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FEATURES

Celebrating the arts at Massasoit.

UPCOMING SEMESTER

Get the inside scoop on what is happening in the arts this semester.

IN CONVERSATION

Hear about the arts experience from a current students, alumni, and professionals



FROM THE EDITOR

BY CORINNE M. MASON



Dear Communicative Arts Community,

As we look ahead to the Fall semester, I'm thrilled to welcome you back, or welcome you for the first time, to a new chapter of creativity, collaboration, and bold exploration within our department. The energy on campus is already buzzing, and our programs in Media and Theatre Arts are ready to rise to the occasion.

This year, we're leaning into what makes Communicative Arts such a vital and dynamic part of the college: interdisciplinary connection. Whether you're behind the camera, on the stage, in the edit bay, or devising something entirely new, we're excited to deepen the ways we work together. We will work together across media, across genres, and across ideas. At the heart of it all is a commitment to creativity, a drive to grow, and a belief that our best work comes when we challenge ourselves and each other to think bigger and make bolder.

You'll find in this issue stories that celebrate the exceptional talent and ambition in our midst: from student-led productions and film projects to visiting artist workshops and exciting new classes. We're proud of our programs, and even prouder of the community that brings them to life. Let's keep finding new ways to share that work with the college, with each other, and with the world beyond our walls.

Here's to a season of inspiration, collaboration, and expressive power.

