor Swift

## TOP 5 ALBUMS

- 1 Fearless  
Taylor Swift
- 2 Dark Horse  
Nickelback
- 3 808s & Heartbreak  
Kanye West
- 4 I Am ... Sasha Fierce  
Beyoncé
- 5 "Twilight" soundtrack  
Various artists

## TOP 5 SONG DOWNLOADS

- 1 Just Dance  
Lady GaGa  
Ft. Colby  
O'Donis
- 2 Heartless  
Kanye West
- 3 Love Story  
Taylor Swift
- 4 Gives You Hell  
The All-American Rejects
- 5 Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)  
Beyoncé

## YOUTUBE MOST VIEWED

- 1 Obama Girl + Obama Duets!
- 2 Mike Reim REIM! Obama Girl Duets
- 3 La mamma di sexy Cristina: "Ignoravo la sua doppia vita"

To view a photo gallery from the reception visit [lansinglowdown.com](http://lansinglowdown.com)