

## Rotary Arts Minute for 4/14/2025 Information provided by the

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

#### Crescendo Community String Orchestra



Thursday, April 10 - June 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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

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 Steinhauer](#), 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!



**BUILD A MINI-TEDDY BEAR WORKSHOP**  
 1:30-3:30PM  
 SATURDAY, 19 APRIL 2025  
 Kzoo Makers 1102 E. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Choose a mini-teddy bear by parts and accessories by colors, and use the time to assemble, with guidance, in a relaxing space. The design was created by Denise of Loomahat as a way to use up yarn. All pieces made by Stacy of Serendipity Spot, LLC. A portion of each ticket will be donated to Kzoo Makers. Limited availability. \$50 per individual. See QR code below for link to sign up. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

MAKE A NEW BEST FRIEND FOR YOU OR AS A GIFT FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

#### Build A Mini-Teddy Bear Workshop

Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 1:30 pm

If you are a paying member of the Kzoo Makers, please email for a discount code.

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

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### FREE EVENTS



**Free Thursdays at the KIA**

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Free general admission & extended hours until 8pm

#### Free Thursdays at the KIA

Thursdays 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 Efrogmson Family Fund.



#### ArtBreak: Sourced from the 'Zoo: Epic Explorations

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 12:00 pm

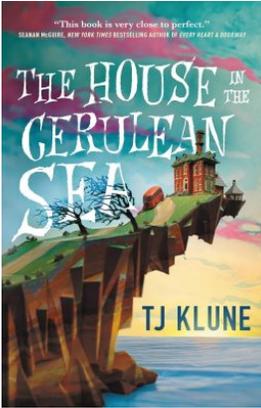
Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) and [Black Arts & Cultural Center](#) and [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, MI



During this ArtBreak, we again venture beyond the campus of the KIA to visit community partners in the Sourced from the 'Zoo exhibition! This time, we will be visiting the Black Arts and Cultural Center and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo for gallery walkthroughs! Come explore the Sourced from the 'Zoo submissions on display in these stunning downtown gallery spaces. The Black Arts and Cultural Center is located on the first floor of the Epic Center at 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, and

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the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is located on the second floor. Free 90-minute parking is available in the Epic Center ramp, and street parking is also available nearby.



### [Book Discussion: The House in the Cerulean Sea](#)

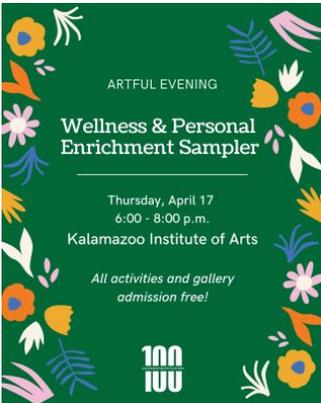
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Free, but preregistration is encouraged.

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

This heartwarming fantasy novel follows Linus Baker, a government worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth. Linus is tasked with a special assignment to visit a mysterious orphanage on a secluded island, where six magical children—each with unique and dangerous abilities—are cared for by their enigmatic guardian, Arthur Parnassus. Linus forms deep connections with Arthur and the children, challenging his rigid worldview and opening his heart. We will be discussing themes such as acceptance, found family, and the power of love and kindness as they relate to the JooYoung Choi exhibit.

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: Wellness and Personal Enrichment Sampler](#)

Thursday, Apr 17, 2025 at 06:00 pm

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

One of the themes from Sourced from the 'Zoo explores self-care and well-being. This event invites you to drop in and sample different activities at your own pace to find lasting habits that can contribute to a healthier, more balanced life. With activities led by several Kirk Newman Art School instructors, you'll have opportunities to sample a variety of school offerings – all for free!

Schedule of offerings

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Lobby

Explore tools to easily organize your tasks or thoughts with bullet journaling

Slow down with coloring sheets and investigate different coloring tools

Sourced from the 'Zoo exhibit

Enjoy the world music of Samuel Nalangira

Learn basic sketching techniques and gain inspiration from artwork in the galleries with Hank Mattson

Explore origami folding techniques and create paper figures with Aerick B.