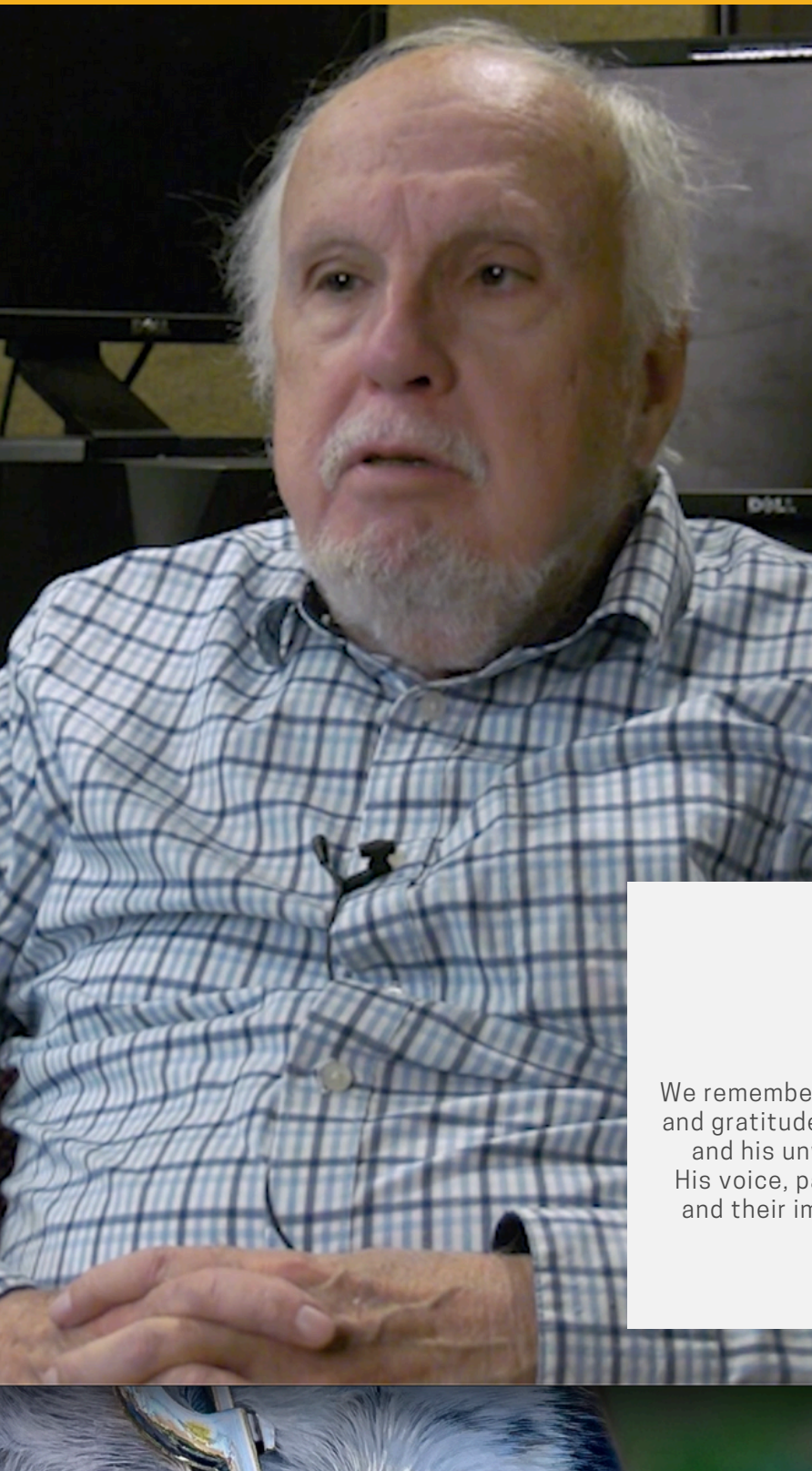
Best Regards,

Corinne M. Mason, Communicative Arts Department Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Corinne Mason".



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We remember Professor Robert Bowers with deep respect and gratitude for his visionary contributions to Radio Arts and his unwavering dedication to student creativity. His voice, passion, and mentorship shaped generations, and their impact will resonate across our airwaves and hearts for years to come.
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UPCOMING SEMESTER

FALL 2025

Upcoming Events

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
OUR SPRING
OPPORTUNITIES**

- WELCOME EVENT
- ADVISING EVENT
- FUN TRIP- MFA
- SEMINAR- PHYSICAL THEATRE
- MEDIA AXIS CLUB
- PERFORMIX CLUB
- GSA CLUB
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COMMUNICATIVE ARTS

WELCOME EVENT

MEDIA AND THEATRE ARTS

FALL- September 17 @ 12:00P-1:00P
SPRING- February 4 @ 12:00P-1:00P
FH205, Brockton Campus
Register via QR Code >>



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THEATRE ARTS

theatre

Theory and Practice



Massasoit Community College's Theatre Arts program is empowering students with a strong foundation in performance and technical theatre, blending theory with immersive, practical experience to prepare participants for both academic transfer and immediate career opportunities.

Students pursuing the Associate in Arts in Theatre Arts engage in a mix of lecture-based and experiential courses, covering acting, voice, movement, stagecraft, and design.

The multi-semester academic path fosters critical thinking, oral communication, text analysis, and intercultural understanding, all aligned with MassTransfer standards for seamless transfer to four-year institutions

The fine-arts hub for theatre remains the Buckley Performing Arts Center, which features two modern theatres, a TV studio, and shared facilities with the Media Arts programs.

The program's hallmark is its Ensembles, including Student Ensemble, Practical Theatre Ensemble, and Dance Ensemble, modeled as a practical theatre collective where students collaborate on script analysis, production design, stage management, and performance under faculty mentorship.

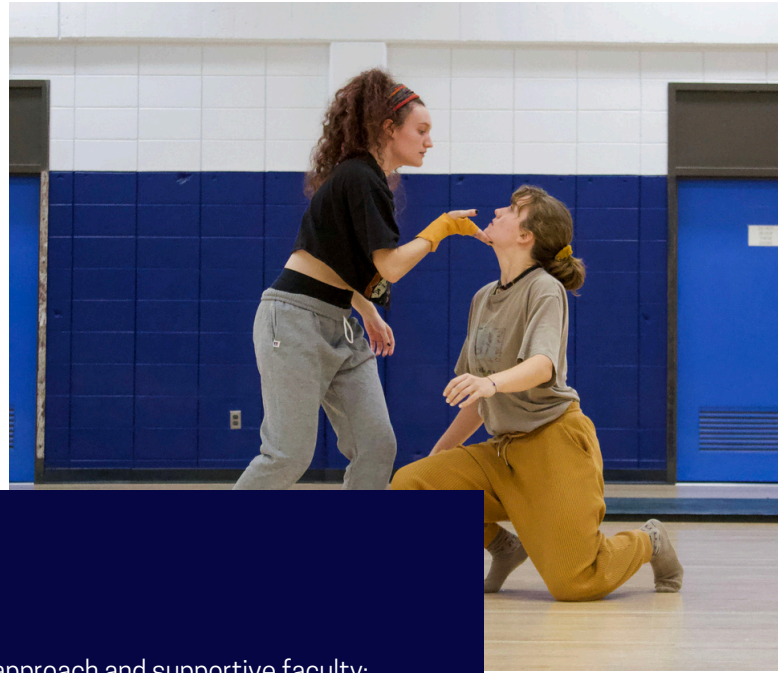
Beyond regular coursework, students participate in the Massasoit Theatre Company, producing a robust lineup of plays and musicals for the college and broader Brockton community.





