

Rotary Arts Minute for 4/21/2025 Information provided by the

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Crescendo Community String Orchestra](#)

Thursday

Apr 10, 2025 - Jun 05, 2025 at 06:30 pm

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

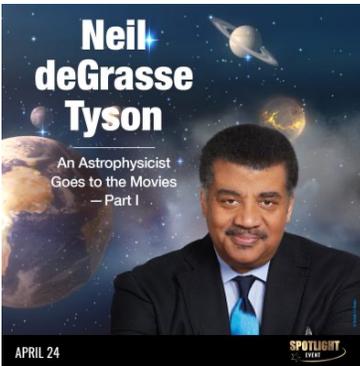
The [Crescendo Community String Orchestra](#) is for amateur adult string players; three or four years of instrument study is recommended. Led by Teaching Artist [Dr. Joanna Steinhauser](#), the CCSO will rehearse weekly and present an end-of-session concert.

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!

FILM & VIDEO



[Neil deGrasse Tyson: An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies – Part 1](#)

Apr 24, 2025 at 07:30 pm

Tickets start at \$53.30. 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

The show incorporates the latest films as well as some classics that you may not have known had any science in them at all!

FREE EVENTS



[Free Thursdays at the KIA](#)

Thursday

Feb 06, 2025 - Dec 18, 2025 at 11:00 am

Free

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [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 Efroymson Family Fund.

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[Makers Meetup - Kalamazoo](#)

Sunday

Mar 24, 2025 - Jul 27, 2025 at 03:00 pm

Free admission

Presented by [Serendipity Spot, LLC](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#) at [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.



[Glass Blowers Battle 2025](#)

Friday, Saturday

Apr 25, 2025 - Apr 26, 2025 at 09:00 am, 03:00 pm

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

Glass blowers from Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and beyond will descend upon Glass Art Kalamazoo's studios for two days of head-to-head battle in the hot shop and flame shop. Witness the thrilling action as they clash to capture the victory belt in a series of artistic competitions. Cheer on your favorite performances and cast your vote to

help decide who receives cash prizes, trophies, and bragging rights for the year!

This year's theme is "Favorite Storybook Characters" and will include a mini book drive in addition to the hot glass action. This community event is free to attend and open to all ages. Save the dates and don't miss it!

Friday April 25 | 3pm-10pm

Saturday April 26 | 9am-6pm

Open studio event, no tickets or reservations necessary. See you there!

MUSIC



[Hélène Grimaud](#)

Wednesday

Apr 23, 2025 at 07:30 pm

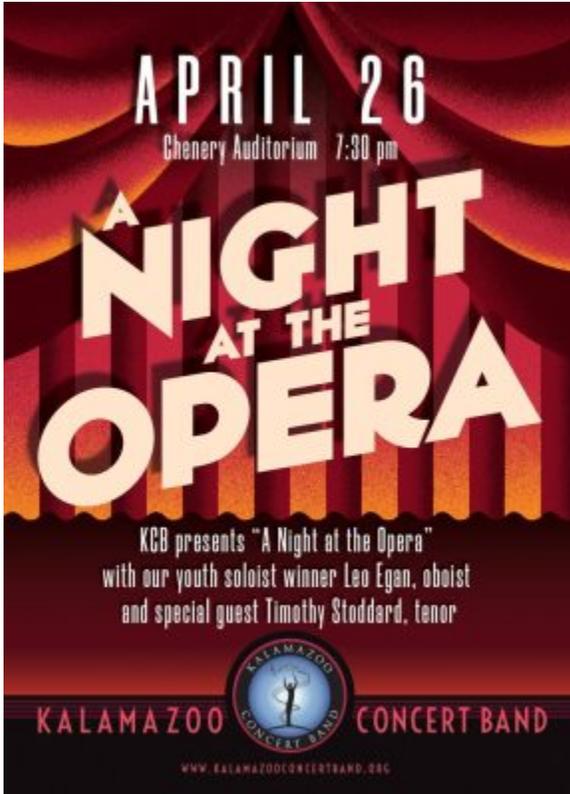
Presented by [The Gilmore](#) at [Chenery Auditorium](#), 714 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Known for unique interpretations of classical works, French pianist Hélène Grimaud will perform masterworks by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms. Accepted at age 13 into the Paris Conservatoire, Grimaud won first prize in piano performance there just three years later. In 1987, she was invited by Daniel Barenboim to perform with the Orchestre de Paris, marking the launch of her musical career. An exclusive Deutsche Grammophon recording artist, her recordings have earned her the Cannes Classical Recording of the Year, Choc du Monde de la musique,

