

## Rotary Arts Minute for 6/30/2025 Information provided by the

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



#### Crescendo Fiddle Classes

Monday, June 16 – August 11, 2025 at 05:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 07:00 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.*

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

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

## FREE EVENTS



### [Free Thursdays at the KIA](#)

Thursday, February 6 - December 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 Efroymsen Family Fund.

## MUSIC



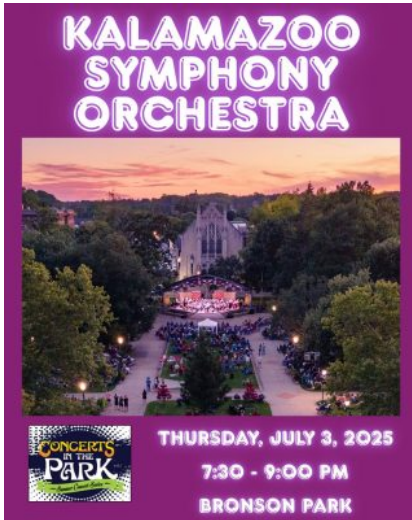
### [Music at Mahan Park – His Boy Elroy](#)

Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm

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

A free summer concert in Allegan's Mahan Park. The newly renovated park is nestled on the boardwalk next to the Kalamazoo River with beautiful gardens and fountains. Some terraced seating is available. Please bring chairs, a blanket, a picnic, friends and family. The park is located in a social district. His Boy Elroy is a favorite of ours and requested back by the audience. They are a rock and roll band doing oldies, Beatles and covers. They are sure to entertain you and revive the songs you danced to. We encourage dancing! The park is located downtown, across the street from Sherwood's Cove. The concert starts at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. Ample parking available.

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### Concerts in the Park: KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025**

**7:30 – 9:00 PM**

**Bronson Park**

For over a century, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra has been sharing lifelong musical experiences and learning throughout our community. The KSO actively collaborates with other Kalamazoo area organizations to inspire, care for, educate, and connect people through the arts. As the state's third-largest orchestra, in Michigan's sixth-largest metropolitan area, we serve the community with a professional roster of more than 80 musicians and a dedicated staff through exceptional symphonic music, world-class guest artists, and a vibrant educational

program. 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.

### **THANK YOU TO THESE PARTICIPATING PARTNERS:**

#### Crawlspace Comedy Theatre

Stop into Crawlspace Comedy Theatre (in the former First Baptist Church building) before the concert and at intermission to make your downtown experience complete. The theatre will be open from 6:30 through the end of the concert providing restrooms, snacks, and a full cash bar. The bar will feature signature patriotic themed cocktails as well as other bar favorites including many nonalcoholic options. Since Crawlspace is an approved Social District vendor, take our drinks right back to your seat in the park!

#### Pop City Popcorn

Our friends at Pop City will have popcorn and bottled water available for purchase in the park during this concert!

#### 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 on our concert nights 30 minutes prior, during, and 30 minutes after all Concerts in the Park this year!

#### Facepainting

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Several local artists will be onsite to provide some fun, fanciful facepainting for a donation to the Arts Council – any amount is welcome!

### **Sponsors**

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### **Bar Open for Patriotic Pops KSO Concert in the Park**

Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Before you join the Kalamazoo Symphony and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo to kick off the Fourth of July weekend, pop into Crawlspace for a beverage, snack, and maybe a bathroom visit! Break out the lawn chairs and picnic blankets for a beautiful Michigan summer night filled with the sounds of the Kalamazoo Symphony. The bar and bathrooms will be open throughout the whole concert.



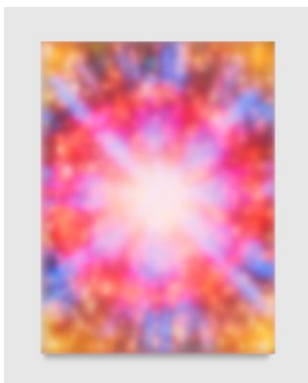
### **Come Dancing with Duke and The Loose Cannons**

Monday, June 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm

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

Like Dancing? Like good food? Like it with the Duke! Come dancing to classic Geezer music. Rock and Soul with your popcorn bowl! Geezer Happy Hour is Happening and it just keeps getting bigger! We welcome music lovers of all ages.

## 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

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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.

### 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.