The program's productions and workshops are open to participants from diverse backgrounds and experience levels, creating a vibrant, intergenerational space where mentorship, mutual support, and creative risk-taking thrive.

Our classes invite both majors and non-majors to participate, building bridges across the campus. This strong sense of community not only strengthens artistic practice but also builds lasting relationships that support students throughout their educational and professional journeys.



Testimonials

Alumni praise the Theatre Arts program for its hands-on approach and supportive faculty:

"My time at Massasoit so far has greatly enhanced my theatre education... I have the best professors in the world..." — Jasper Austin, Class of 2020

"The program teaches hands-on work... teaches you what to do with it and how to apply it." — Jeremy Bradley, Class of 2020



Community is at the heart of Massasoit's Theatre Arts program, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment where students, faculty, and alumni come together to create meaningful work. From the classroom to the mainstage, students learn the importance of trust, ensemble-building, and shared purpose—skills that extend far beyond the theatre.

With its immersive mix of classroom learning, live performance opportunities, and industry-standard facilities, Massasoit's Theatre Arts program remains a launching pad for student success—on stage, behind the scenes, and beyond the classroom.



MEDIA ARTS

media

State of the Art Program



A Closer Look at What We Have to Offer

Massasoit Revamps Media Arts Program with Powerhouse Facilities, Hands-On Learning, and Community Reach

Massasoit Community College's Media Arts program will be turning heads this year thanks to its robust combination of hands-on learning, industry-grade facilities, and real-world broadcasting opportunities. The associate degree in Media Arts offers two distinct tracks—Video Production and Radio & Podcasting—designed to train students for careers in television, radio, audio, and digital media.

At the heart of the program is the state-of-the-art Digital Media Arts Center, featuring a fully operational broadcast studio, a 40×40-foot soundstage, non-linear editing labs (Avid and Final Cut Pro), audio production facilities, and two radio studios. Students regularly produce original content—from live TV broadcasts to campus event coverage—for the regional Massasoit Channel broadcast on Comcast in surrounding communities







The program includes hands-on certificate options as well: a Video Production Certificate (12 credits) and a Radio & Podcasting Certificate (12 credits), both fully transferable into the associate degree. Students in the Radio & Podcasting route benefit from the historic Dale Dorman Radio Studio, donated by the famed Boston radio personality and complete with signed memorabilia, offering authentic professional experience

Curriculum highlights are:

- Video Track: Courses such as Broadcast Writing & Presentation, Television Studio Production, Advanced TV Production, Digital Video Editing, and a hands-on practicum
- Radio Track: Classes include Radio Broadcasting, Radio Production & Podcasting, Advanced Podcasting, and practicum opportunities

These immersive experiences prepare students for direct entry into broadcasting roles or seamless transfer to four-year institutions via the MassTransfer program.

The program thrives beyond the classroom as well, supported by student-led Radio Club and Media Axis Club, which facilitate station operations and television production projects—enhancing technical skills and building professional networks.

Situated within the 7th largest TV and 10th largest radio market in the U.S., and with over 200 radio and 68 TV stations within driving distance, Massasoit's Media Arts program is strategically placed to launch students into thriving media careers.

The Media Arts program at Massasoit Community College continues to blend academic rigor, hands-on production, and industry engagement, giving students the experience and credentials they need to succeed in today's media landscape.



Check Out DMAC

The Digital Media Arts Center at Massasoit is a leading edge Digital Production facility that provides a full range of classroom and college related television and audio production services to the Massasoit College Community. The Digital Media Arts Center is a totally hands-on environment which actively recruits students, faculty, and staff to work in the facility on advanced equipment and provides direct access and instruction to any student, faculty, or staff member who wants to learn on, and about, digital media technology in a friendly, creative, and technically advanced facility. Services include full Broadcast Production studio, non-linear editing, multimedia hardware and software labs, and duplication of recorded campus events and programs. Programming produced by the Digital Media Arts Center is cablecast over the regional Massasoit Channel.



