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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Crescendo Fiddle Classes](#)

Monday, June 16, 2025 - Aug 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Director [Timothy Cuffman](#) will lead classes in American and Celtic fiddle music as well as Blues and Jazz. There will be opportunities for class members to learn new techniques and to experiment with improvisation. Open to violin, viola, cello, and bass players. Crescendo Fiddlers will perform throughout the summer at community events. Join us for a fun summer of playing great music!

There are three classes available:

Intro to fiddling: Elementary school age with at least a school year of experience playing the instrument

Next-Level Fiddling: Middle school and older with at least a year of experience playing the instrument

Crescendo Fiddlers: At least 2-3 years of playing experience.

Classes meet on Monday evenings from June 16- August 11

Intro to Fiddling: 5:00 – 5:45 pm

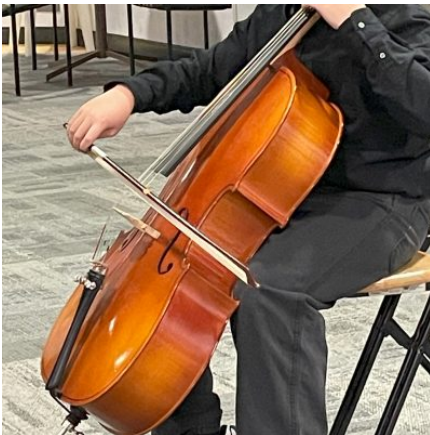
Next-Level Fiddling: 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Crescendo Fiddlers: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Class Fees:

\$150 for Intro to Fiddling & Next-Level Fiddling

\$175 for Crescendo Fiddlers



[Training for Orchestra](#)

Tuesday, June 17 - July 29, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Presented by [Crescendo Academy of Music](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 12, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Led by Crescendo Academy of Music's Executive Director [Audrey Lipsey](#), in this introductory ensemble students will learn basic orchestral techniques to help prepare them for school orchestra in the fall and advanced ensembles. This class is for students with one or two years of playing violin, viola, cello, or string bass.

The class meets on Tuesdays, June 17 – July 29 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

The cost for the 7-week class is \$150. *Need-based financial aid is available.*



[The Artist's Journey From Reels to Social Media](#)

Wednesdays, June 18 - August 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Presented by [Public Media Network](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Attention artists! Your perspective matters, extending beyond your artwork. Why not make some fun reels for your social media to connect with your audience? If you're looking for a new way to showcase your artistic journey, hit us up! Team up with us at Public Media Network to tell your story. You'll learn how to make

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awesome videos with cool transitions and editing techniques to share on your social media. Who knows what amazing stories you could create!



Artist Statements: Incorporating Audio and Video

Friday, June 20 - August 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Attention artists! Invite the audience to discover the narrative behind your artwork. By expressing the significance of your creations, you can motivate others to explore your pieces more profoundly. What fuels your enthusiasm for art, and what keeps you engaged in this pursuit? Each of

us possesses a unique creative spark—why not share it with the world? By sharing what your work means to you, you can inspire others to look deeper into your pieces. What drives your passion for art, and what keeps you going? We all have our own creative flair—so why not let it shine? You'll be learning how to film, edit, and craft a narrative for your story. Get ready to record yourself and make a short 2 minute video about your art projects!

FREE EVENTS



Free Thursdays at the KIA

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - Dec 18, 2025 at 11:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Enjoy free general admission and extended hours until 8pm on Thursdays, thanks to generous support provided by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program and the Efroymson Family Fund.



Gallery Shop Artist Feature: Ten26 Studio – Danielle Vincent

Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

During select Free Thursdays at the KIA, we're highlighting artists from the Gallery Shop. On July 31, join us in the Gallery Shop as Danielle Vincent shares her handmade jewelry.

