

Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report presented by



For the week of 02/09/26

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

[News Collective: Shorts and Reels](#)



Tuesday, Friday

Jan 27, 2026 - Feb 27, 2026 at 06:30 pm

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

Participants work collaboratively to research, film, edit, and present stories that focus on local people, events, and issues.

Whether you're a beginner or someone with prior media experience, this lab provides the tools, mentorship, and platform to bring your story ideas to life. The program nurtures new voices in local media by transforming community perspectives into professional-quality news stories shared through Public Media Network.

Over five weeks, participants dive into hands-on training in community journalism and news production. They learn every stage of the process — from story development to on-camera presentation — while producing their own broadcast-ready news segment.



[Nonprofits: Digital Voices — Record and Launch](#)

Tuesday, Friday

Jan 27, 2026 - Feb 27, 2026 at 12:00 pm

Presented by [Public Media Network](#) at [Public Media Network](#), 359 S.

Kalamazoo Mall; Suite 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Participants will explore how to develop meaningful narratives around local events, community volunteers, and the causes that matter most to them.

Throughout the series, you'll learn how to plan and script your story, record in-studio using robotic cameras, edit your audio and video, and launch your first digital episode. By the end of the course, your organization will have the tools and confidence to create content that inspires action and strengthens community connections.



[Teen Book Arts Program](#)

Wednesday

Feb 11, 2026 - Feb 25, 2026 at 06:00 pm

Free for teens in grades 8-12 with advance registration. Register on or after March 2.

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Presented by [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#), 326 W Kalamazoo Ave # 103A, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

The Teen Book Arts Program is designed for students interested in the visual arts who plan to study art in college or would like to enhance their art portfolio for college applications. Covering papermaking, printmaking, and bookbinding, this 3-part program is free and available to students in 8th-12th grade with advance registration each Spring.

Students may register for one, two, or all three workshops!

Registration opens on March 2 at 10 a.m.

Workshop 1 of 3 – PAPERMAKING with Katie Platte

Wednesday, March 11, 6-8:30 p.m. *Register by Friday, March 6.*

Learn to hand-pull sheets of paper from 100% cotton fiber, embellish them with inclusions and colored pulp, then use the hydraulic and drying paper presses. Papers may be used in the printmaking workshop.

Workshop 2 of 3 – PRINTMAKING: LINOCUT with Angela Dugger

Wednesday, March 18, 6-8:30 p.m. *Register by Friday, March 13.*

Design and carve your unique design into soft-carve material using Linocut tools and make prints on our studio press.

Workshop 3 of 3 – BOOKBINDING: COLLAGE POETRY ZINES with Victoria Marcetti

Wednesday, March 25, 6-8:30 p.m. *Register by Friday, March 20.* Using words from magazines, mass mailers, and other print materials, students will piece together poetry, from the deep and the profound to the delightfully nonsensical and everything in between, then create a 'zine to hold and present their collage poems.

Registration opens on March 2 at 10 a.m.

FREE EVENTS

[Book Discussion: Kicks: The Great American Story of Sneakers by Nicholas Smith](#)



Wednesday
Feb 18, 2026 at 02:00 pm

This event is free, but preregistration is encouraged.

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

Author Nicholas Smith examines the history, innovation, and societal impact of sneakers in American life through marketing, economic, and cultural trends. Smith weaves together a story of how the sneaker evolved over the course of a century. As production methods were

revolutionized, the perception of this iconic footwear shifted as well, making them into must-have shoes. Themes in this book will tie into *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks*.

Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks is co-organized by the American Federation of Arts and the Bata Shoe Museum, and curated by Elizabeth Semmelhack, Director and Senior Curator of the Bata Shoe Museum.

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

All [book discussions](#) are free, open to the public, and take place in-person at the Meader Fine Arts Library. Participants do not need to have read the book, but it will help facilitate the overall discussion. Preregistration is encouraged.



[Artful Evening: Improvisation as Discovery](#)

Thursday

Feb 19, 2026 at 06:00 pm

This event is free, but preregistration is encouraged.

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

Company members from Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers will lead this engaging lecture-demonstration that invites participants to explore improvisational movement and discover the power of following their own physical impulses. Blending guided instruction with creative exploration, the program will be accessible to movers of all ages and experience levels.