— IN CONVERSATION —

sabrina nedder

Alumni Talks

Sabrina Nedder Finds Her Voice On and Off the Stage

For Sabrina Nedder (she/her), a 2024 graduate of Massasoit Community College, theatre isn't just a craft, it's a calling. Hailing from Dedham, MA and now double-majoring in Theatre and Psychology at Salem State University, Sabrina has built a rich and vibrant performance resume rooted deeply in her time at Massasoit.

"I've had the privilege of performing in several shows at Massasoit," Sabrina reflects, naming some of her most cherished roles: Amy in *Little Women* (2023), Eurydice in *Eurydice* (2022), and Emilia in *Othello* (2023). Beyond the mainstage, she also participated in the annual Pride Project (2023, 2024), Practical Theatre Ensemble, and Dance Ensemble. These diverse experiences not only sharpened her skills, but also helped shape her understanding of performance as a collaborative, inclusive, and transformative art form.

When asked what makes the arts at Massasoit unique, Sabrina's answer is immediate: the professors.



“Professor Corinne Mason and Professor Peter Carey live and breathe theatrical passion and channel that passion into everything they do,” she says. “I have yet to meet any artists, teachers, or directors more intuitive, caring, and insightful.” According to Sabrina, their mentorship provided her with a rock-solid foundation and a clear-eyed understanding of the industry’s demands and joys. “Even when discussing difficult aspects of the field, they create a space of safety, inclusion, and joy,” she adds.

Sabrina continues to expand her artistry beyond Massasoit. She is currently starring as Janet Weiss in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* with Colonial Chorus Players in Reading, MA, running October 10–18. She’s also a member of the emBODY Project Ensemble and teaches youth theatre at Summer Stage in Walpole, where she works with children ages 7 to 17.

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step out of the box.
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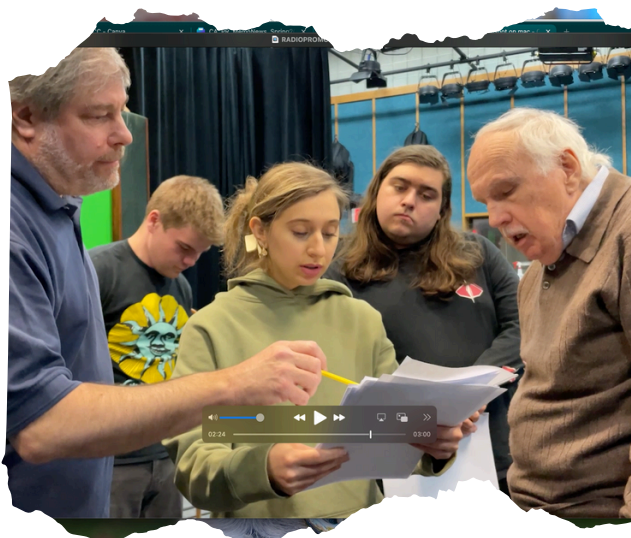
Her advice for current students? “Don’t be afraid to step out of the box. It’s okay to be unique and confident in your individualism. Ego will get you nowhere—leave it at the door,” she urges. “By doing that, you’ll be able to genuinely grow in your craft and fully lean into the joy of creating art.”

As for what’s next, Sabrina plans to complete her BS in Psychology and Theatre Arts in 2026, with the goal of continuing both her academic journey and her acting career. Graduate studies in Psychology (MS and PsyD) are on the horizon—but so are more auditions, rehearsals, and roles that challenge and inspire. Wherever her path leads, it’s clear Sabrina Nedder will walk it with courage, artistry, and heart.



SPOTLIGHT

robert bowers



Remembering Professor Robert “Bob” Bowers: A Voice for Students, A Champion of Radio, and a Heart of Massasoit

Remembering Robert Bowers

Massasoit Community College mourns the loss of Professor Robert “Bob” Bowers, a beloved educator, visionary leader, and cornerstone of the CommunicativeArts Department, who passed away peacefully at his home in Mattapoisett on April 1, 2025, at the age of 77, after a courageous battle with ALS.

For over four decades, Professor Bowers left an indelible mark on the college and the wider community through his work as a professor of radio and speech, longtime department chair, and tireless advocate for student success.