About Ten26 Studio:

"I've been making jewelry for nearly 20 years, drawn to the challenge (and magic) of building forms by hand. Soldering is my happy place, and I love turning raw metal into one-of-a-kind pieces that feel personal and

intentional. I teach metalsmithing at the KIA and have spent over a decade showing my work at professional juried art shows across the country. Every piece I create is a little celebration of detail, process, and individuality—made to be worn, loved, and lived in. I'm drawn to unusual forms—whether it's the curve of a petal, the jagged edge of stone, or the repeating lines in architecture. Organic or structural, these shapes spark ideas that evolve into jewelry with texture, movement, and a story. Nature definitely plays a big role in my work, but it's the details—the unexpected geometry, the way light hits a surface, the patterns hiding in plain sight—that really get me going. I translate those moments into

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pieces that feel both grounded and a little otherworldly. Sustainability matters deeply to me. I work with recycled metals and consciously sourced stones because how something is made is just as important as what it becomes. I want my work to reflect respect—for the craft, the materials, and the world we live in. Each piece I make is meant to be more than an accessory—it’s a small, wearable reminder of connection. To beauty, to place, and to the intricate details that often go unnoticed.” Please note that this event will not be livestreamed or posted on YouTube.



Lunchtime Live - Y-Not

Friday, August 1, 2025 at 11:30 am

Presented by [City of Kalamazoo Parks & Recreation](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

This summer event series will kick off for the 2025 season on Friday, June 13 and continue through Friday, August 29.

Food and retail will be available for purchase. Food trucks will be lined up along Bronson Park on South Street and other vendors will be set up throughout the park. Each week will feature a different local musical

artist. This is a free event, and all community members are welcome.

KIDS & FAMILY



Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-In

Wednesday, July 2 – October 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Due to popular demand, this year we have added the opportunity to explore our air-conditioned main exhibit **Without Limits: Racing Through America**, for \$5 per guest. This includes the added bonus of access to additional restrooms inside the museum. Simply stop by the gift shop or Pedal Car Cafe to purchase your wristband. Members, with a membership card, receive access to the exhibit at no additional charge. It is **FREE** to bring your show car on the grounds during Cruise-In and the event is open to the public. On good weather nights, the fun **starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm**, with both George & Sally’s authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner and The Grill serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and creamy old-fashioned custard throughout the evening. With live music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you and your family won’t forget! So, plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories.

July 30 – LaJoye Quartette – Jazz



Summer Glass Camp! (Ages 8-18)

July 28 - 31, 2025 at 9:00 am

Presented by [Glass Art Kalamazoo](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

With multiple options based on age, studio preference, time commitment, and price point – we have something for just about everyone. Students will learn the tools, equipment, and basic techniques of glass blowing, torch working, and/or kiln fusing. They will work side-by-side with our talented artist instructors, and also create collaboratively with their peers. Each student will create a

number of projects, regardless of which Summer Glass Camp option they choose.

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See the options at the link below and find the perfect fit for your budding artist. Sign them up with a friend or they can make one here – either way they'll be talking about Summer Glass Camp all year long!

[Summer Glass Camps](#)



[Wonder Walk: Summer Stroll](#)

Friday, August 1, 2025 at 11:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Get ready for a sunny art adventure! We're taking a stroll through the galleries to discover artworks that capture the fun and warmth of summer. Keep your eyes peeled for hidden surprises and splashy colors as we dive into summer-inspired art!

Please note that this event will not be livestreamed or posted on

YouTube. Take a [Wonder Walk](#) through the galleries! The walk will

include close looking at a few artworks as well as gallery games and activities. This is a great way to introduce your little one to art and the museum. Wonder Walks is for children 2-4 years old (but all are welcome) and is free with the cost of admission. Caregivers must stay with their children at all times. Preregistration is encouraged. Adults, remember to register your children!



[KAARC Red Barns Spectacular](#)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 9:00 am

Presented by [Gilmore Car Museum](#), 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Brought to you by the [Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club](#), the Red Barns Spectacular is the most anticipated show of the season! Hailed as the region's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic and special interest car shows, it is one big day. Two huge shows – a judged show field & a driver's choice show field. Both are open to any

vehicle 25 years or older, including cars, trucks, commercial vehicles, vintage campers, military vehicles, and fire trucks!

