

For the week of 02/23/26

## 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.

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.



**[Creator Labs!: Stronger Stories](#)**

Wednesday

Feb 25, 2026 at 07:00 pm

Ticket/Admission Prices:

Public Media Network Members: Free

Member's Guest (limited to 1 person): \$25.00

General Public: \$50.00

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

Strong stories don't happen by accident. They're built with intention, structure, and care. In this Creator Lab session, you'll learn core storytelling skills used in journalism to create stories that

are clear, trustworthy, and engaging—across video, podcasts, and digital platforms. The focus is on practical techniques you can apply whether you’re producing a show, creating content for an organization, or telling stories rooted in your community.

## DANCE

### [Ebony Vision – Student Dance Concert](#)



Sunday, Friday, Saturday

Feb 27, 2026 - Mar 01, 2026 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Presented by [WMU Department of Dance](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Studio B](#), 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Created and curated by students of color, Ebony Vision is a powerful celebration of identity, resilience, and creative expression. The concert features original student choreography that celebrates cultural roots, personal stories, and collective strength.

## FREE EVENTS



### [ArtBreak: The Poetry of Shoes](#)

Wednesday

Feb 25, 2026 at 12:00 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

Explore *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks* through the medium of poetry! Local poet and Kirk Newman Art School instructor Elizabeth Kerlikowske has led her poetry students in composing original works responding to selected shoes featured in the exhibition. During this ArtBreak, the students will share their work and offer new perspectives on this innovative collection that brings together footwear of the past, present, and future!

*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.

All hybrid events will be livestreamed to our [YouTube page](#) and can be found under the “Live” tab. Recordings of select past events are available on YouTube as well.



**[Nuestro Futuro](#)**

Thursday  
Feb 26, 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

The KIA invites the community to *Nuestro Futuro*, a free evening celebrating Latinx art, culture, and visions of the future. Held in conjunction with the exhibition *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks*, this special Free Thursday experience centers creativity, innovation, and community connection.

Guests will enjoy free admission, live performances by Latinx artists, a DJ, free food, prizes, and a hands-on art activity. Local Latinx artists will be invited to showcase their work, and community organizations will be present to share resources and connect with visitors. *Nuestro Futuro* is designed as a welcoming, bilingual space for families, youth, and first-time visitors to explore the exhibition, celebrate culture, and imagine what the future can look like when art and community move forward together.

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



**[Kickin' it with KIA and KPL](#)**

Saturday  
Feb 28, 2026 at 11:00 am

This event is free, but preregistration is required through the Kalamazoo Public Library website.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Public Library - Oshtemo Branch Library](#), 7265 W. Main St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Learn about an exciting footwear design exhibit and create your own unique sneaker with the KIA and Kalamazoo Public Library. This teen event will take place at the Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch Community Room. The shoes created as part of the program will be on view at the Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch in a special display. Materials will be provided. [Please click here to register on KPL's website.](#)

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

## 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)

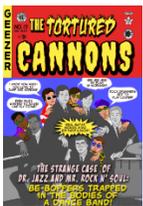
### Admission is easy –

FREE to museum members

Included with Sunday general admission ticket

[View the Full Schedule](#)

## MUSIC



### Geezer Happy Hour – Who Loaded Our Cannons?

Monday

Feb 23, 2026 at 05:00 pm

Free Admission

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

Shades of Jekyll and Hyde! The truth is out about

Duke and The Loose Cannons! Our heroes are really jazz musicians trapped in the bodies of a dance band!

Will they escape? Tune in at 5 pm Monday, February 23rd, on the Lower Level of Shakespeare's Pub!