Arriving at Massasoit in 1979, Bob helped shape the very identity of Media Arts at the college, co-founding Radio Massasoit and building innovative bridges between classroom learning and real-world experience. His partnerships with local stations like WATD and WKKL created hands-on opportunities in radio broadcasting, podcasting, and audio production that launched countless student careers.

A lifelong lover of radio since his undergraduate days at Boston College, Bob’s passion became a catalyst for community-building and creativity.





Photo Credit: Coleen Malley

Professor Robert Bowers in the Radio Studio at Massasoit Community College, working alongside students to produce Radio Shows

Nowhere was this more evident than in Radio Classics Live, the signature live stage and broadcast series he founded, which recreated vintage radio shows and brought together original stars from Hollywood's golden era with local talent and students. Over two decades and 41 productions, Radio Classics Live raised more than a million dollars in scholarship funds for Massasoit students—a testament to Bob's unwavering belief in the power of the arts to transform lives.

Remembering Professor Robert “Bob” Bowers: A Voice for Students, A Champion of Radio, and a Heart of Massasoit

Colleagues remember Bob not only for his visionary leadership and his encyclopedic knowledge of old-time radio, but for his compassion, wit, and deep humility. As chair of the Communicative Arts Department, he revitalized the Media Arts program, expanded course offerings, and was a fierce advocate for students.

Though we mourn his loss, we celebrate his legacy. Professor Bowers gave voice to generations of students, brought joy to thousands of audience members, and proved that the airwaves—and the arts—still matter deeply. His echo will be heard for years to come.



SPOTLIGHT

opportunities

Communicative Arts Welcome Event

Kick off the semester with our Communicative Arts Welcome Event! An energizing gathering of connection, creativity, and collaboration. Meet fellow students and faculty, explore exciting opportunities in theatre, media, performance, and storytelling, and get inspired for the year ahead. Whether you're a returning student or new to the field, this is your moment to find your voice and your community.

- Date: September 17
- Time: 12:00P-1:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205



CommArts Fun Trip- Museum of Fine Arts

Calling all students—get ready for an unforgettable adventure! Join us for a fun-filled experience where you'll explore something new, bond with classmates, and make lasting memories off-campus. It's the perfect chance to relax, connect, and celebrate the spirit of communication and creativity! (You are responsible for acquiring transportation to and from the location.)

- Date: October 25
- Time: 10:00A-2:00P
- Venue: 465 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115





Communicative Arts Advising Event

Join us for Communicative Arts Advising Day—your one-stop opportunity to plan, prepare, and personalize your academic journey. Meet with faculty advisors, discover course options, and get expert guidance to align your studies with your goals. Whether you're mapping out your major or exploring new directions, we're here to support every step of your path.

- Date: November 5
- Time: 12:00P-1:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205



Communicative Arts Seminar- Physical Theatre

Join fellow Media and Theatre artists for an inspiring professional development seminar designed to spark creativity, build skills, and deepen your artistic impact. This session offers practical tools, industry insights, and collaborative opportunities to help you grow both your craft and your career. Come connect, learn, and take your work to the next level in a dynamic, artist-centered space.

- Date: November 22
- Time: 10:00A-2:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205

Performix Initial Meeting

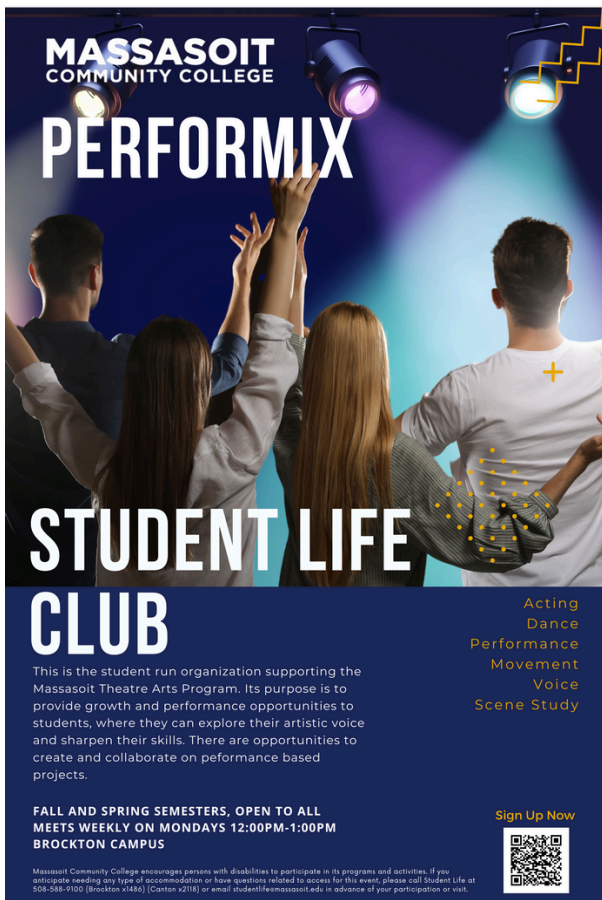
Step into the spotlight with Performix, your campus hub for bold, boundary-pushing performing arts. Whether you're into acting, movement, music, or multimedia performance, Performix offers a space to create, collaborate, and express yourself. Join us to explore new forms, build lasting connections, and bring your artistic vision to life.

