

Rotary Arts Minute for 5/5/2025 Information provided by the CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Crescendo Community String Orchestra](#)

Thursday, Apr 10 - Jun 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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

The [Crescendo Community String Orchestra](#) is for amateur adult string players; three or four years of instrument study is recommended. Led by Teaching Artist [Dr. Joanna Steinhauser](#), the CCSO will rehearse weekly and present an end-of-session concert. Open to ages 16 and up.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, at Crescendo Academy of Music from April 10 to June 5. Cost: \$150 for the 10-week session. Need-based [financial aid](#) available!

FREE EVENTS



[Free Thursdays at the KIA](#)

Thursday, Feb 6 - 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 Efroymsen Family Fund.



[Makers Meetup - Kalamazoo](#)

Sunday, Mar 24, 2025 - Jul 27, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot, LLC](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#), 1102 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

The Makers Meetup – Kalamazoo will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-4:30 pm. You will have a chance to introduce yourself and a maker-related topic, then mingle and participate in a group activity. Bring a project if you have one you'd like to share. You are invited to come down and see who is in your network. Connect on Discord <https://discord.gg/mT86YZXm33> Looking forward to seeing you there! P.S. If you would like to join remotely, please connect to the Kzoo Makers voice chat on Discord.



[ArtBreak: Precarious Living](#)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 12:00 pm

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

During this ArtBreak, artist and educator Tom Rice will discuss the evolution of his large-scale drawings and installations that address the global climate crisis. The increasing size and frequency of hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and floods are symptoms of a seismic transition from a relatively stable climate to a new normal.

The denial of these signs and the quickening pace of global warming brought on by the extraction, production, and burning of fossil fuels are the themes of his work.

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Tom Rice is an artist working primarily in drawing, painting, and installation. He received a BFA from the Tyler School of Art and Architecture in Philadelphia and an MFA from the University of Georgia. Rice is the Jo-Ann and Robert Stewart Professor of Art at Kalamazoo College.

[Celebrating World Collage Day with Collage Crew Kzoo](#)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

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



Stop by the Fine Arts Library to celebrate World Collage Day. Create a collage with Errin Ironside from Collage Crew Kzoo. Inspired by the Sourced from the 'Zoo exhibition, participants can create a personal collage aligned with the themes of the show. Pieces will be showcased in our library window for a month following the event and will be available for pickup during library hours. All supplies will be provided.



[Art Detectives: We Are Definitely Human by X. Fang](#)

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:30 am

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

In May, Art Detectives will read a story about human kindness and acceptance, dive into JooYoung Choi's colorful world in An Infinite Constellation of Love, and design their own fantastical creatures.

Art Detectives is a free program for children 4-8 years old (but all ages are welcome). Join us as we read a story, look at art, and make a project to take home. Caregivers must stay with their children at all times. This is a free program; preregistration is encouraged.

Adults, remember to register your children!

Thank you to Vaupell for sponsoring this event.

KIDS & FAMILY



[Sesame Street Live! Say Hello](#)

Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm

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

At Sesame Street Live! Say Hello, sing, dance, and play alongside your favorite furry friends, all while you follow Elmo's puppy, Tango, in a fun game of hide & seek. So put on your dancing shoes and make your way to where the air is sweet for this all-new celebration on Sesame Street!

This show contains Flashing Lights, Haze (Fog), and Confetti.

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MUSIC



[Sounds of the Zoo & The Clover Room Presents Hannah Laine & Jess Ivey](#)

Friday, May 9, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Sounds of the Zoo](#) and [The Clover Room](#), 1501 Fulford St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

May 9, 2025

Doors-7:00pm

Show-7:30pm

Sounds of the Zoo and The Clover Room presents Hannah Laine & Jess Ivey

✨Hannah Laine is a Michigan-born singer-songwriter, pianist and loop artist, best known in the Michigan music scene for her work in the future-soul band Earth Radio. Inspired by singers Erykah Badu, Nai Palm, Zap Mama, Eva Cassidy, Minnie Riperton, and Cleo Sol, her voice is strong, colorful, and soothing. Much of her songwriting today comes from experimentation with looping, the practice of yoga and meditation, a love of nature, and a keen awareness of herself as a woman living in a world in need of healing.