MUSIC



[Beats on Bates](#)

Wednesdays, June 4 - September 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Presented by [Downtown Economic Growth Authority](#) and [Guess Who's Dancing Fitness/The Xperience Event Venue](#) at [Bates Alley](#), Bates Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Beats on Bates is Downtown Kalamazoo's signature free summer music series, held every Wednesday evening from June through September in the vibrant, mural-lined Bates Alley. Presented by the Downtown Economic Growth Authority (DEGA) and curated by event producer Kim Guess, the series brings together local favorites and regional touring acts across genres—creating an accessible, high-energy celebration of community, culture, and live music in the heart of the city.

Since its inception, Beats on Bates has become a cornerstone of Kalamazoo's cultural scene and economic vitality, regularly drawing hundreds of attendees and boosting adjacent business sales by

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up to 25% on event nights. With its welcoming atmosphere, diverse talent lineup, and strong community partnerships, the series offers more than just music—it's a weekly gathering that connects people, supports small businesses, and enlivens the downtown experience for all.

7/30 Sophia McIntosh & The Sages (Soft Rock) w/ DJ Ron E Roc



A Geezer Happy Hour Double Feature

Monday, July 28, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Presented by [Duke and The Loose Cannons](#) at Shakespeare's Pub, 241 E Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Life-craft musicians Duke and the Loose Cannons will play from 5 to 7 pm;. After that, The Andy Paul and Jack Daily Band from Saugatuck, MI will take to the stage.

Andy Paul is a dynamic entertainer, singer, guitarist, and songwriter who has toured with the Jawbone Band, the Andy Paul Band and also as solo entertainer. Free popcorn! Music lovers of all ages are welcome.



Music at Mahan - The Whatevery Brothers Band

Saturday, Aug 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [K'zoo Folklife Organization/Allegan Chapter](#) at [Mahan Park](#), 101 Brady Street, Allegan, MI 49010

A night of music and entertainment awaits you in our newly renovated park on the banks of the Kalamazoo. Tonight's music will be performed by the Whatevery Brothers Band of Indiana. Jamie Miller, Ed McKibbin and Craig Schroeder, will bring their unique harmonies and acoustic sound to Allegan and an unforgettable musical experience. This passionate and fun band will be performing a mix of fan-favorite hits. Stepping out of the Whistle Pigs Band for the night, this talented trio will return next spring to Allegan for another performance with all

of the band. Bring a chair, family, friends and a picnic.



Concerts in the Park: ZION LION

Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Park](#), 200 S Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Bronson Park

A different kind of music. Zion Lion is the “baddest band to hit the Kalamazoo music scene.” The members are a combination of several bands from the Kalamazoo area that crossed each other's path along the way and decided to form the right mix of reggae with African zouk, mucosa, zoukous, and some Afro-Latin influences. These musicians have played in small clubs to large cultural festivals including the Kalamazoo Island Festival,

Kalamazoo Black Arts Festival, Grand Rapids Caribbean Festival, Muskegon Summer Festival, Louisville Reggae Festival,

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and Rock Island Caribbean Festival, to name a few. You can't help but get up and dance and have an "IRIE FEELIN' " whenever you hear Zion Lion. Concerts in the Park is a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, with support from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and the City of Kalamazoo. It is one of Kalamazoo's long-standing traditions, typically offered on Sunday afternoons in June, July, and August in Bronson Park, delivering a unique offering, unlike any other. Each concert is free and is friendly for the entire family. Bring chairs or blankets for your comfort! There is not a rain site for Concerts in the Park. If inclement weather is expected the concert may be canceled by 2 pm on that same day.

Parking

On-street parking is available all around the perimeter of the park. Additional parking is nearby at the South Street Parking Garage.

Children's Nature Playscape

Children's Nature Playscape is a nonprofit organization that stewards a nature-inspired play area in downtown Kalamazoo, Michigan. We are a team of educators, counselors, scientists, and parents who believe that every child should have the freedom and tools necessary to explore the world and relationships that surround them, and that in doing so they will discover that people from all walks of life, including them, belong in our world, natural or otherwise. We are thrilled that the Playscape will be open 30 minutes prior to, during, and 30 minutes after all Concerts in the Park this year!