- Date: September 22
- Time: 12:00P-1:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205

Media Axis Initial Meeting

Plug into your creativity with Media Axis Club, the campus collective for innovative, student-driven media arts. Whether you're passionate about film, audio, digital design, interactive storytelling, or emerging tech, Media Axis offers space to experiment, collaborate, and make your ideas real. Join us to connect with fellow creators, sharpen your skills, and bring bold media projects to life.

- Date: September 24, February 11
- Time: 12:00P-1:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205

A poster for the Performix Student Life Club. The top half features the college name and the word 'PERFORMIX' in large white letters against a dark background with stage lights. Below this, a group of four students is seen from behind, reaching their hands up towards the lights. The bottom half of the poster is dark blue with the text 'STUDENT LIFE CLUB' in large white letters. To the right of this text is a list of activities: Acting, Dance, Performance, Movement, Voice, and Scene Study. A paragraph describes the club's purpose. At the bottom, it states the meeting schedule and includes a QR code and a 'Sign Up Now' link.

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PERFORMIX

**STUDENT LIFE
CLUB**

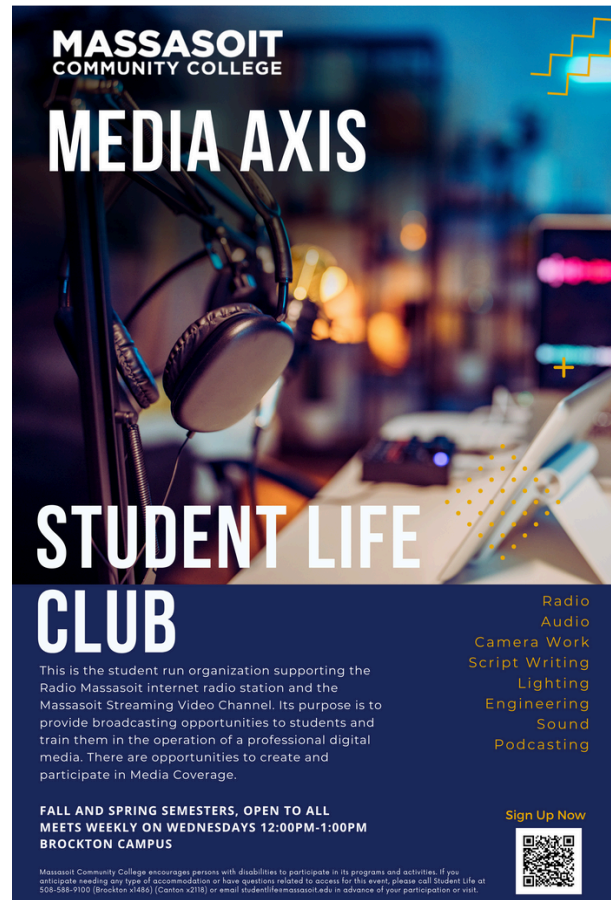
Acting
Dance
Performance
Movement
Voice
Scene Study

This is the student run organization supporting the Massasoit Theatre Arts Program. Its purpose is to provide growth and performance opportunities to students, where they can explore their artistic voice and sharpen their skills. There are opportunities to create and collaborate on performance based projects.

**FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS, OPEN TO ALL
MEETS WEEKLY ON MONDAYS 12:00PM-1:00PM
BROCKTON CAMPUS**

Sign Up Now

Massasoit Community College encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions related to access for this event, please call Student Life at 508-588-9100 (Brockton x1486) (Canton x2118) or email studentlifemassasoit.edu in advance of your participation or visit.