**Chico Pinheiro Quartet Jazz Show 7:00p & 9:00p**

Thursday

Feb 26, 2026 at 07:00 pm, 09:00 pm

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

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Chico Pinheiro – Guitar  
Matthew Fries – piano  
Carlo De Rosa – bass  
Keith Hall – drums

Born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, Chico Pinheiro is considered a leading figure in and outside the Brazilian music scene as a guitarist, composer and arranger. He began playing the guitar when he was 6, and by the age of 14, he was working as a studio session guitarist collaborating with a wide range of artists throughout Brazil. He has released eight albums as a leader, appeared as a sideman on countless others, and has been nominated twice for the American Grammy Awards. He has collaborated with artists such as Joe Lovano, Luciana Souza, Herbie Hancock, John Patitucci, Bob Mintzer, Dave Grusin, Ron Carter, João Donato, Johnny Alf, Plácido Domingo, Dianne Reeves and many others.

<https://www.chicopinheiro.com/>

7:00 pm TICKETS: <https://crawlspacecomedy.com/event/chico-pinheiro-quartet-jazz-show-700p/>

9:00 pm TICKETS: <https://crawlspacecomedy.com/event/chico-pinheiro-quartet-jazz-show-900p/>

**TWO SHOWS!**

**Show Date:** February 26

**Show Time:** 07:00 PM / 9:00 PM

**Tickets:**

Advance \$20 Adult / \$10 Student

Day of \$25 Adult / \$15 Student

**Doors Open:** 6:00p / 8:30p

Thank you to the John Stites Jazz Awards for generously supporting this series.



[Faculty/Guest Artist Recital: An Evening with Friends](#)

Saturday

Feb 28, 2026 at 03:00 pm

Free Admission

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

The recital, titled “An Evening with Friends,” will feature KCC Music faculty Sara Cleland, an accomplished pianist, and Brendan McEvoy, an accomplished violinist, violist and composer. Featured players in addition to Cleland and McEvoy include cellist Ayako Pederson-Takeda; violist Christa Riter; and violinist Sarah Tobin.

The recital program will feature classical selections by composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonin Dvořák, as well as several contemporary pieces composed within the last five years by McEvoy and his colleagues Gahyung Kim, Tyler Mazone and Jeremy Makkonen.



[Kalamazoo Concert Band presents The Great American Songbook](#)

Saturday

Feb 28, 2026 at 07:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION!

Presented by [Kalamazoo Concert Band](#) at [Chenery Auditorium](#), 714 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

This program is sure to put a song in your heart and a smile on your face! The KCB will present many of your favorite tunes, such as “Someone to Watch Over Me,” “Puttin’ on the Ritz,” “Blue Moon,” (featuring Dr. Tom Evans on trombone!) and many more.

Our friend for this evening will be the accomplished singer and actress, **Jennifer Roberts**. Ms. Roberts’ heartfelt, theatrical and television performances highlight her unique blend of drama and humor. She created multiple Cabaret shows in New York City and has just completed her second recording!

Our concert has been graciously sponsored by Keystone Solutions Group.

## 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)

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](https://bit.ly/DogfightTickets-KCT)

#### **Performance Dates and Times**

Friday, February 20 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 PM<sup>^</sup>

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

<sup>^</sup> 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

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

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)



**Oh Hey! & TBD Improv Trio**

Friday

Feb 27, 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

Oh Hey! is a delicious duo that creates lightning-quick, fully improvised performances that get audiences electrified. Step into the offbeat world of Sara Fish and Tanja Rowland, where wild and weird characters come to life as they juggle the suggestions you hurl their way. Oh Hey! is all about quick wit, wild imagination and spontaneous fun.

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-kick, 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:** Feb 27

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

**Tickets:** \$15

**Doors Open:** 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.



**GOOD WITCH BAD WITCH THE BROADWAY WITCHES**

Friday

Feb 27, 2026 at 07:30 pm

Ticket prices for all seats start at \$46.56. WMU Students may receive 50% off their ticket with a valid Bronco ID. Tickets can be purchased online at [millerauditorium.com](#), by phone at (269) 387-2300, or at the Miller

Auditorium Box Office, open Monday-Friday, Noon-6 p.m. for phone and in-person orders. For more information, please visit [millerauditorium.com](#) or call the Miller Auditorium Box Office at (269) 387-2300.

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

A concert of diva showstoppers from Oz! Join Alli Mauzey and Alyssa Fox of WICKED fame (Broadway and national touring productions) for a night of gravity-defying performances. GOOD WITCH/BAD WITCH has been thrilling audiences coast to coast with their stunning vocals and playful banter!