Meader Fine Arts Library

Learn about and write ekphrastic poetry (poetry about art) with Elizabeth Kerlikowske

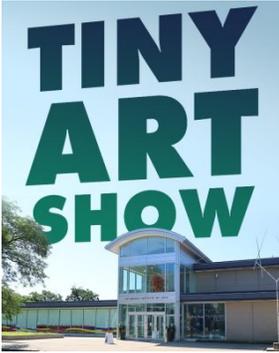
Auditorium

Explore the meditative practice of sound immersion with Kara Markovich

Experience yoga through slow movement, static poses, and breathing techniques with Patra Ryder

These two experiences will be offered on a rotating basis throughout the event.

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### [KIA Tiny Art Show](#)

Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 11:00 am

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

In celebration of the Sourced from the 'Zoo exhibition, we are turning the spotlight onto you! All are welcome to stop by the Meader Fine Arts Library on Saturday, April 19th from 11am-3pm to make a miniature masterpiece. Use a 3 x 3 canvas and acrylic paints to create a tiny work of art to be displayed in the library windows. Art will be available for pickup following the Arts Fair. This event is family-friendly. All materials will be provided.

## MUSIC



### [It's the Official Kickoff of Geezer Happy Hour at Shakespeare's Pub!](#)

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm

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

Live music by Duke and The Loose Cannons. Geezer-hood not required. All music lovers are welcomed.



### [Craft Music: Anthems – Rock, Pop & More](#)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra](#) at [Bell's Eccentric Cafe](#), 355 E. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

These fast-to-sell-out concerts with a pint-sized symphony are a great way to celebrate making it halfway through the workweek! Each concert features musical flavors that pair well with your favorite Bell's brew. Rock and pop anthems are on tap at this concert!

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**[BOB DYLAN “Rough and Rowdy Ways” Tour](#)**

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm

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

This show will be a phone-free experience. Cell phones, cameras, or recording devices will not be permitted in the Zhang Theatre. Upon arrival at Miller Auditorium, all phones will be secured in Yondr pouches that will be opened at the end of the event. Guests maintain possession of their phones at all times and can access them throughout the performance at the designated phone use area in Miller Auditorium. Before returning to your seat in Zhang Theatre, all phones will be re-secured in Yondr pouches. Anyone seen using a cell phone during the performance will be escorted out of Miller Auditorium. Guests are encouraged to bring a bank or credit card for purchases inside the venue. We appreciate your cooperation in creating a phone-free viewing experience.



**[The Kelly Green Trio](#)**

Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Kelly Green is one of NYC’s most exciting new artists “well worth discovering” (NYC Jazz Record)! A true “triple threat”, Kelly Green mesmerizes audiences as a pianist, vocalist, and composer. Kelly’s remarkable talent has led her to

share the stage with jazz legends such as Christian McBride, George Coleman, Billy Hart, and many others, showcasing her exceptional skill, empathy, and musicality. She has brought her compelling talent and personality to prestigious venues, including The Kennedy Center, Dizzy’s Jazz Club, Birdland, and Blue Note, and has toured with her band all over the US, Europe, and South America. Miss Green will be joined by her renowned band of world-class musicians Evan Hyde on drums and Luca Soul Rosenfeld on the upright bass. Kelly Green is known for her intricate, lyric-driven arrangements of Jazz standards and her auspicious “outside-the-box” original compositions. With her trio, she will be performing selections from their classic repertoire, music from their latest album ‘Seems’ and music from their upcoming album ‘Corner of My Dreams’. Thank you to the John Stites Jazz Awards for generously supporting this series.



**[Stulberg 50th Anniversary Gala](#)**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Presented by [Stulberg International String Competition](#) at [The Desenberg](#), 251 E Michigan Ave, Suite 108, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

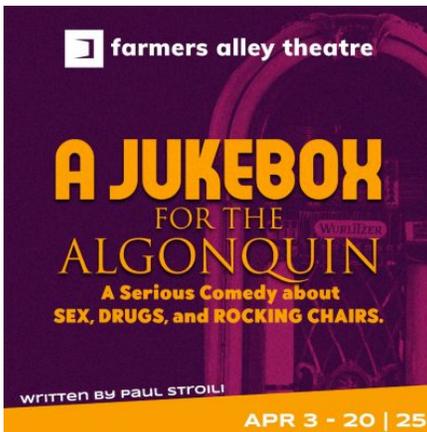
With a legacy of over 50 years, the Stulberg International String Competition has become a cornerstone in the classical music world. Celebrated for discovering and nurturing top-tier young talent, many past winners have gone on to achieve international recognition and build remarkable careers, solidifying the competition’s reputation as a premier platform for