✨Jessica 'Jess' Ivey is a vocalist, songwriter, teaching artist, DJ and vocal producer from the West side of Detroit. Jess' vocal style is an expressive blend of alternative R&B, gospel and melodic Hip-Hop. A classically trained vocalist and student of Black music, Jess blends her various musical influences in a multi-faceted one woman show with vulnerability at the center of all her live performances. She got her start performing live shows and recording music with Last Gasp Collective and released her debut solo album "First Time" in February of 2020. For more information visit singgless.com



[Daniela Liebman | Rising Stars Series](#)

Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Presented by [The Gilmore](#) at [Cori Terry Theatre](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 204, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Daniela Liebman has performed with more than 30 orchestras on four continents, and made her Lincoln Center debut performing Philip Glass in 2023. She was named among the "100 Most Creative and Powerful Women" by Forbes Mexico, and has been featured in GQ Mexico and Vanity Fair. She studies at The Juilliard School, and is a Warner Classics artist and an international Yamaha artist.

THEATRE



[The Wedding Singer](#)

May 2 - 18, 2025 at 02:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Ticket Prices

\$32.00 Adult

\$25.00 Senior (65+)

\$25 Student (13+)

\$17 Children 12 & under

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Presented by [Kalamazoo Civic Theatre](#) at [Kalamazoo Civic Auditorium](#), 329 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre presents *The Wedding Singer*, May 2-18, in the Civic Auditorium.

Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, *The Wedding Singer* takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room.

Robbie is a goofy New Jersey singer who failed as a rock star, then in love. He now fronts the most in-demand wedding band until his own wedding plans go awry and he is left standing at the altar. Join us as we root for Robbie to find love and to once again provide awesome '80s music to weddings across New Jersey.

Tickets: <https://kazoocivic.ludus.com/200453406>

Performance Dates

Friday, May 2, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 7:30 PM*

Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Friday, May 9, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Friday, May 16, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 2:00 PM

*May 3 – ASL interpretation and audio description services available.

Theme Nights

Saturday, May 3 – It's Your Wedding Day! Dust off those 1980s wedding dresses, bridesmaids and formal wear on Saturday, May 3, 2025, and receive a special treat at intermission.

Sunday, May 4 – May the 4th Be with You! Dress up in your best attire from a galaxy far, far, away. Please no masks that cover your face, toy weapons and any large head pieces will need to be removed during the performance.

Saturday, May 10 – Saturday Night in The City! Come in your best 1980s club attire and receive a treat at intermission.

Saturday, May 17 – 1980s Prom Night! Join us for the time of your life as we welcome you to a 1980s prom night extravaganza following the Saturday, May 17, 2025, performance. The DJ will be playing nothing but the best hits from the 1980s and our bar will be open for purchases.

Ticket Prices

\$32.00 Adult, \$25.00 Senior (65+), \$25 Student (13+), \$17 Children 12 & under

Book by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy

Music by Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

Based on the New Line Cinema film written by Tim Herlihy

The Wedding Singer is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



[The Book of Silence](#)

May 9 - 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Tickets are available for sale on Ludus. Discount prices are offered for students and seniors!

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The Mostly Medieval Theatre Festival (MMTF) is a performance festival showcasing and invigorating the global heritage of drama, music, dance, and performance styles from late antiquity through the Renaissance.

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In 2025, the MMTF is proud to partner with WMU's Department of Theatre to produce a new dramatic adaptation of the Roman de Silence, the thirteenth-century romance about the knight who was a girl. MMTF founder and associate professor of theatre Lofty Durham is crafting the adaptation and leading the ensemble of student and faculty collaborators for the production which will open the week of Congress and continue its run for local audiences in the following weeks.



[Crawlspace Eviction Improv Comedy](#)

May 9 - 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Since 2003, Crawlspace Eviction has been delivering laughs, chortles and guffaws to Kalamazoo. See what happens when what's next is ANYBODY's

guess? Get ready for a face-melting good time!

