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*The performance will last approximately
one hour with no intermission.*

biography

charles yu

Charles Yu is the author of four books, including *Interior Chinatown* (the winner of the 2020 National Book Award for fiction), and the novel *How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe* (a *New York Times* Notable Book and a *Time* magazine best book of the year). Yu received the National Book Foundation's 5 Under 35 Award and was nominated for two Writers Guild of America Awards for his work on the HBO series *Westworld*. The televised adaptation of *Interior Chinatown* was released on Hulu in 2024 with Yu as the creator and showrunner. He has also written for shows on FX, AMC, and HBO. His fiction and nonfiction have appeared in the *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Wired*, among other publications. Together with TaiwaneseAmerican.org, he established the Betty L. Yu and Jin C. Yu Writing Prizes in honor of his parents.

This is Charles Yu's first appearance at the Moss Arts Center.

engagement events

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

CRAFT TALK

Virginia Tech students joined author, screenwriter, and National Book Award winner Charles Yu for a discussion about his approach to writing, with moderation by creative writing program director Matthew Vollmer.

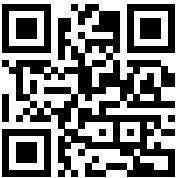
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go deeper

In the novel and limited television series *Interior Chinatown*, Yu employs genre conventions, particularly those of crime procedurals and kung fu films, to explore the multifaceted realities of the immigrant experience and enduring power of stereotypes.

How might these and other stereotypes manifest in the daily lives of residents in the New River Valley community, and how might Yu's approach to storytelling aide us in reconsidering viewpoints that could be incongruent with the lived experiences of our fellow community members?

tell us what you think!



We'd love your feedback on this performance. If you complete the short survey, you can enter for a chance to win two tickets to *Chucho Valdés and Irakere 50* on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

bit.ly/charles-yu-feedback

Please note, survey responses are anonymous. If you would like a response to your feedback, please email mossartscenter@vt.edu.

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Through Sun.,
March 30, 2025



CLOSING SOON

Shaunté Gates ***This Is Not a Test***

Ruth C. Horton Gallery

Washington, D.C.-based artist Shaunté Gates' solo exhibition features a survey of mixed-media paintings and densely layered works that combine photography, painting, collage, and found materials, resulting in surreal, dreamlike compositions that merge portraiture, landscape, and architecture.

Charisse Pearlina Weston ***I saw the room but darkly dreamed it ...***

*Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery and
Sherwood Payne Quillen '71 Reception Gallery*

New York-based artist Charisse Pearlina Weston's solo exhibition engages with themes of surveillance and tactics of Black refusal by transforming materials associated with observation and control through repetition and reuse.

Charisse Pearlina Weston; pyrolytic envelop I (into the bright and distributed subject side), 2024; text etched on slumped and folded Mirropane surveillance glass and concrete; 51 1/2 x 22 x 14 1/2 inches; © Charisse Pearlina Weston; courtesy of the artist and Dr. Charles Boyd

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Each year, wildly enthusiastic students — from PK through 12th grade — fill our theatre for free matinee performances by artists from all over the world. They explore our visual arts galleries during school tours and create and learn during hands-on workshops with artists. For many students, visiting the Moss Arts Center is the first time they've ever been to a performing arts facility or gallery. Why do young people need access to the arts? Engaging in artistic activities offers a wide range of skills that they will use throughout their lives.

Learn more at bit.ly/moss-k12.

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Y COMMUNITY GALLERY

We are proud to announce that the YMCA at Virginia Tech is opening a brand-new community art gallery in The Y Center at 1000 N. Main St., Blacksburg. We are extremely grateful to eARTh (by Diane Relf) for sponsorship of this new space and for the generous support of Shelter Alternatives and Bell Electric.

Y BOOK FAIR

Among the many volumes of books that will be available in our annual Book Fair there will be a collection of books of local origin, authors and interest. We'll have literally thousands of books, comics, graphic novels, vinyl and vintage collectibles for you to peruse at the very best prices around so get ready!!



YOUR GUIDE TO RECYCLING AT THE Y

WHAT

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Bring inside to Recycling Station.
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CFL's, Ink Jet cartridges, rechargeable batteries

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We love to hear from you! Feel free to send us an email at ymca@vtymca.org and we will be in contact with you soon.

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