Sponsors

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THEATRE



[Pants & Canned Champagne Improv Comedy](#)

Friday, August 1, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Described as "an eclectic group of improv-ers...a variety pack, if you will," Canned Champagne is classy, yet down to earth; effervescent, yet digestible; bursting with flavor, yet sturdy in their aluminum casing.

Graduates of the Crawlspace Comedy Theatre improv program, this group is ready to have fun and get silly! We're not slacks—but we are Pants! Sewn from friendships made at Crawlspace Theatre in Kalamazoo and The Comedy Project in Grand Rapids, Pants formed one leg at a time to deliver on-the-fly comedy that seamlessly combines the absurd, the eclectic—sometimes even letting out the taboo. For a complete improv comedy experience, Pants has got you covered from the waist down. Buckle up!

Show Date: Aug 01

Show Time: 07:30 PM-09:30 PM

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.

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[Oh Hey! & TBD Improv Trio](#)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tanja Rowland (Family Secret) and Sara Fish (Small Victories) join forces as the delicious duo, Oh Hey! Veteran improvisors Tom Blandford, Bryan Day, & Dann Sytsma invite the audience to go forward alongside them,

with everyone's imaginations boldly intertwined as they dive, karate, dance, scream, love, weep and laugh their way into the characters and situations of this unscripted show. Aside from that, everything else is simply TBD.

Show Date: Aug 02

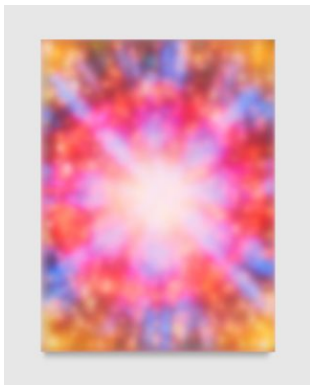
Show Time: 07:30 PM-09:30 PM

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.

VISUAL ARTS



[Leo Villareal: Interstellar](#)

Through September 21, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Leo Villareal: Interstellar invites viewers into the immersive digital worlds of Leo Villareal, where code, celestial bodies, and humanity converge into a fusion of art and technology. This exhibition showcases a collection of works by Villareal from the last five years, underlining his pioneering role in the realm of digital art in the 21st century. By creating atmospheric artworks and environments where space and light collide, Villareal instills a sense of awe and wonder, offering intimate moments for both personal and collective reflection. The artist's use of light and code serves as both media and symbols that

represent knowledge, discovery, and the spark of consciousness within the intricate web of the cosmos. The works on view will encourage viewers to consider the paradoxes of the universe—the vastness and intricacies of the cosmos against the fleeting nature of our existence. The exhibition will inspire visitors to imagine the possibilities that new technologies provide for humanity's advancement and perhaps even its preservation. Leo Villareal's works convey the tension that exists between these congruent and at times opposing forces, while asking viewers to reflect on their place within the grand, enigmatic expanse of the universe. Ultimately, *Leo Villareal: Interstellar* builds a shared journey through the known and the unknown.

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[2025 West Michigan Area Show](#)

Through September 14, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007



The work of West Michigan's talented artistic community is on view during the annual West Michigan Area Show. Opening Saturday, June 14, this crowd-pleasing annual juried exhibition was carefully curated from more than 300 submitted entries, ranging from paintings, prints, and photos to mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, and mixed-media works.

The 2025 juror is Detroit artist and teacher Hubert Massey. Hubert Massey is an award-winning Kresge Fine Arts Fellow. His distinctive fresco murals grace the halls of such visible Michigan destinations as the Flint Institute of the Arts, Detroit Athletic Club, and his alma mater, Grand Valley State University. He studied at the University of London's Slade Institute of Fine Arts and later learned the centuries-old fresco technique from former assistants of legendary artist Diego Rivera.