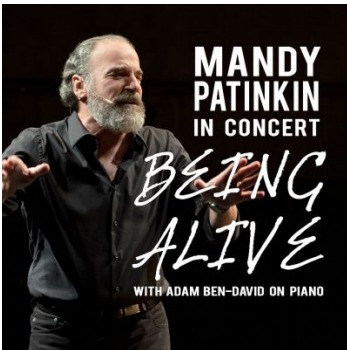
Show Date: May 9

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p

Intended for mature audiences.



[Mandy Patinkin in Concert: BEING ALIVE](#)

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 07:30 pm

Ticket prices for all seats are \$57.46-\$118.56. Tickets are available to purchase online at millerauditorium.com, by phone at (269) 387-2300, or at Miller's 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.

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

Mandy Patinkin in Concert: BEING ALIVE, presents the acclaimed actor / singer / storyteller in his most electrifying role: concert performer. "Mandy Patinkin is in the business of showstopping," raves The New Yorker, and that's exactly what he does in this powerful, passionate evening of song. BEING ALIVE is a collection of many of Mandy's favorite Broadway and classic American tunes. From Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim, from Cole Porter to Harry Chapin, Mandy Patinkin takes you on a dazzling musical journey you'll never forget.

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VISUAL ARTS



[An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

February 22 - June 15, 2025

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

The KIA's centennial celebration continues with An Infinite Constellation of Love, opening in the Joy Light Gallery on February 22, 2025. This one-of-a-kind exhibition invites visitors to journey into the dazzling and boundless world of JooYoung Choi's artistry. Visitors are invited to engage with Choi's

interdisciplinary universe of videos, sculptures, paintings, and site-specific installations. Inspired by science fiction, fantasy, social justice, and Choi's personal history, viewers can experience the artist's fantastical realm filled with a cast of characters where art and storytelling converge to spark dialogue around identity, belonging, trauma, and resilience. Through her vibrant imagery and playful sculptures, Choi embraces the beauty of our differences and celebrates the power of connection within diverse communities. At the heart of this exhibition is a profound exploration of family, reimagined beyond the confines of a traditional "family tree." In An Infinite Constellation of Love, Choi invites viewers to consider family as an ever-expanding constellation of relationships—defined not by biology alone but also by shared care, support, and love in all its forms. Born in Seoul, South Korea in 1982, JooYoung Choi immigrated in 1983 through adoption to Concord, New Hampshire. While completing her BFA at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Choi returned to South Korea and reunited with her birth family, an experience that shaped her understanding of family and belonging. Since graduating with an MFA in 2012 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Choi has exhibited in numerous venues, including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR; Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY; The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, TX; and The Crow Museum of Asian Art, Dallas, TX, among many others. Choi's artistic practice uses painting, video art, sculpture, animation, puppetry, music, and installations to create an expansive imaginary world called "The Cosmic Womb." Her work has been featured by PBS Digital Studios, YTN (Korean Global News Network), the LA Times, and the Huffington Post. She has received many grants and awards, including support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Artadia, and has participated in numerous artist residencies to expand her artistic vision. JooYoung Choi is represented by Inman Gallery in Houston, TX. To enhance your experience, the KIA encourages visitors and members to reserve tickets in advance. JooYoung Choi will also present an artist talk on March 20 and lead a family workshop on March 22. Space is limited, and registration is required for all programs.

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[Sourced from the 'Zoo](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Mar 08, 2025 - Jun 01, 2025 at 11:00 am

Adults: \$10

Seniors (60+), Groups (10 or more): \$8

College Students (18+ with ID): \$7

Youth (ages 7-17): \$5

Children (ages 6 & younger): FREE

Active Duty Military Service Member: FREE. Must show proof of active-duty status.

Museum Members: Free. Member guests admitted based on membership levels.

Ask a member of our guest services team about discounts for families.

Admission price includes most Special Exhibitions and the museum's permanent collection galleries.

Admission discounts such as [Art Bridges Foundation Access for All](#), [Museums for All](#), and [Blue Star Museums](#) may apply to your visit. [Click here](#) for more information.

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