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Diapason d'or, Grand Prix du disque, and the Echo Klassik Award. Her most recent recordings, released in 2023, are "Silent Songs" and "For Clara."

Concert Preview · 6:30 pm · Dr. Sophie van der Westhuizen



[Kalamazoo Concert Band presents A NIGHT AT THE OPERA](#)

Saturday

Apr 26, 2025 at 07:00 pm

Admission is FREE!

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

You will hear Mozart Marriage of Figaro, and feel heart racing rhythms from Wagner The Ride of the Valkeries. Timothy Stoddard will fill your soul with renditions of Nessun Dorma and O Mio Babbino Caro among others.



[Sound in Motion](#)

Sunday

Apr 27, 2025 at 03:00 pm

Standard Tickets: \$25-\$35

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](#) and [Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The Symphony and Wellspring / Cori Terry & Dancers fuse music and movement.

Experience the synergy of a Symphony string quartet, creating the soundscape for breathtaking contemporary choreography.

This program will premiere choreographic works by Marisa Bianan, the newly named artistic director, as well as feature past repertoire from the Wellspring catalog choreographed by Founder Cori Terry.

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Presents



Sunday, April 27, 2025
3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
321 W. South Street,
Kalamazoo

Freewill Offering

[Together We Sing](#)

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Free admission. No tickets are needed.

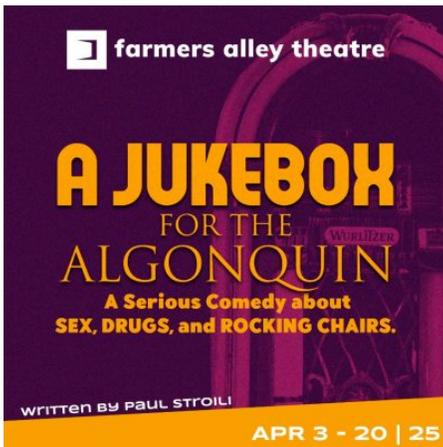
Presented by [Kalamazoo Community Chorale](#) and [Kalamazoo Male Chorus](#) at [First Presbyterian Church](#), 321 W. South St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Kalamazoo Community Chorale and the Kalamazoo Male Chorus are pleased to announce that we will be back together for our 2025 Spring concert. It will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The performance will be held at the First Presbyterian Church located at 321 West South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007. The combined choirs will feature over 100 singers who will be performing a wide variety of music that will be entertaining, uplifting, inspiring and so much more. It will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your family and friends as you

sit back and listen to these talented musicians..

Free admission. No need to obtain tickets prior to the concert.

THEATRE



[A JUKEBOX FOR THE ALGONQUIN](#)

Apr 03, 2025 - Apr 27, 2025 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Tickets: \$25-\$55

Student Tickets: \$15 with up-to-date Student ID

Discounts for military, active duty or veteran, as well as teachers, education administrators, and educational institution staff with valid ID.

Rush tickets - \$20 General, \$10 Student (w/valid ID) - available one hour prior to curtain at the Farmers Alley Theatre Box Office.

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at [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.