A poster for the Media Axis Student Life Club. The top half features the college name and the word 'MEDIA AXIS' in large white letters against a dark background with a blurred image of a radio studio. Below this, a close-up of a professional microphone and headphones is shown. The bottom half of the poster is dark blue with the text 'STUDENT LIFE CLUB' in large white letters. To the right of this text is a list of activities: Radio, Audio, Camera Work, Script Writing, Lighting, Engineering, Sound, and Podcasting. A paragraph describes the club's purpose. At the bottom, it states the meeting schedule and includes a QR code and a 'Sign Up Now' link.

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MEDIA AXIS

**STUDENT LIFE
CLUB**

Radio
Audio
Camera Work
Script Writing
Lighting
Engineering
Sound
Podcasting

This is the student run organization supporting the Radio Massasoit internet radio station and the Massasoit Streaming Video Channel. Its purpose is to provide broadcasting opportunities to students and train them in the operation of a professional digital media. There are opportunities to create and participate in Media Coverage.

**FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS, OPEN TO ALL
MEETS WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS 12:00PM-1:00PM
BROCKTON CAMPUS**

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DANCE ENSEMBLE

FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

Movement
Collaboration
Creation
Connection
Freedom
Storytelling
Artistry

Join us for Massasoit Community College's Dance Ensemble. The ensemble explores varying dance styles and the opportunity to collaborate and create original work. All dance styles are welcome to audition. Open to Massasoit and Outside Community.

**FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER, AUDITION ONLY
FIELD HOUSE 205, BROCKTON CAMPUS**

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Dance Ensemble Auditions

Join us for Massasoit Community College's Dance Ensemble. The ensemble explores varying dance styles and the opportunity to collaborate and create original work. All dance styles are welcome to audition. Open to Massasoit and the Outside Community.

- Date: September 22
- Time: 6:00P-10:00P
- Venue: Brockton Campus – Field House- 205

**MASSASOIT
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

STUDENT ENSEMBLE

FALL PLAY

Artistry
Skill Building
Teamwork
Collaboration
Text Analysis
Theory
Praxis

The Massasoit Student Ensemble produces one production a year, providing an opportunity for performance and technical training. It also includes an extracurricular job shadow and training program that gives students the chance to work directly with theatre professionals and learn various technical theatre skills.

**FALL SEMESTER, AUDITION ONLY
MEETS WEEKLY FOR REHEARSALS
BROCKTON CAMPUS**

Sign Up Now

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The Massasoit Student Ensemble is a vibrant performance group open to current students and alumni, dedicated to bringing plays to life on stage. From contemporary works to classic theatre, the Ensemble offers a collaborative space to develop acting skills, explore storytelling, and connect through the shared experience of live performance.

Scan the QR code for upcoming audition information.

MASSASOIT RADIO

LISTEN NOW

The programs you will hear are presented by our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the College. The programs will showcase Massasoit and celebrate the diversity and experiences of those who are a part of our community. We have the foundation of an expanded radio schedule composed of shows hosted and produced by students, faculty, Massasoit graduates, and Boston broadcast legends.

massasoit.edu/massasoit-radio/

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ZENO
RADIO



DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS CENTER

CREATE OR TUNE IN

The **Digital Media Arts Center** (DMAC) at Massasoit is a leading edge Digital Production facility that provides a full range of classroom and college related television and audio production services to the Massasoit College Community. Programming produced by the Digital Media Arts Center is cablecast over the regional Massasoit Channel and Livestream. The studio produces a number of regular series television programs which include educational, informational, and entertainment programming, events and more!

massasoit.edu/academics/departments/digital-media-arts-center/
One Massasoit Blvd. Brockton, MA. 02301

Livestream Events



DMAC TV





INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

The **Liberal Studies and the Arts** Division provides the Massasoit community with many opportunities. The Media Arts and Theatre Arts programs offer courses and a variety of degrees and certificates that serve all students on campus, and the Digital Media Arts Center is a resource for all students who want to learn television and audio production.

Our faculty and staff bring superior academic preparation, backgrounds in teaching and learning, and a commitment to student success to every course and division initiative. Whether you are enrolling in our classes to fulfill core requirements or to complete your major, we are here to help you explore options and discover what you are capable of achieving.

LIBERAL STUDIES AND THE ARTS

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