rising stars. For Stulberg’s 50th Anniversary Gala, the evening will be hosted by Kalamazoo Channel 3 (WWMT) news anchors Andy Dominianni and Jessica Harthorn as the Kalamazoo community celebrates fifty years of Stulberg’s rich history. The event will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a cocktail hour featuring live music by Barry Ross and Terry Lower. In addition to hors d’oeuvres, guests can expect to enjoy a signature cocktail made especially for this milestone event. At 7:00 P.M., guests will enjoy an elegant dinner with options for meat, fish, or vegetarian entrees, paired with fine wines. The evening’s highlight will be at 8:00 P.M. with an exclusive musical presentation by Lucas Richman, a

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distinguished 2025 Stulberg judge, who will provide a preview of a newly commissioned concerto composed in honor of the competition’s remarkable milestone. Richman will be joined on stage by Mitchell Newman, a 2021 Stulberg judge, for a collaborative and intimate performance that promises to be both celebratory and memorable. This special performance will serve as a fitting tribute to the Stulberg Competition’s enduring legacy and its continued impact on the world of classical music. Following the performance at 8:30 P.M., the evening will conclude with a cocktail service and dessert bar with coffee. After registration, you will be sent an additional form that each attendee must fill out for entrée selection and contact information.

## THEATRE



### [A JUKEBOX FOR THE ALGONQUIN](#)

Through April 27, 2025

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

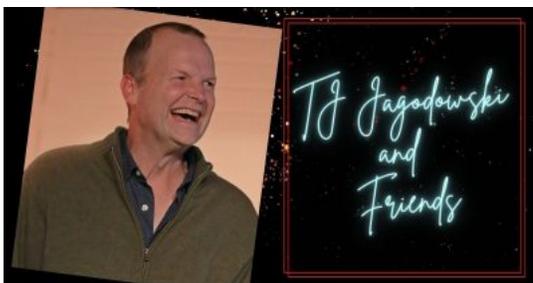
At a senior living community in upstate New York, a small group of residents decides that they’re not quite ready to go “gentle into that good night.” This band of displaced former city dwellers from Brooklyn and The Bronx devise a plan to prove that “old” is not a New York state of mind.



### [TJ Jagodowski & Friends](#)

Friday and Saturday, April 18 - 19, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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



Chicago Improv legend TJ Jagodowski will be joined by Crawspace Eviction for two nights of improv wondry. TJ has been performing, teaching and directing in Chicago’s improv theaters for 30 years, working at Second City, IO and the Annoyance. He has toured the U.S. and Europe with his performing partner, David Pasquesi, as one half of TJ and Dave, a show described by The Times as “utterly thrilling”. This is a rare chance to see one of today’s best improvisors in action, right here in Kalamazoo.

*\*Intended for mature audiences.\**

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### [Promising Artists Exhibit](#)

Through April 28, 2025 at 9:00 am

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

In partnership with the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, the Bronson Health Foundation cordially invites Kalamazoo Public School student artists, parents, art teachers, and administrators to the 2025 art exhibit “Promising Artists” from February 18 – April 28, 2025.

Bronson Methodist Hospital, Main Entrance, 601 John Street, Downtown Kalamazoo



### [An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

Through 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.

Exhibition dates: February 22, 2025 – June 15, 2025

[View events in connection with this exhibition.](#)

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### [Sourced from the 'Zoo @ the Arts Council](#)

Tuesday – Friday through April 25, 2025 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Sourced from the 'Zoo is a community-wide exhibition celebrating the vibrancy and diversity of Kalamazoo and its residents. This dynamic, crowdsourced exhibition is a platform for everyone in Kalamazoo to participate, creating a shared space for commemoration, celebration, and meaningful connections. **The Arts Council's exhibit will be up from March 7–April 25, 2025 and available for viewing Tuesdays-Fridays from 9:00 am-6:00 pm.** The KIA and partner organizations throughout the city invited community

members to submit pieces and objects that are treasured parts of their daily lives, family history, or personal keepsakes. Objects and artworks on view explore regional and personal histories that spark curiosity and joy. Here are the other four locations and dates for this exhibit:



### [Sourced from the 'Zoo @ KIA](#)

March 8, 2025 – June 1, 2025

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

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