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

Friday

Apr 25, 2025 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

Blunder Bus High-energy games and fun characters are front and center with Blunder Bus as they find the hilarity in everyday life! This team

performed double duty at last year's Fest and they'll bring 200% this year. *Honk Honk*

Daddy's Boys 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

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together. Born from the same daddy, their bond is the secret ingredient that makes their performances a heartwarming and sidesplitting experience.

Show Date: April 25

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p

Intended for mature audiences.



[Bench Back Booth & Baby Steps Improv Comedy](#)

Saturday

Apr 26, 2025 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

Bench Back Booth

Bench Back Booth (Chicago, IL) is the duo Craig Uhlir & Steve Nelson. Craig and Steve perform on the long-running iO Chicago team and Kzoo Improv Fest favorite Deep Schwa. Craig initially became a fan favorite at the fest with

his duo Middle Age Comeback. Steve and Craig absolutely crushed at the 2024 Fest, so we had to have them back.

Baby Steps

Tara Sytsma and Bannon Backhus are Baby Steps. With our hand-shucked approach to comedy, there are a lot of ways we can make you laugh—for example, unintentionally—and if you really like character and story, you'll really like this duo. Now, baby steps to the theatre...

Show Date: April 26

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$15

Doors Open: 6:30p

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VISUAL ARTS



[Promising Artists Exhibit](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Feb 18, 2025 - Apr 28, 2025 at 09:00 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

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[An Infinite Constellation of Love](#)

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Feb 22, 2025 - Jun 15, 2025 at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm

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.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [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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[Student Art Show at Kellogg Community College](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Apr 16, 2025 - May 02, 2025 at 08:00 am

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 exhibit, which opened April 16, is on display in the Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery in KCC's Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, on

campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek. Art from the show can be viewed following the awards ceremony (see details below) online at rosep9.wixsite.com/kccstudentartexhibit.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

An awards ceremony highlighting select artists and works from the exhibit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Davidson Center to recognize student artists. That event is also free and open to the public.



[Student Art Show Awards Ceremony](#)

Friday

Apr 25, 2025 at 05:00 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

Every spring, KCC Art, Photography and Multimedia and Graphic Design program students from the current academic year are invited to submit up to four entries for consideration for Student Art Exhibition awards. Media

categories include:

2D Fine Art (drawing, painting, printmaking and 2D mixed media)

3D Fine Art (ceramics, sculpture, and 3D mixed media)

Digital Design (digital illustration and graphic design)

Photography (alternative print processes, black and white, digital, and digital composite)

Time-Based Digital Media (animation and video)

A faculty committee reviews and organizes all submissions and the bulk of the work is juried independently by an art professional chosen from outside of the College. The juror selects the major media category awards and honorable mentions, with cash prizes made possible through a generous donation made to the KCC Foundation by artist Kimiko Petersen and her husband Sherman Petersen.

This year's juror is sculptor and KCC alumnus Brian Nelson, a professor at Eastern Michigan University's School of Art & Design whose work has been exhibited widely across the U.S. Nelson's sculptures "16 Years (Paroxetine)" and "Zoloft (There Is Something About the Weather)" were displayed on KCC's North Avenue campus from 2022 through 2024 as part of the College's fourth annual Biennial Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

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[High School Area Show Opening Day](#)

Saturday

Apr 26, 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.

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

The High School Area Show offers a unique opportunity for high school artists from Kalamazoo and surrounding counties to participate in a juried exhibition and display their work in a museum setting. This program also provides students the chance to win scholarships and prizes. The KIA is proud to support emerging artistic talent and committed to increasing young people's access to arts and art education. The show is open to high school students residing in Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties.

Original art in the following media will be on view:

2-D Mixed Media

3-D Mixed Media

Ceramics

Drawing/Pastels/Prints

Fiber/Leather

Glass

Jewelry

Metal/Sculpture

Painting

Photography

Printed Digital Art

Wood

High School Area Show installation photo by Colleen Woolpert.