**[Blunder Bus & Daddy's Boys Improv Comedy](#)**

Saturday

Feb 28, 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

All aboard for Blunder Bus! Honk Honk This Kalamazoo-based group performs a medley of short and long form improv to celebrate the comedy of everyday life, blending grounded moments with quirky twists. Some of their signature shows include It's a Blunderful Life, L is for the Way You Laugh With Me, School's Out, & Blunder Bus From Hell.

Bryce and Pete, the inseparable duo, share not just a stage but a lifetime of laughter. United by blood, these brothers bring a unique flavor to the world of improv, drawing from the shared experiences of growing up together. Born from the same daddy, their bond is the secret ingredient that makes their performances a heartwarming and sidesplitting experience.

**Show Date:** Feb 28

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

**Tickets:** \$15

**Doors Open:** 6:30 PM

Intended for mature audiences.



**[Rent: In Concert Tour](#)**

Saturday

Feb 28, 2026 at 07:30 pm

Ticket prices for all seats start at \$46.56. WMU Students may receive 50% off their ticket with a valid Bronco ID. Tickets can be purchased online at [millerauditorium.com](http://millerauditorium.com), by phone at (269) 387-2300, or at the Miller Auditorium Box Office, open Monday-Friday, Noon-6 p.m. for phone and in-person orders. For more information, please visit [millerauditorium.com](http://millerauditorium.com) or call the Miller Auditorium Box Office at (269) 387-2300.

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

An ensemble of stellar vocalists and instrumentalists comes together to share the iconic music of Rent like never before. This symphonic take on the Jonathon Larson’s beloved musical includes the full score of the show, including favorites like “Seasons of Love,” “La Vie Bohème,” and “Take Me or Leave Me”.

About Rent:

Set in the East Village of New York City, Rent is about falling in love, finding your voice, and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Rent has become a pop cultural phenomenon with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages.

**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 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.



**[Kalamazoo Public Schools Promising Artists Show at Bronson Methodist Hospital Opening Reception](#)**

Tuesday

Feb 24, 2026 at 04:30 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) and [Kalamazoo Public Schools](#) and [Bronson Hospital](#) at [Bronson Hospital Atrium](#), 601 John St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

In partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, Bronson Health Foundation cordially invites student artists, parents, art teachers and administrators of Kalamazoo Public Schools to a reception celebrating the 2026 art exhibit, “Promising Artists Show at Bronson Methodist Hospital.”

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Reception: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Remarks at 4:45 p.m.

Bronson Methodist Hospital, Main Entrance

601 John Street, Downtown Kalamazoo



**[Kalamazoo Public Schools Promising Artists Exhibition](#)**

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Feb 24, 2026 - Apr 28, 2026 at 12:00 am

Presented by [Kalamazoo Public Schools](#) and [Bronson Hospital](#) and [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Bronson Hospital](#), 601 John Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Bronson Methodist Hospital is hosting the “Promising Artists” Exhibition for Kalamazoo Public Schools through April 28th. The public can see the works in the hallways between the main entrance and the emergency room. The show features more than 80 works by K through 12th-grade students and is a collaborative effort between Bronson, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo Public School Art teachers.



**[Precision and Freedom](#)**

Wednesday

Feb 25, 2026 at 12:00 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

Now is your chance to meet the artist, Elaine Unzicker, of the show, “Precision & Freedom”, at the Art Council’s Westin Gallery. Come and chat with Elaine, enjoy a snack, and view all the wonderful pieces in the exhibit.

### Precision & Freedom Exhibition 2026

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 the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. A collaboration resulted in seven Metal Lace garments that clung to the dancing bodies of the Wellspring Dancers for the YWCA 140th Anniversary Gala Event in November 2025. The exhibition reveals the chainmail garments worn for the performance.

Want a quick Valentine’s gift? Her jewelry is available for the month of love. These items are available for pickup at the time of purchase. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Precision & Freedom is on display until February 27, 2026.