Inspired by *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks*, the session incorporates a selection of shoes as catalysts for imagination and motion. Together, we'll consider prompts such as: If you were wearing this shoe, how might you put it on? What activity might you do in it? How might your body move differently because of it? Through these playful inquiries, participants will experiment with gesture, posture, and expressive movement. Wellspring's facilitators will demonstrate core improvisational techniques while encouraging community members to join in at their own comfort level. By the end of the program, attendees will leave with a deeper awareness of their own creative instincts—and the joy that comes from letting movement tell a story.

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[Opening Day: Young Artists of Kalamazoo County](#)

Saturday

Feb 21, 2026 at 11:00 am

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

The KIA is pleased to present the annual Young Artists of Kalamazoo County exhibition, celebrating the artistic achievements of students in grades K–8. Nearly 70 art educators carefully select each featured work, creating a highly-anticipated partnership with our community's exceptional teachers. This yearly highlight offers visitors of all ages a dynamic and uplifting experience. Enjoy free admission to the exhibition on Saturday, February 21. The exhibition will be on view through March 22.

HISTORY & HERITAGE



[Winter Lecture Series](#)

Sunday

Jan 11, 2026 - May 03, 2026 at 02:00 pm

Adults / Seniors: \$20

Veterans (Must present ID. Sold onsite only.): \$18

Youth (ages 11–17): \$12

Children (10 and under): FREE

Active Military (must present ID): FREE

Museum Members: FREE

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

When is lecture series?

Every Sunday at 2pm January 11– April 26 (except Easter Sunday)

Admission is easy –

FREE to museum members

Included with Sunday general admission ticket

[View the Full Schedule](#)

MUSIC



Colour My World – Kalamazoo College Jazz Band

Friday

Feb 20, 2026 at 07:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo College Music Department](#) at [Kalamazoo College - Dalton Theatre](#), 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Colors add visual stimulation and evoke specific emotions and feelings which reflect our shared experience as humans.

We'll start the concert with Chicago's "Colour My World" and continue with tunes that describe different colors.



Mahler's Third Symphony

Saturday

Feb 21, 2026 at 07:30 pm

Standard Tickets: \$25-\$68

Tickets are available for teachers, military personnel, college students, children under 18, and government aid recipients.

All ticket prices are subject to change. A ticketing fee will be applied to all orders.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Western Michigan University - Miller Auditorium](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Monumental. Cinematic. Truly Epic.

200 artists. Six exhilarating movements. One chance to experience music voted one of the "top 10 symphonies of all time."

Each magnificent movement of Mahler's Third brings us closer to a finale of profound emotion, blazing brass, and sheer orchestral grandeur. For the first time in over 100 years, the Symphony brings Mahler's monumental Third Symphony to Kalamazoo.

PROGRAM

Symphony No. 3 | Gustav Mahler

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Julian Kuerti, Conductor

Deborah Nansteel, Mezzo-Soprano

Soprano & Altos, Western Michigan University Grand Chorus

Kalamazoo Children's Chorus



["Awakened Voices" Concert Band Concert](#)

Sunday

Feb 22, 2026 at 03:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at Binda Performing Arts Center, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017

The KCC Concert Band, performing under the baton of Director Christopher Momcilovich, will present "Awakened Voices" starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Binda Performing Arts Center on campus at 450 North Ave.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about the KCC Concert Band or the band's upcoming "Awakened Voices" concert, contact KCC's Arts and Communication offices at 269-965-4126.

THEATRE



[Dogfight](#)

Sunday, Friday, Saturday

Feb 20, 2026 - Mar 01, 2026 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

\$32 Adult

\$25 Senior (65+)

\$25 Student (13+)

\$17 Children 12 & under

\$99 - "Flex Pass 4" subscription (four admissions - to be used as you wish)

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For group rates (12+ admissions for the same performance), please call the box office at 269-343-1313 for pricing and to purchase.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [The Parish Theatre](#), 426 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre presents *Dogfight*, February 20-March 1, 2026, in the Parish Theatre.

On the eve of the Vietnam War, a young soldier learns the power of compassion when he plays a cruel joke on an unsuspecting girl. *Dogfight* by Benji Pasek and Justin Paul (Dear Evan Hansen, The Greatest Showman, and La La Land) and Peter Duchan, is a love story about how the choices we make define who we become.

Tickets on sale now: bit.ly/DogfightTickets-KCT

Performance Dates and Times

Friday, February 20 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 PM^

Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM

Friday, February 27 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 PM

[^] February 21 – ASL Interpreted & Audio Description Services Available

Music and Lyrics by BENJ PASEK & JUSTIN PAUL Book by PETER DUCHAN

Based on the Warner Bros. Film and Screenplay by Bob Comfort

DOGFIGHT is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



[What Sharp Teeth & Canned Champagne Improv Comedy](#)

Friday

Feb 20, 2026 at 07:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre](#) at [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!

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What Sharp Teeth, an all-women/femme team, will sink their teeth into your funny bone with their unique blend of realistic and absurd comedy. Get ready for a night of laughter that's both bubbly and biting!

Show Date: Feb 20

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

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.



[Stuart MacDonald Comedy Magic](#)

Saturday

Feb 21, 2026 at 07:30 pm

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

Stuart MacDonald, who has fooled Penn and Teller on “Fool Us” and is the current North American Champion of Magic, brings a show full of humor and next-level impossible magic. As a two-time world champion People’s Choice Winner, he captivates audiences with his extraordinary skills. Fresh from 17 sold-out performances at Rome’s renowned Ghione Theater, his act is a must-see experience.

Show Date: Feb 21

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

Tickets: \$25

Doors Open: 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.

VISUAL ARTS



[Precision & Freedom Exhibition 2026](#)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Feb 06, 2026 - Feb 27, 2026 at 09:00 am, 06:00 pm

FREE

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

At the age of 66 with a lifetime of metal artistry behind her, Elaine Unzicker is having her first Solo Exhibition titled “Precision & Freedom,” which came about with KADI grant funding from

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the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. A collaboration led to the creation of 7 Metal Lace garments clinging to the dancing bodies of the Wellspring Dancers for the YWCA 140th Anniversary Gala Event held in November of 2025. The exhibition will reveal the chainmail garments worn for the performance.

At the Opening Reception set for Friday, February 6, from 6-8 PM at the Westin Gallery inside the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, two Wellspring dancers will perform in their costumes. Want a quick Valentine's gift? Her jewelry will also be available for the month of love. Want to see the original dance? Wellspring will perform "Woven Together" at Radfest, hosted at the Epic Center, on Friday, March 6, at 7 PM.



[The Illustrated Accordion Exhibition](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Feb 06, 2026 - Mar 20, 2026 at 10:00 am

Free and open to the public!

Presented by [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Book Arts Center](#), 326 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Each spring, the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center (KBAC) sponsors a non-juried exhibition, The Illustrated Accordion, in the KBAC Gallery. This year's popular exhibition features nearly 80 books created in the accordion form by local, national, and international artists!

The Illustrated Accordion is on view in the KBAC Gallery February 6 through March 20, 10 am-5 pm, with extended hours on Friday, February 6 through 7 p.m.

Join us for a reception on Friday, March 6, from 5-8 p.m.



[Blue Heat Glass Art Gala & Auction](#)

Saturday

Feb 21, 2026 at 07:00 pm

\$70 early-bird rate (until Feb 7)

\$80 general admission (after Feb 7)

**Must be 21 or older. Ticket includes food; beer, wine & signature cocktail; live entertainment; glass blowing demonstrations; and a keepsake handmade glass tumbler made in our studios.

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

Mix and mingle with arts enthusiasts, professionals, and talented artists while bidding on fantastic, one-of-a-kind glass art pieces in both live and silent auctions. Enjoy exciting glass blowing demonstrations as you dine on delicious hors d'oeuvres, sip on custom cocktails in your own keepsake blown glass tumbler, and swing to the sounds of The Lana Hoffman Trio, all while helping to support programming and outreach at Glass Art Kalamazoo.

The stunning art to be auctioned has been collected from visiting artists, public demonstrations, and the high octane excitement of Glass Blowers Battle 2025! This is Kalamazoo's only glass art auction and you will have the chance to take home your very own piece of glass art – an investment in the arts community that you will enjoy for years to come. Guests are encouraged to wear blue or blue-accented attire for this event.

All proceeds for this charitable event will benefit Glass Art Kalamazoo glass education opportunities, youth scholarships, visiting artist programs, and community outreach initiatives such as Journey Beads.